

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

What are the **toughest procurement law issues** you face today? Will the **change in administration** affect them? How? Our **distinguished speakers** will spend the day addressing **the legal problems that keep them awake at night**, how they analyze those problems, and how they see the issues changing over the next four years.

- Who is really managing the acquisition system? The proposed **mandatory disclosure rule, impending changes to the False Claims Act, auditors and IG representatives** who attend negotiations with contractors—all call into question who's running the show. Can companies rely on contracts entered into by duly authorized officials, or **will law enforcement take over the contract administration function**?
- How much more abstruse can **organizational conflict of interest analysis** be? What are the new rules on **personal conflicts of interest** intended to accomplish, how effectively will they do that, and what will be the **consequences for compliance errors** or failures?
- **Personal services**—these **contracts are illegal** but the government keeps buying them anyway. Is the law out of date? Are the government's **winks and nods** justified or justifiable? Can the government buy what it needs within the rules? What **legal and regulatory changes** are needed or planned?
- **Mid-sized companies** face special challenges. How do in-house counsel for these companies ensure **adequate compliance**? How do they develop enough leverage to negotiate **adequate IP protection** when their customer is used to battling corporate behemoths? And how can they compete effectively under the rules **when the behemoths are on one side and the small businesses are on the other**?
- The rapidly-evolving **role of contractors**—how do you address the issues that arise when the **law and regulations are not in sync with practice**? Should **third-party liability** be different when the actor is a contractor's employee rather than the government's employee? **Will there ever be another voluntary disclosure** in a world of mandatory disclosure? Should **OCI burdens** be borne solely by contractors, or is there a role for the government, too?

Join your colleagues and **learned experts** from government, industry and private practice for a stimulating analysis of these tough procurement law issues and what they see as changes to them in the years ahead.

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