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Education

J.D., *with high honors*, the George Washington University Law School, 2003, Notes Editor, *The George Washington Law Review*, *Order of the Coif*

Order of the Coif, 2003 Recipient of the Richard C. Lewis, Jr. Memorial Award for Excellence in Clinical Practice

B.A., Indiana University, 2000
Highest Scholastic Achievement
Founder's Day Award

Admissions

District of Columbia
Florida

Clerkships

The Hon. James Lawrence King,
U.S. District Court for the Southern
District of Florida, 2003 - 2004

Deborah Raviv joined STEESE♦EVANS♦FRANKEL, P.C. in 2010 as an associate. Prior to that, she was an associate with Hogan & Hartson, LLP (now Hogan Lovells).

Ms. Raviv has successfully conducted numerous internal investigations for large government contractors, universities, and other entities that receive funds from the federal government. She regularly counsels clients with regard to complex government contracts issues and aggressively litigates on their behalf when needed. Clients commend her for her responsiveness and keen understanding of the business realities driving their legal questions.

Practice

Ms. Raviv's practice focuses on litigating government contract cases and providing advice and compliance assistance regarding federal government contracts and grants. A significant portion of Ms. Raviv's practice involves advising clients on the Buy American and Buy America Acts and assisting clients with internal investigations and disclosures under the FAR Mandatory Disclosure Rule.

Ms. Raviv's experience includes representing clients involved in litigation before numerous federal courts and in bid protests before the U.S. Government Accountability Office and the U.S. Court of Federal Claims. She has worked with defense and information technology contractors as well as universities in responding to government audits and investigations involving allegations of fraud and regulatory noncompliance and has provided litigation assistance and counseling in False Claims Act cases. She has also advised clients with regard to numerous complex government contracts matters, including risk mitigation, lobbying restrictions, Buy America and Buy American Act compliance, and intellectual property issues.

Recent Highlights

Litigation

Ms. Raviv successfully defended the Department of Defense's award of a multi-million dollar call center management contract against bid protest proceedings before the Government Accountability Office and on appeal in the Court of Federal Claims.

Ms. Raviv successfully protested a multi-million dollar award made by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for transformation and consolidation of the agency's financial, asset, and acquisition management systems in bid protest proceedings before the Government Accountability Office.

Ms. Raviv successfully defended the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) in litigation pending before the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. Ms. Raviv was able to obtain an early and complete dismissal of the case, arguing that the FDIC was entitled to judgment as a matter of law based on the plaintiff's failure to state a claim under the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery and Enforcement Act of 1989 (FIRREA).

Ms. Raviv successfully protested a multi-million dollar award made by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to provide complex systems design, engineering, and integration services in support of various CDC programs in bid protest proceedings before the Government Accountability Office.

Ms. Raviv successfully sought reconsideration of the Small Business Administration's denial of a Colorado construction company's application for admission into the Administration's 8(a) Business Development Program for small and disadvantaged businesses.

Investigations

Ms. Raviv conducted an internal investigation involving allegations of potential mischarging to a government contract for a large defense contractor. Ms. Raviv assisted the company with its disclosure to the government under the FAR Mandatory Disclosure Rule and helped navigate the company through the government's subsequent audit and investigation.

Ms. Raviv assisted a large pharmaceutical company in its response to a Department of Veterans Affairs' request for information relating to the company's pricing under its Federal Supply Schedule (FSS) Contract. Ms. Raviv helped obtain a favorable settlement of the matter, including an affirmative statement by the Department that the pharmaceutical company had not engaged in any false or fraudulent conduct.

Ms. Raviv assisted two universities in their responses to subpoenas from multiple federal government agencies and successfully avoided all liability on behalf of either university.

Ms. Raviv conducted an internal investigation involving allegations of potential violations of the Procurement Integrity Act for a large defense contractor. Ms. Raviv provided advice on employee retraining and enhanced compliance measures.

Compliance Counseling

Ms. Raviv has counseled foreign corporations seeking to supply their products and services under U.S. Government-funded contracts on compliance with the Buy American Act and the Buy America Act.

Ms. Raviv has advised government contractors on compliance with various aspects of the Procurement Integrity Act (PIA), including the restrictions on hiring former government employees and the prohibition on obtaining contractor bid or proposal information or source selection information.

Ms. Raviv has advised numerous large entities that do business with or on behalf of the U.S. Government on the restrictions on the use of federal funds for lobbying activities.

Ms. Raviv has counseled government contractors in putting in place effective compliance programs in order to avoid liability under the federal False Claims Act.

Professional Activities

Ms. Raviv is currently a Vice-Chair of the American Bar Association Section of Public Contract Law's Procurement Fraud Committee. She is also a member of the National Defense Industrial Association's (NDIA)

Legal Committee. She is active in the D.C. region's Anti-Defamation League (ADL) and is currently on the Board of its Young Professionals Division.

Formerly, Ms. Raviv was a professional ballet dancer with several companies throughout the United States including the Joffrey Ballet of Chicago, Ballet Omaha, and Southern Ballet Theatre. She also served as the Executive Director of the American Jewish Ballet for several years.

Publications

"2006 Government Contract Decisions of the Federal Circuit." *American University Law Review*, Vol. 56, No. 4 (05.11.2007)

"Trends in Congress for Greater Transparency in Government Funding May Be at Odds With Courts' Protection of Contractor Information." *The Government Contractor*, Thomson/West (10.18.2006)