### **PARTNER**

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When it comes to government contracts and litigation, Susan has deep knowledge and wide-ranging experience and can offer seasoned counseling and effective representation in related matters. Her top priority is addressing and resolving her client's matters as efficiently as possible.

Susan is a thought leader in public contracting. Businesses, nonprofits and consortiums seek Susan's sage advice and counsel on complex and emerging issues in government contracts, compliance, audits, investigations and litigation.

Susan has vast experience advising and representing clients in government contracting matters. She has extensive experience handling bid protests, small business size protests and appeals, contract administration and compliance program issues, strategic alliances, security, audits and investigations, requests for equitable adjustment, claims and formal and informal dispute resolution. Clients seek her advice when confronted with difficult, unique or emerging issues, such as emerging cyber and supply chain risk compliance rules and non-standard federal research and development-related matters, including other transaction agreements, technology investment agreements, cooperative agreements, Small Business Innovation Research and grants.

## **PRACTICES & INDUSTRIES**

**Business Litigation** 

Construction

Cybersecurity & Data Privacy

Government Contracts & Investigations

**Government Solutions** 

White Collar Criminal Defense & Special Investigations

### **ADMISSIONS**

District of Columbia

Virginia

U.S. Court of Federal Claims

District of Columbia Court of Appeals

U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

U.S. Supreme Court



#### **EXPERIENCE**

Susan understands her client's challenges, having previously served as in-house counsel to a large telecommunications company and its affiliate information management and technology company.

She has extensive experience representing clients before the U.S. Court of Federal Claims, the U.S. Government Accountability Office, the U.S. Small Business Administration, various federal boards of contract appeals, federal district and appellate courts, and state and local governmental entities.

Susan brings a unique perspective, shaped by having formerly represented the Department of the Navy, the Department of Defense and the U.S. Office of Personnel Management in complex litigation matters.

She was once appointed as a Special Assistant United States Attorney for the Northern District of Florida.

She represents small and large companies in bid and size protests and appeals.

She assists clients in the preparation and handling of Requests for Equitable Adjustment, as well as represents clients in litigating and resolving contract disputes at the boards of contract appeals and the U.S. Court of Federal Claims.

Susan has worked with a variety of companies, including New York Stock Exchange level companies, on the development and implementation of codes of business ethics and conduct, compliance programs, policies and procedures, training of personnel, and internal and external investigations and litigation.

She counseled and assisted entities in the establishment of a nonprofit robotics technology consortium comprised of traditional and non-traditional government contractors, including small and large businesses, universities and laboratories. She also negotiated the overarching Other Transaction Agreement under which consortium members could

#### **EDUCATION**

Cornell Law School, J.D.

Cornell University College of Arts and Sciences, B.A.



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engage in prototype research and development projects.

She has counseled and assisted clients in responding to Defense Contract Audit Agency and Defense Contract Management Agency accounting and business systems audits.

Susan is an American Bar Association fellow, holding leadership roles in the ABA's Section Officers Council and Public Contract Law Section, and serving as co-chair of the National Defense Industrial Association's Cyber Legal Regulatory Policy Committee. Previously, she held positions as President of the Boards of Contract Appeals Bar Association, National President of Women In Defense, member of the Board of Directors of the National Defense Industrial Association, Chair of the D.C. Bar Government Contracts and Litigation Section, and member of the U.S. Court of Federal Claims Advisory Council.

## RECOGNITIONS

Super Lawyers® Top Rated Government Contracts Attorney in Washington, DC, 2018-2019

Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent Peer Review Rated

ABA PCLS Section Chair Special Recognition Awards, 2014, 2016, 2018

ABA PCLS Committee of the Year Award, 2013 (Chair, Acquisition Reform and Emerging Issues Committee)

Boards of Contract Appeals Bar Association Life Service Award, 2010

D.C. Bar Best Section Community Outreach Project Award, March 2008

BTI Client Service All-Star Team for Law Firms, 2006

Department of the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award, 1987

### PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC ACTIVITIES

American Bar Association, Fellow

American Bar Association Public Contract Law Section, Section Vice Chair

ABA Section Officers Council Executive Committee, Vice Chairs Class Representative

ABA PCLS Publications Committee, Co-Chair



ABA PCLS Subcontracting, Teaming and Strategic Alliances Committee, Vice-Chair

National Defense Industrial Association Cyber Division Cyber Legal Regulatory Policy Committee, Co-Chair

U.S. Court of Federal Claims Bar Association

Boards of Contract Appeals Bar Association, Inc.

DC Bar Government Contracts and Litigation Section

### **NEWS**

Attorney Susan Warshaw Ebner Joins Stinson in Washington, DC 01.08.2019

## SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Presenter, "How to Fight the Good Fight in Government Contracting - What You Need to Know," Bids Protests and Bid Mistake Seminar, Stinson LLP, Kansas City, Mo, April 18, 2019

Moderator and Presenter, "Considering Blockchain to Address Government and Supply Chain Needs," Blockchainge DC Conference, Washington, DC, January 14, 2019

Presenter, "NDIA – Beyond the Hype: Industry's Experience with OTAs," National Defense Industrial Association Headquarters, Arlington, VA, July 17, 2018

Moderator and Presenter, "Compliance Under the DFARS Cyber Rule 252.204-7012," 11<sup>th</sup> Annual NDIA Mid-West Symposium, Moline, Ill, May 2018

Presenter, "Cyber and Supply Chain Compliance: Who and What Are Covered?," 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Association of Government Leasing and Finance Conference, Chicago, Ill, May 2018

Presenter, "Who's Covered and What Needs to be Protected? ... Establishing Requirements for Software and Supply Chain Assurance in Government Contracts," Department of Homeland Security Software and Supply Chain Assurance Forum, Tysons, VA, May 2018

Panelist, "Supply Chain Integrity: The New Normal," Federal Procurement Institute, American Bar Association Public Contract Law Section, Annapolis, MD, March 15, 2018

Co-Presenter, "Protecting the Supply Chain," Geospatial & Remote Sensing Law Workshop, U.S. Geospatial Intelligence Foundation, Fairfax, VA, December 2017



Co-Presenter, "U.S. DFARS Cybersecurity Requirements," Update on Export Controls and IT Workshop, SMi Defence Exports Conference, Rome, Italy, September 2017

Panelist, "Ethics, Integrity & Twitter: Navigating Unique Issues In The Trump Administration," Federal Circuit Bar Association Government Contracting Summit, April 2017

Co-Presenter, "Identifying the "Big Rocks' to Improving Defense Acquisition and Maintaining Defense Technology Advantage," presentation on behalf of the American Bar Association Public Contract Law Section to the U.S. Department of Defense Section 809 Advisory Panel on Streamlining and Codifying Acquisition Regulations Pursuant to National Defense Authorization Act FY 2016, Section 809, Washington, DC, September 2016

Co-Presenter, "Seminar B: Legal Perspective/Intellectual Property Issues" and "Seminar C: From OTA to FAR-based Contract: A Case Study," NCMA Picatinney Chapter 2015 Small Business Symposium, Newark, NJ, October 2015

Data Security & Privacy Law Update Stinson LLP, 05.30.2019

Bid Protests and Bid Mistakes How to Fight the Good Fight in Government Contracting - What You Need to Know Denver Tech Center, Kansas City, Minneapolis, St. Louis and Washington DC, 04.18.2019

