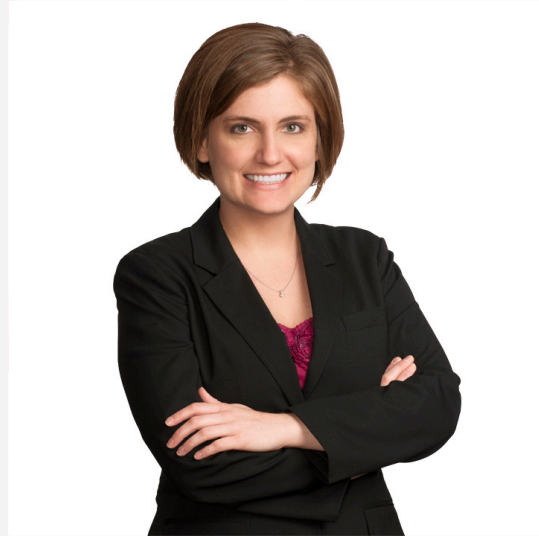


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Stephanie M. Harden has extensive experience representing government contractors in a wide array of litigation and counseling matters, including:

- **Bid Protests:** Stephanie has represented clients in dozens of bid protests before the Government Accountability Office (“GAO”) and U.S. Court of Federal Claims, including several complex multibillion dollar procurements. Two of Stephanie’s significant protest wins are *Lockheed Martin Corp. v. United States*, 124 Fed. Cl. 709 (2016) (successfully defeating preliminary injunction alleging a range of protest allegations in major defense procurement) and *AllWorld Language Consultants, Inc.* (2016 CPD ¶ 12) (sustained protest of GSA Schedule contract award where putative awardee’s FSS contract did not meet solicitation requirements).
- **Audits and Claims:** Stephanie regularly counsels clients on responding to Government audits (including by DCAA, DCMA, and SIGAR), the submission of Requests for Equitable Adjustments and claims, and claims litigation. Stephanie has helped clients recover millions of dollars of costs in these matters.
- **False Claims Act (“FCA”) Litigation:** Stephanie has extensive experience with FCA litigation, particularly cases involving complex government contracting principles.
- **Internal Investigations/Compliance:** Stephanie has counseled clients on compliance matters and internal investigations involving all manner of federal regulatory requirements, including the mandatory disclosure rule, small business regulations, the Anti-Kickback Act, and gift and gratuity regulations.

Stephanie writes and speaks regularly about accounting, cost, and pricing issues of

interest to government contractors. In 2018, Stephanie co-authored the chapter “History and Development of Suspension and Debarment” in *The Practitioner’s Guide to Suspension and Debarment, Fourth Edition* (ABA Book Publishing, 2018).

Stephanie previously served as a law clerk to Judge Victor J. Wolski on the U.S. Court of Federal Claims in Washington, D.C. She also worked as a summer associate at the GAO. While in law school, she was an editor of the *Harvard Journal on Legislation*.

## Admissions

- District of Columbia
- Georgia
- Superior Court of Ware County GA
- U.S. District Court - District of Columbia
- United States Court of Federal Claims

## Memberships

- American Bar Association
- Court of Federal Claims Bar Association
- National Defense Industrial Association

## Education

- American University, BA, summa cum laude
- Harvard Law School, JD, cum laude

## Recognitions

2021, "Rising Star" in Government Contracts, listed in *Law360*

## Professional Activities

Stephanie is a member of the U.S. Court of Federal Claims Bar Association.

Stephanie serves as a vice chair of the American Bar Association’s Section of Public Contract Law’s Accounting, Cost and Pricing Committee and is a member of their Bid Protest Committee.