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Bob Wagman heads the firm's Government Contracts practice. For more than 20 years, Bob has been a trusted advisor to clients of all sizes in a broad range of industries in all facets of conducting business with the government including government contracts, grants and other federally-funded projects. His experience ranges from representing companies in litigation matters before courts and administrative tribunals to advising clients and corporate counsel in transactional matters and regulatory compliance.

Bob has deep transactional experience and regularly acts as co-counsel advising clients and transactional attorneys on the unique regulatory requirements and risks applicable to the federal marketplace. He regularly represents buyers, sellers and investors in corporate transactions involving government contractors, including conducting due diligence, advising on appropriate deal terms and addressing statutory and regulatory requirements related to transfers. Bob has also advised creditors and borrowers in financing and restructuring transactions. He has represented companies in several transactions involving classified contracts and advised on foreign acquisitions requiring foreign ownership, control or influence (FOCI) mitigation procedures. Additionally, he regularly counsels companies on day-to-day contract matters including government contract intellectual property issues and unique corporate compliance requirements.

On Government Contract litigation matters, Bob has represented numerous companies, academic institutions, and individuals in civil False Claims Act (*qui tam*) matters ranging from representing clients at the early stages of DOJ/Inspector General investigations, to securing dismissal of *qui tam* complaints, to defending firms in jury trials. He has conducted internal investigations on behalf of companies and boards of directors and advises regularly on self-disclosure obligations. Bob also has represented companies

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and individuals in suspension and debarment matters. He has experience in representing government contractors in criminal investigations involving alleged misconduct on government programs. In the bid protest arena, he has successfully represented both protesters and intervenors in bid protest matters at the GAO, the Court of Federal Claims and before agencies. He has prosecuted claims on behalf of companies and also represented companies in prime/sub disputes.

Credentials

Education

- American University, Washington College of Law, J.D., 1999
- University of Missouri School of Law, B.S., 1992

Bar Admissions

- District of Columbia
- Maryland

Resources

The Changing Landscape for Government Contracts and Government Investigations

Podcast

Environmental Enforcement, Suspension and Debarment With Robert Wagman, Jason Hutt and Kevin Collins

Podcast

DOJ to Federal Contractors: Report Cyberattacks or Face the False Claims Act

Update

DOJ Announces the First of What Will Likely Be Many Settlements Under its Cyber-Fraud Initiative

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Antitrust Enforcement in Federal Procurement – DOJ's New Lawsuit to Block a Merger Suggests that Things May Be Getting Interesting

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Federal Contractor COVID-19 Vaccination Requirements: Are Changes Coming?

Update

Federal Contractors Beware: New Hiring Restrictions Proposed on Companies Doing Business With the Federal Government

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Increasing Antitrust and Potentially Other Scrutiny for Defense M&A Deals

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“No Harm, No Foul”: Who Will Referee Future White-Collar Prosecutions?

Update

Using the False Claims Act to Police Federal Contractors’ Employment Practices

Update

Renewable Energy Industry in False Claims Act Crosshairs

Article

Publications & Speeches

- “Expanding Into the Federal Marketplace – Compliance Issues for Doing Business with the Government,” The Society of Corporate Compliance and Ethics, 2020
- “Navigating The Feds: The Risks and Rewards of Federal Contracting & Subcontracting in Cybersecurity,” CyberTexas, 2019
- “The New Era of Transparent Internal Audits,” BoardMember.com, June 2012
- “The Risks of Doing Business with the Government Are Getting Riskier,” The Litigation Section of the State of Texas, The Advocate, Volume 47, 2009