

Speaker Biographies

Mr. Zachary D. Prince, Adjunct Professor, GWU Law School and Partner, Government Contracts Practice Group, Smith Pachter McWhorter PLC

Mr. Todd M. Garland, Smith Pachter McWhorter PLC

Speaker Bios and Pictures:

Mr. Zachary D. Prince.



Mr. Prince is a partner in the Government Contracts practice group. His practice encompasses all areas of government contract law. Mr. Prince counsels domestic and international clients on a wide range of issues, including compliance with federal and state regulations and statutes, bid protests, contract and subcontract drafting and negotiations, contract changes, claim preparation and disputes, cost allowability and cost accounting standards, price and cost reasonableness, export controls, government audits, subcontractor management and disputes, due diligence for mergers and acquisitions, cybersecurity, and general litigation. Mr. Prince's clients range from the largest traditional defense contractors to small businesses, to non-traditional government contractors including commercial technology companies.

Mr. Prince has experience litigating contract disputes in federal and state courts, before administrative bodies, and in national and international arbitral fora, including before the Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals, the Civilian Board of Contract Appeals, United States Government Accountability Office, the United States Court of Federal Claims, the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, Virginia state courts, the Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, and D.C. Superior Court.

Mr. Prince joined Smith Pachter McWhorter in 2013, after working for the firm as a Summer Associate in 2012. As a law student at The George Washington University Law School, Mr. Prince focused extensively on government contracts, taking several specialized courses, serving as an Articles Editor for the Public Contract Law Journal from 2012-2013, and interning with the National Courts section of the Department of Justice. Mr. Prince served as a law clerk for the Honorable Mary Ellen Coster Williams of the United States Court of Federal Claims.

He is a Professorial Lecturer in Law at The George Washington University Law School and is a frequent lecturer on government contracts law in various fora. Mr. Prince is a member of the American Bar Association Section of Public Contracts Law, and currently serves as a Vice Chair on the Battlespace and Contingency Contracting Committee and Co-Chair on the Commercial Products and Services Committee. Mr. Prince is also on the Government Contracts Community Steering Committee of the DC Bar.

Mr. Todd Garland.



Todd Garland is an experienced government contracts attorney and litigator specializing in contract claims and disputes with the federal government. His practice involves advising clients on legal issues arising from relationships with the federal government and private partners. Mr. Garland helps clients resolve contract disputes with the federal government, bid protests, and disputes between prime contractors and subcontractors in commercial litigation. In addition to representing “traditional” government contractors, he helps non-traditional government contracting clients operating under “other transaction” agreements with the U.S. government.

Mr. Garland has an active practice representing contractors in bid protests at the Government Accountability Office (GAO), U.S. Court of Federal Claims, agency level, and in state-level protests. He also represents contractors in size protests before the Small Business Administration (SBA), including the SBA Office of Hearings and Appeals (OHA).

In addition to advising clients regarding protest-related issues, Mr. Garland litigates government contract claims at the Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals, Civilian Board of Contract Appeals, U.S. Court of Federal Claims, and Federal Circuit. He represents clients in all types of disputes with the U.S. government, including constructive changes, default terminations, disallowance of costs, and differing site conditions.

Mr. Garland has litigated complex commercial cases in state and federal court, such as representation of a prime contractor arising from a \$1 billion, 29-mile highway project, and representation of one of the world's largest engineering companies sued in federal court for the allegedly defective design of a \$15 million sewer project. His experience includes representation of a subcontractor in a \$150 million dispute involving an advanced missile system used by the U.S. Air Force and Navy, and allied militaries.

He helped a prime contractor defend against a subcontractor's action seeking \$25 million in damages for breach of contract, unjust enrichment, and violation of the Virginia Business Conspiracy Statute, obtaining dismissal or summary judgment on all counts. *Shee Atika Languages, LLC v. Glob. Linguist Sols., LLC*, 2014 WL 3810289 (E.D. Va. Aug. 1, 2014), aff'd 601 F. App'x 224 (4th Cir. 2015).

When not representing clients in bid protests or complex commercial litigation, he counsels clients regarding issues that typically arise from government contracts-related relationships, including non-compete, non-solicitation, and non-disclosure agreements, teaming agreements, and issues related to proprietary and confidential information such as trade secrets.

Mr. Garland also counsels clients regarding white collar issues involving anti-corruption, the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA), and civil False Claims Act (FCA).

During law school, Mr. Garland worked for a private security contractor that performs in contingency contracting environments. He is also recognized in the Virginia and Washington, D.C. *Super Lawyers* Rising Stars list in the area of Government Contracts, and for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch* in the area of Construction Law and Litigation – Construction since 2022.