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OVERVIEW

Patrick K. Burns is a Partner and Co-Chair of GRSM's Government Contracts Practice Group and is also a member of the Artificial Intelligence, Commercial Litigation, and Tribal Law practice groups. His practice primarily focuses on state and federal procurement matters, including bid protests at the Government Accountability Office, Miller Act claims, and Contract Disputes Act cases before the Court of Federal Claims and various Boards of Contract Appeals. Patrick also advises contractors on regulatory compliance issues involving the FAR, Davis-Bacon Act, and Service Contract Act, among other regulations.

Patrick's representation spans multiple industries, including information technology, construction, manufacturing, distribution, and aerospace. As a tribal citizen of the Cherokee Nation, he also

represents Native American tribes in government contract matters.

As a companion to his practice, Patrick hosts *The Essential GovCon Brief*, a monthly podcast covering legal issues affecting the government contracting community, and serves as editor of the firm's monthly *Government Contracts Legal Update*.

Patrick also represents commercial businesses in a variety of litigation matters, such as contractual disputes, franchise issues, construction defects, and defamation. He regularly litigates in federal and state courts nationwide, including Washington, D.C., Virginia, and Maryland. Adept at managing cases through all phases of litigation and alternative dispute resolution, Patrick collaborates closely with both small and large businesses to protect their corporate interests.

PUBLICATIONS

- [April Update for Government Contractors: National Survey of Cases, Proposed Agency Rules, and Forthcoming Regulations](#), April 12, 2024
- [March Update for Government Contractors: National Survey of Cases, Proposed Agency Rules, and Forthcoming Regulations](#), March 6, 2024
- [Enhancing U.S. Cybersecurity Infrastructure: Implications for Government Contractors in AI Implementation](#), March 4, 2024
- [February Update for Government Contractors: National Survey of Cases, Proposed Agency Rules, and Forthcoming Regulations](#), February 8, 2024
- [GRSM Government Contracts Practice Group – January 2024 Update](#), January 11, 2024
- [Navigating the AI Frontier: GAO's Guidance and Insights into Federal Agencies' Implementation](#), January 4, 2024
- [GRSM Government Contracts Practice Group – December 2023 Update](#), December 8, 2023
- [President Biden's AI Executive Order Highlights Likely Impacts on Government Contractors](#), November 15, 2023
- [GRSM Government Contracts Practice Group – November 2023 Update](#), November 6, 2023
- [GRSM Government Contracts Practice Group – October 2023 Update](#), October 3, 2023
- [U.S. Coast Guard's Original Equipment Manufacturer License Requirement Declared Unlawful](#), August 23, 2023
- [BLOG: Liquidated Damages Clauses: Important Considerations for Business Owners](#), *JD Supra Blog*, December 16, 2019
- [BLOG: SCOTUS Clarifies Vague Arbitration Clauses Affecting Class Disputes for Growing Businesses](#), *JD Supra Blog*, October 10, 2019
- [BLOG: SCOTUS Strengthens Protections for Federal Government Contractors Under FOIA](#), *JD Supra Blog*, August 9, 2019

- Comments Submitted in Response to RIN 3245-AG75, Proposed Rule on Women-Owned Small Business and Economically Disadvantage Women-Owned Small Business Certification, July 15, 2019

PRESENTATIONS

- Presenter, President Trump's Executive Orders: Navigating Compliance, Terminations, the False Claims Act, and Contractual Disputes, TRTCLE, May 2025
- *Navigating Federal Procurement: A Primer for Tech Entrepreneurs*, The AI Expo for National Competitiveness, Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Washington, D.C., May 8, 2024
- *Contract Pricing and Price Analysis Fundamentals*, Lorman Education Services, April 26, 2024

CREDENTIALS

Admissions

- District of Columbia
- Virginia
- Maryland
- U.S. District Court, District of Columbia
- U.S. District Court, Eastern and Western Districts of Virginia
- U.S. District Court, District of Maryland
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth District
- U.S. Court of Federal Claims
- U.S. Court of Federal Appeals

Memberships

- Fairfax Bar Association
- Vice Chair, Contract Claims and Disputes Resolution Committee, Public Contract Law Section, American Bar Association (2024-Present)

Community Involvement

- President, Fairfax Bar Association, Young Lawyers' Section (2015-2016)
- Member, Board of Directors of the Fairfax Bar Association, Young Lawyers' Section (2012-2017)
- Member, Board of Directors of the Fairfax Bar Association (2016-2017)
- Member, Board of Directors of the Fairfax Law Foundation (2014-2015)
- Member, Fairfax County General District Court Committee (2013-2015)

Education

- J.D., *cum laude*, Michigan State University College of Law, 2010
- B.A., Political Science, Pennsylvania State University, 2004

Honors

- *SuperLawyers*® Rising Star, Washington D.C. and Virginia (2018-2021)
- *Arlington Magazine* – Top Attorney (2022)
- Virginia Legal Elite, Labor & Employment (2015) and Civil Litigation (2016)