

JOB DESCRIPTION

Position Title: Mid-Level Government Contracts Associate

Office Location: Washington, DC

General Description:

Feldesman Leifer LLP, a boutique Washington, DC law firm, is seeking a highly skilled and experienced Mid-Level Associate to join its growing Government Contracts Practice Group. The ideal candidate will possess 5-6 years of relevant legal experience in government contracts law and demonstrate a strong understanding of regulatory compliance, contract negotiations, and dispute resolution within the government contracting arena. Candidates with judicial clerkship experience in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit or the Court of Federal Claims will receive special consideration. Exceptional academic qualifications, references, and an active license to practice law in Washington, DC are prerequisites.

Responsibilities:

- Conduct comprehensive legal research and analysis pertaining to government contracts laws, regulations, and policies.
- Draft, review, and negotiate a wide range of government contract-related agreements, including subcontractor agreements, teaming agreements, joint venture agreements, and other related documents.
- Advise clients on compliance issues related to Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR), Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS), and other applicable regulations.
- Assist clients in developing and implementing effective compliance programs to mitigate risks associated with government contracts.
- Provide guidance and support in the resolution of disputes and claims arising from government contracts, requests for equitable adjustments, contract claims, allegations of non-compliance, and bid protests.
- Litigating claims under the Contract Disputes Act and participating in internal investigations involving compliance, internal controls, and procurement fraud.
- Provide support to the firm's Litigation & Government Investigations Practice Group as necessary.

Qualifications and Requirements:

- Strong academic credentials, including a J.D. degree from an accredited law school.
- Minimum of 5-6 years of experience practicing law, with at least 4 years experience in government contract law in a reputable law firm or government agency.
- Previous experience working with government contractors in diverse industries, including healthcare, technology, and professional services.
- Strong proficiency with the FAR, DFARS, and related government contracts laws and regulations.
- Excellent research, writing, and analytical skills, with the ability to communicate complex legal concepts effectively.
- Proven ability to work both independently and collaboratively in a team-oriented environment.
- Active license to practice law in the District of Columbia.

Preferred Additional Qualifications:

- Judicial clerkship experience in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit or the Court of Federal Claims preferred.
- Familiarity with specialized areas of government contracting, such as Service Contract Labor Standards, Buy American requirements, cybersecurity compliance, intellectual property rights, and Small Business Administration government contracts programs.
- Substantive litigation experience is preferred, including experience drafting pleadings, declarations, and routine motions under the supervision of lead counsel.

Benefits:

- Competitive salary and benefits package.
- Opportunities for professional growth and advancement within the firm.
- Engaging and collaborative work environment.

Application Process:

Qualified candidates are encouraged to submit their resume, cover letter, academic transcripts, and references via careers@feldesman.com.

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Cover letters should be no more than two pages, single-spaced, and briefly address: (1) the candidate's qualifications, including required and preferred qualifications listed in this announcement, and (2) the candidate's reason for seeking employment with Feldesman. The cover letter should provide additional context and meaning to the data provided via the resume.

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