

## Michael F. Mason

Partner

Washington, D.C.

### Biography

Mike Mason's clients frequently turn to him to handle high-stakes matters. Mike leads a multidisciplinary team focused on providing a full spectrum of legal services to clients in the Aerospace & Defense (A&D) industry.

He represents clients in bid protest litigation before the Government Accountability Office (GAO) and U.S. Court of Federal Claims, often involving contracts valued in hundreds of millions, or billions, of dollars. Mike assists clients where there are allegations of misconduct, including False Claims Act litigation, Procurement Integrity Act violations, suspension and debarment proceedings, cyber incidents, and mandatory disclosures.

Mike also guides clients through the complex and ever-changing environment of government regulatory requirements. Mike has years of experience assisting clients with all aspects of the Federal Supply Schedule program, especially including the "high risk" areas of pricing disclosure and monitoring requirements. Mike regularly helps clients with gap assessments and the construct of compliance programs. Mike's comprehensive knowledge benefits clients on all aspects of cybersecurity, including government safeguarding and reporting requirements. Mike is also a key participant in the firm's Government Contracts practice.

Mike's dedication to the firm's clients has been widely recognized. Mike has repeatedly been named among



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### Languages

English

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### Practices

Government Contracts

Litigation Services

Privacy and Cybersecurity

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### Industries

Aerospace and Defense

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### Areas of focus

Bid Protest Litigation

Contract Requests for Equitable Adjustment, Claims, Disputes (REAs), Termination Settlements, and

"America's Leading Business Lawyers" in Government Contracts by *Chambers USA* and was ranked Band 1 in the 2021 guide. Additionally, *Chambers USA* listed him in the 2021 spotlight table for the Government Contracts: Bid Protests category. Mike received back-to-back "MVP" honors for Government Contracts by *Law360*, and has been recognized by *Legal 500* and *Who's Who Legal* for Government Contracts.

## Representative experience

Achieved summary judgment and total victory for leading aerospace and defense client in multimillion-dollar action filed in U.S. District Court.

Successfully represented a large aerospace contractor in one of largest bid protests ever filed at the U.S. Court of Federal Claims.

Defended several Federal Supply Schedule contractors in False Claims Act litigation, resulting in favorable settlements.

Filed successful bid protest at the GAO, leading to corrective action and subsequent award of US\$300m+ contract to our client.

Represented government service provider in mandatory disclosure and suspension proceedings before several agencies and offices of inspector general.

Guided commercial company through government contracts compliance gap assessment and compliance program build-out.

Obtained GAO sustains of two related bid protests for government security contractor on contracts to be performed in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Represented and supported client in all aspects of data breach investigation, reporting, and interactions with government.

Achieved summary judgment and total victory for leading aerospace and defense client in multimillion-dollar action filed in U.S. District Court.

Appeals

Classified Information, Security Clearance Counseling and Appeals, Foreign Ownership Control, and Influence Mitigation

Cybersecurity for A&D Companies

Domestic Preference and Buy American Laws

False Claims Act and Qui Tam

False Claims Act and Qui Tam Litigation

Schedule Contracting

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## Education and admissions

### Education

J.D., The George Washington University Law School, with honors, 1996

B.A., Ursinus College, 1991

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### Memberships

Advisor, Information Technology Alliance for Public Sector

Member, Advisory Board, BNA Federal Contracts Report publication

Member, Advisory Board, Pubklaw.com

Member, Editorial Board, Public Contract Law Journal, American Bar Association

Member, Government Procurement Industry Advisory Board, George Washington University Law School

Vice Chair, Bid Protest Committee, American Bar Association Section of Public Contract Law

Acquisition by KBR Inc. of SGT Inc., a provider of award-winning engineering, mission operations, scientific, and information technology service solutions to government agencies.

Advised Spirit Aerosystems on acquisition of Fiber Materials, Inc., a technology company specializing in high-temperature materials and composites for aerospace and defense use from Edgewater Capital.

## Awards and rankings

- Government Contracts: Bid Protests (Nationwide), Spotlight Table, *Chambers USA*, 2014-2022
- Government Contracts (Nationwide), Rank 2, *Chambers USA*, 2011-2022
- Government Contracts, *Washington, D.C. Super Lawyers*, 2017-2020
- Client Service All-Star, *BTI Consulting Group*, 2019
- Readers Choice Award, Government Contracting, *JD Supra*, 2021
- Readers Choice Award, Airlines/Aviation, *JD Supra*, 2019-2020
- Government: Government Contracts, *Legal 500 US*, 2015-2022
- Top Lawyers, Government Contracts, *Washingtonian Magazine*, 2018
- Government Contracts, *Who's Who Legal*, 2015-2020
- Excellence in Service, Public Procurement, *Client Choice Awards*, 2015
- Government Contracts MVP, *Law360*, 2013-2014

## Latest thinking and events

- News
  - The federal government's use of procurement to further ESG sustainability initiatives
- Insights
  - Mobility and Transportation Newsletter | July 2022
- News

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## Bar admissions and qualifications

District of Columbia

Maryland

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## Court admissions

U.S. Court of Federal Claims

U.S. District Court, District of Columbia

U.S. District Court, District of Maryland

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- Aerospace & Defense Insights | Top cybersecurity developments for A&D companies
- News
  - Aerospace & Defense: the DOD's report on Securing Defense-Critical Supply Chains
- Insights
  - Mobility and Transportation Newsletter | April 2022
- News
  - Buy American final rule: March 7 amendment