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Kate Klein focuses her practice on government contracts. She has experience in regulatory compliance, transactional, and litigation matters in a variety of sectors including communications, defense, and infrastructure. Her practice has previously included government compliance and internal investigations.

Kate advises clients in various aspects of government contracting, including, but not limited to, compliance with labor laws (such as the Davis-Bacon Act), proper handling of Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI), and compliance with FAR and DFARS clauses.

Kate's litigation background assists her in successfully challenging contract awards in bid protests for her clients, as well as obtaining favorable decisions when her clients are defending against protests. She has handled multiple bid protests involving contracts worth in the hundreds of millions of dollars.

Kate is highly experienced in assisting clients with navigating domestic preference regulations in federal and state contracts including the Build America Buy America Act, Buy American Preferences under 49 U.S.C. § 50101, FAR 52.225 clauses, 49 C.F.R. Part 661 (Buy America Requirements), the Pennsylvania Steel Products Procurement Act, and various Agency domestic preference regulations including the FAA, FTA, FRA, and FHWA. Kate also has significant experience helping clients complete and submit various waivers for these domestic preference requirements.

Kate was recognized in 2024, 2025 and 2026 as one of the "Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch" for White-Collar Criminal Defense by *The Best Lawyers in America*®.

Kate is proficient in Mandarin.

Experience

Successfully defended a client's \$190 million government contract against two bid protesters alleging inadequate technical evaluation.

Successfully defended a client's Kentucky government contract against a bid protester alleging that the client did not represent the best value to the state.

Aided a government contractor in appealing a Contractor Performance Assessment Reporting System (CPARS) evaluation to a higher rating.

Conducted internal investigations with numerous organizations, typically involving False Claims Act inquiries.

Education

University of Michigan Law School J.D. (2021)

The London School of Economics and Political Science, London, U.K. MSc., Social Policy and Planning (2016) *with merit*

Rhodes College B.A., International Relations (2013) *cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa*

Admissions

Georgia (2021)

Court Admissions

Michigan Court of Appeals (2020)

Insights

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April 16, 2026

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Recent DEI Updates: Making Sense of the Latest Surrounding the Administration's DEI Executive Orders

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Small Business Administration Investigating ALL 8(a) Businesses in Effort to Expose Fraud, Waste, and Abuse: What This Means for your 8(a) Organization

December 8, 2025

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It's Shutdown Season: Guidance for Government Contractors Looking to Weather an Early (Funding) Freeze

October 1, 2025

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What the Department of Defense Final Rule 'Assessing Contractor Implementation of Cybersecurity Requirements' Means for Government Contractors' Information Security Systems

September 15, 2025