

Government Contracts 2017

September 15, 2017, Mayer Brown, Washington, DC

Program Schedule: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

9:00 Welcome and Opening Remarks

E. Sanderson Hoe, Marcia Madsen

9:15 Policy, Legislative, and Regulatory Developments in Government Contracts

- A New Administration – Will There Be Innovation in Acquisition?
- Cybersecurity – What Is the Contractor's Role?
- Should Commercial Companies Be Subject to Different Acquisition Rules?
- Can Changes to the Acquisition Rules Make Government a Leader in Technology Development

Moderator: Jonathan Etherton

Roger Waldron

10:40 Networking Break

10:50 View from the Bench – Adjudicating Government Contracts Disputes

- Recent Government Contracts Decisions
- What the Judiciary Believes to be the Significant Developments in the Law
- Practice Tips

Moderator: E. Sanderson Hoe

Hon. Lynda T. O'Sullivan, Hon. Thomas C. Wheeler

12:15 Lunch Break

1:30 Bid Protests in Government Contracts – Protection or Obstacle?

- Do Bid Protests Help or Hinder Procurement – What is the right balance?
- How do the GAO and Court of Federal Claims differ in terms of the record and standard of review?
- Is there a meaningful reason for the differences?
- Top Issues in Protests in 2017

Moderator: David F. Dowd

Hon. Mary Ellen Williams, Douglas Mickle

2:30 Infrastructure Improvements – Impact on Government Contracts

- Impact of the new administration
- What makes an infrastructure project successful
- Public-Private Partnerships (P3's)

Moderator: E. Sanderson Hoe

Jill Jamieson, Art Smith, John P. Smolen

3:30 Networking Break

3:45 False Claims and Government Contracts

- Escobar – Has a year of decisions made a difference to contractors?
- Where should DOJ defer to buying agencies?
- Should Acquisition Reform Address the Impact of the FCA on the Procurement System?

Moderator: Marcia G. Madsen
Alice M. Eldridge, Michael Granston, Jim Kennell

5:00 **Program Adjourns**

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