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John serves as general outside counsel to business organizations and their owners, advising on a range of legal issues, controversies and opportunities.

John advises clients in a wide range of commercial matters, as well as matters related to government contracting and to transportation; licensing and other contracts; mergers; acquisitions; equity and debt financings; and other business transactions.

Many of John's clients are small to medium sized companies that are based in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area and provide goods and services for U.S. Government procurement. He advises on government contracts and subcontracts, teaming agreements and joint ventures, on organizational and financing issues, on the structure and negotiations of mergers and acquisitions, and on obtaining novations. John also advises clients with regard to bid protests and government contract disputes.

Additionally, John represents numerous transportation companies that provide services to the U.S. Government, especially the U.S. Department of Defense under the U.S. Transportation Command (USTRANSCOM).

He has advised clients in numerous transactions, helping them achieve excellent results when they sell their companies.

Services

China Practice
Communications, Telecom & Media
Government Contracts
Mergers & Acquisitions
Sports, Arts & Entertainment
Transportation & Logistics

Admissions

Maryland, 1993
District of Columbia, 1995
U.S. Court of Federal Claims, 2014

Education

J.D., Washington College of Law, American University (*cum laude*), 1992

M.A., American University, Law in International Relations, 1993

B.A., State University of New York at Albany, Russian, 1986

Professional Activities

American Law Institute, Instructor, 1997-1999

- "An Introduction to the Legal System"

Bar Association of the District of Columbia, Member

Democracy International

- Egyptian Parliamentary Elections, Election Observer, 2014

Federal Contracting Academy, Montgomery County Community College, Instructor, 2011

- "Introduction to Federal Procurement Law"

Maryland State Bar Association, Member

- Business Law Section
 - Subcommittee on Emerging Companies

Community Activities

BSA Venture Crew 52 (Chevy Chase, MD), Venture Advisor, 2015-present

East Bethesda Citizen Association, Member

Speaking Engagements

Hot Topics in Government Subcontracting

Seminar

Garvey Schubert Barer, 10.3.13

"Negotiating the Deal," National Association of Broadcasters Education Foundation Broadcast

Leadership Training Program

Speaking Engagement

Washington, D.C., 2007-2010

"Be Aware: Federal and State Securities Rules Apply to Start-up Companies," Montgomery

County's Business Innovation Network Luncheon

Speaking Engagement

Shady Grove Innovation Center, Rockville, MD, 3.11.10

"Safety Act for Certified Cargo Screening Facilities," Global Trade and Commerce Association,
Air Cargo Security Summit
Speaking Engagement
Orlando, FL, 10.28.09

"Prime Versus Sub Considerations," Maryland Association of CPAs, Annual Government
Contractors Conference
Speaking Engagement
Gaithersburg, MD, 9.9.09

"How to Avoid Pitfalls in Government Subcontracts," Garvey Schubert Barer and Macro
Solutions, Inc.
Seminar
Garvey Schubert Barer, Washington, D.C., 6.24.08

Legal Alerts

It Pays to be Small: New Guidance Gives PPP Loans under \$2 Million a Safe Harbor
5.13.20

New Government Guidance Clarifies PPP Loan Eligibility, Promises Enforcement
5.1.20

The CARES Act and Portfolio Companies: Preliminary Guidance on Affiliation Rules
4.3.20

Paycheck Protection Program: SBA Guidance and Application Available
4.1.20

Dealing With a Government Shutdown: Making the Best of a Bad Situation
1.19.18

For Liability for Implied Fraud Under the False Claims Act, Materiality Is the Key
6.23.16

U.S. Government Requires Higher Minimum Wage for Certain Federal Contracts
6.30.14

Aggressive Enforcement Increases Importance of "Country of Origin" Compliance in Federal
Contracting
8.7.13

SBA Implements Rule Changes to Strengthen Federal Small Business Subcontracting
8.1.13

SBA Adds Sharp Teeth to Small Business Size Certification and Status Rules
7.30.13

DoD Adopts Final Rules That May Allow Project Management Support Contractors to See Your
Proprietary Technical Data and Software
6.5.13

The Shift from Best Value to Lowest Price, Technically Acceptable Evaluations
3.28.13

Sequestration & Austerity May Increase Government's Use of Terminations for Convenience –
Be Prepared!
3.12.13

Be Careful about Personal Data Protection Clauses – Review Them Closely Before Agreeing to
Them
1.29.13

Subcontractors: Be Careful About Accepting the FAR Clause Requiring a Contractor Code of
Business Ethics and Conduct
10.1.09

Publications

Foster Garvey COVID-19 Resource Center
3.18.20

The Perils of Not Keeping Good Records
Radio & Television Business Report, 6.8.16

The Dollars and Cents Importance of Maintaining Company Records
Radio & Television Business Report, 12.5.14

U.S. Sanctions Laws Reach as far as China
Garvey Schubert Barer News Alert, 11.3.14

A Stitch In Time: An Annual Audit Will Save You Time And Money
Small Market Radio Newsletter, 9.2.10

Screening Needs a Stimulus
The Journal of Commerce, 10.12.09

Russian Sports Law
1997