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ASSOCIATE

Sarah's practice includes government contracts and construction litigation. She advises government contractors in the litigation of contract claims and bid protests before the Government Accountability Office, Boards of Contract Appeals and the Court of Federal Claims, and in civil False Claims Act and *qui tam* matters during both the initial investigation and litigation stages. Sarah also counsels government contractors on regulatory compliance, including conflicts of interest, GSA schedule contracting, subcontracting and flow-down issues under the Federal Acquisition Regulation, the Buy American Act and the Trade Agreements Act. In addition, Sarah represents owners, general contractors and subcontractors in claims and other disputes on public and private construction projects in both state and federal courts and for purposes of contract drafting and negotiation. She also has a wealth of experience in e-discovery as it relates to complex government contracts and construction litigation matters, including initial case assessment and management of e-discovery governed by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

Sarah joined the firm as an Associate in 2010 after serving as an Associate with Akerman Senterfitt LLP from 2007 to 2010.

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Practices

Government Contracts

Construction & Design

Government Compliance, Investigations & Litigation

E-Discovery

Postal Service Contracting

Labor & Employment

Professional Associations & Memberships

- American Bar Association, Section of Public Contract Law, Forum on the Construction Industry
- Board of Contract Appeals Bar Association
- Professional Women in Construction, Washington, D.C. Chapter, 2010 Director of Events
- Washington Building Congress

Admissions

- District of Columbia, 2008
- Virginia, 2007
- U.S. District Court, District of Columbia, 2009
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Virginia, 2007
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Virginia, 2007
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit, 2009
- U.S. Court of Federal Claims, 2007

Education

- J.D., George Mason University School of Law, 2007
ABA Section of Public Contract Law, 2006 Writing Competition, Division I, First Prize
Federal Circuit Bar Journal, Articles Editor
- B.S., American University, *magna cum laude*, 2003
Phi Beta Kappa

Publications & Presentations

- Co-Author, "New Federal Contractor Transparency Rules Mean Uncomfortable Changes For Prime And First-Tier Subs," *Federal Procurement Pro*, Volume 1, Number 10, September 14, 2010
- Author, "'Winstar Wars' - Revenge of the Thrift: A Viable Model to Right a Decade of Wrongs," 36 *Public Contract Law Journal* 361, 2007
- Moderator, "Meet the Construction Chiefs," Professional Women in Construction Seminar, April 2010
- Speaker, "Teaming Agreements and Mentor Protégé Agreements: What Every SDB Contractor Should Know," Washington Building Congress Small Business Seminar Series, February 2010
- Speaker, "Organizational Conflicts of Interest," Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce, GovCon Insider's Luncheon, January 2010