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Michael J. Montalbano represents government contractors in a variety of litigation and counseling matters, including:

- Bid protests before the Government Accountability Office (“GAO”), U.S. Court of Federal Claims, and U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- Industrial security audits and compliance with the National Industrial Security Program Operating Manual (“NISPOM”)
- Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification program
- Litigation under the False Claims Act and Anti-Kickback Statute
- Contract disputes
- Freedom of Information Act requests
- Compliance issues and internal investigations involving various federal regulatory requirements, such as the mandatory disclosure rule, the NISPOM, small business regulations, the Procurement Integrity Act, the Services Contract Act, the False Claims Act, the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, and gift and gratuity regulations

Michael has extensive bid protest litigation experience before the GAO and the U.S. Court of Federal Claims. His bid protest experience includes both successfully protesting and defending the award of major contracts, as well as securing favorable corrective action for contractors challenging agency award decisions. Michael also has experience before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, where, in 2018, he helped obtain the complete reversal of a lower court decision. As a result of the reversal, his client was allowed to re-compete in a five-billion-dollar procurement.

Michael also assists government contractors and their investors in evaluating and

structuring mergers, acquisitions, and investments involving government contractors and government contracts. His experience includes small business program eligibility; due diligence; facility and personnel security matters; the mitigation of foreign ownership, control, and influence; and Anti-Assignment Act and novation matters.

Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- New Jersey
- U.S. District Court - Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- United States Court of Federal Claims

Education

- Temple University, BS, summa cum laude
- Villanova University School of Law, JD, magna cum laude
- Villanova University, MBA, with distinction

Recognitions

2024, listed in *The Legal 500 United States*