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#### CO-CHAIR, GENERAL LITIGATION PRACTICE GROUP

Dominique Casimir concentrates her practice on addressing the many issues confronting government contractors today, including complex disputes, internal and government investigations, enforcement, and strategic counseling. Dominique's litigation experience includes achieving wins for her clients in bid protests at the U.S. Court of Federal Claims, the Government Accountability Office, and the Federal Aviation Administration Office of Dispute Resolution for Acquisition, as well as in claims litigation before the Boards of Contract Appeal. She has a track record of success in consequential government contracts litigation involving such issues as the statute of limitations, contractor key personnel issues, and the AbilityOne program. Dominique has also achieved wins for her clients in the arbitration of primesub disputes, and she has helped contracting parties resolve their disputes without recourse to litigation.

Chambers USA notes that sources say that Dominique "is excellent and a practical business-oriented attorney" and "an experienced litigator and well-rounded attorney." And Legal 500 United States shares that a source says that Dominique "is a hard nosed litigator, who will not shy away from a battle when one is needed." Another source comments, "Dominique was very responsive and available, even with the difference in time zones. She pushed back on the government lawyers, in a nice but insistent way, as they were being unreasonable."

In 2023, *Legal 500 United States* sources shared additional observations about working with Dominque, noting that Dominique "showed up to fight for me every day, at any time, and made sure I knew that I was not alone. Dominique Casimir made sure that I was well informed, and also helped to provide a voice of reason

within my disputes that made all of the noise go away."

As a former co-chair and current vice-chair of the ABA Public Contract Law Section's Committee on Debarment and Suspension, Dominique applies her deep experience and skilled judgment to assist contractors facing potential exclusion from government programs, including in complex parallel proceedings involving the Department of Justice. She also advises clients on whether and how to make mandatory or voluntary disclosures to government entities, and on how to maintain good standing with the government. Dominique maintains a robust and active investigations practice in which she is regularly called upon to handle ethics- and hotline-related investigations, investigations of employee misconduct, investigations of alleged procurement fraud, and violations of the False Claims Act, as well as complex and document-intensive internal investigations undertaken in response to Civil Investigative Demands and other investigations arising in crisis contexts. Dominique also maintains an active regulatory counseling practice, in which she ensures that her clients maintain compliance with a broad array of FAR and DFARS requirements, including Department of Defense cybersecurity requirements.

With nearly 20 years of experience, Dominique has represented some of the world's largest multinational corporations, small businesses, and everything in between. She has appeared before numerous federal agencies, and her primary objective is to help government contractors address legal risk so that they can focus on achieving their business objectives.

## Select Engagements

#### **U.S. Court of Federal Claims**

- KPMG LLP v. United States and Deloitte & Touche LLP in successful prosecution of a bid protest; No. 22-866, 2023 WL 4613034 (Fed. Cl. July 3, 2023).
- Systems Application & Technologies, Inc. v. United States in successful prosecution of a bid protest; 107 Fed. Cl. 795 (2012).
- Raytheon Company v. US in successful defense against a government claim asserted under the Contract Disputes Act; 104 Fed. Cl. 327 (2012) recon. denied, Raytheon Company v. US, 105 Fed. Cl. 351 (2012).

#### **Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals**

 Raytheon Missile Systems in successful defense against a government claim asserted under the Contract Disputes Act; ASBCA No. 58011, 13-1 BCA ¶ 35241 (Jan. 28, 2013).

#### **Government Accountability Office**

 KPMG LLP, B-420949 and B-420949.2 (Nov. 7, 2022) (successfully represented KPMG LLP in a bid protest challenging the award decision of the United States Air Force in a procurement for visible accessible

- understandable linked trusted (VAULT) subject matter expert support).
- Clear Global Solutions, LLC, B-419402 (Feb. 5, 2021) (successful defense of Department of Energy award to Strativia LLC).
- Bauer Technologies, Inc. B- 415717.2, B- 415717.3 (June 22, 2018) (successful defense of Defense Information Systems Agency contract awarded to Taurean General Services).
- Calibre Systems, Inc. B- 414301.3 (September 20, 2017) (successful defense of VA contract awarded to Booz Allen Hamilton).
- Northrop Grumman Systems Corporation, B-412278.7, B-412278.8 (October 4, 2017) (successful defense of DHS contract award to Raytheon in multiple protests alleging OCIs).
- ManTech Advanced Systems International, Inc., B-413717, Dec. 16, 2016, 2016 CPD ¶ 370.
- Raytheon Company in successful defense against a bid protest; Lockheed Martin Corp., B-411365.2, Aug. 26, 2015, 2015 CPD ¶ 294.
- Deloitte Consulting, LLP; Booz Allen Hamilton, Inc.; CALIBRE Systems, Inc., B-411884, et seq., 2015 WL 9701026 successfully represented contractor team arrangement protester CALIBRE Systems, Inc./Ernst & Young LLP in bid protest challenge to Defense Health Agency contract award.
- Motorola Solutions, Inc. in successful defense against a bid protest; Harris Corporation, B-409148.3, B-409148.4, Jul. 30, 2014 CPD ¶ 225.
- Motorola Solutions, Inc. in successful prosecution of a bid protest; B-409148;
   B-409148.2, Jan. 28, 2014 2014 CPD ¶ 59.
- Savvee Consulting, Inc. in successful prosecution of a bid protest;
   B-408416; B-408416.2, Sep. 28, 2013, 2013 CPD ¶ 231.
- Raytheon Company in successful prosecution of a bid protest; B-404998, Jul. 25, 2011, 2011 CPD ¶ 232.
- Columbus Technologies and Services in successful defense against a bid protest; Earth Resources Technology, Inc., B- 403043.2, B- 403043.3, Oct. 18, 2010, 2010 CPD ¶ 248.
- Mission Essential Personnel in successful defense against a bid protest;
   WorldWide Language Resources, Inc., B-299315.7, B-299315.8, Aug. 12, 2010, 2010 CPD ¶ 208.

### **Admissions**

- District of Columbia
- Maryland
- United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- United States Court of Federal Claims

## Memberships

- American Bar Association
- Board of Contract Appeals Bar Association
- Court of Federal Claims Bar Association

### **Education**

- Georgetown University, BA
- Harvard Law School, JD

## Recognitions

- 2023-2024, Government Contracts Law, listed in Chambers USA
- 2023, Section Chair's Special Recognition Award, by the American Bar Association Section of Public Contract Law
- 2017–2024, listed in The Legal 500 United States
- 2021–2024, Government Contracts "Next Generation Partner," listed in The Legal 500 United States
- 2017–2020, Government Contracts "Next Generation Lawyer," listed in The Legal 500 United States
- 2020–2022, listed in Capital Pro Bono Honor Roll
- 2017, listed in Working Mother of the Year
- 2016, "Trending 40 Lawyers Under 40," listed in Legal Bisnow

#### **Professional Activities**

Dominique serves as a member of the Public Contracts Section of the American Bar Association ("ABA"), as well as co-chair of ABA's Section of Public Contracts Law Committee on Debarment and Suspension and a vice chair of their Diversity Committee. She previously served as the Section liaison to the ABA's Commission on Racial & Ethnic Diversity in the Profession. Dominique also serves on the board of the Contract Appeals Bar Association and the 2022 *Law360* Aerospace & Defense Editorial Advisory Board.

## Languages

Spanish