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American University

Washington College of Law

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University of Virginia (B.A., 2006)

Bar Admissions

District of Columbia, 2016

Maryland, 2014

Virginia, 2011

Court Admissions

Court of Appeals of Maryland

District of Columbia Court of Appeals

Supreme Court of Virginia

United States Court of Appeals for
the Fourth Circuit

United States Court of
Federal Claims

United States District Court for
the Eastern District of Virginia

Stephen P. Ramaley is a government contracts and grants lawyer.

A member of the firm's Board of Directors, Steve assists private and public entities with contracts and grants compliance; government audits and fraud investigations; teaming negotiation and disputes; claims; and other matters relating to domestic and international public contracts and grants.

One of Steve's focuses, within government contracting law, is the U.S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) socioeconomic government contracting programs, including the small business, Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business, Woman-Owned Small Business, 8(a) Business Development and HUBZone programs. Steve counsels small, midsize and large government contractors on all aspects of these SBA programs, including program entry, regulatory compliance, teaming and joint venturing, small business mergers and acquisitions and post-graduation challenges.

Steve also has significant experience prosecuting and defending bid protests before the U.S. Court of Federal Claims and Government Accountability Office, as well as appeals before SBA's Office of Hearings and Appeals.

In addition to representing clients in specific matters, Steve frequently writes and speaks on challenges facing the government contracts and grants communities and has given testimony as a subject matter expert before the United States House of Representatives' Subcommittee on Contracting and the Workforce.

Steve is a recent co-chair of the American Bar Association's Public Contracts Law Section, Small Business & Other Socioeconomic Programs Committee. He volunteers to help U.S. military veterans, through the Veteran Institute for Procurement (VIP), establish and grow their government contracting small businesses, in part for which he was named the 2022 Business Partner of the Year by the Montgomery County (MD) Chamber of Commerce.

Steve received his J.D. from American University Washington College of Law, *magna cum laude* and Order of the Coif, where he served as editor-in-chief of the International Law Review. Steve was an Echols Scholar as an undergraduate student at the University of Virginia, from which he earned degrees in Government & Foreign Affairs and Middle Eastern Studies.