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Practice Areas

- False Claims/Qui Tam
- Government Contracts
- Health Care
- False Claims
- Renewable Energy
- Government Health Care Programs

J. Catherine Kunz is a partner in the Washington office of Crowell & Moring. Ms. Kunz is a member of the firm's Government Contracts group. Her practice involves both counseling and litigating on behalf of clients in a range of government contract law areas, including GSA Schedule contracting, contract claims and disputes, fraud and abuse, cost accounting issues, purchasing and subcontracting, and federal health care contracting. Ms. Kunz also represents clients in qui tam actions under the False Claims Act and in bid protest, and counsels clients on government audits, procurement ethics, compliance programs, contract administration, and specialized government acquisition programs, including Federal Employees Health Benefits Program contracts and National Park concession contracts. Ms. Kunz also has experience counseling clients on federal grants administration and audit matters.

Ms. Kunz has litigated before the Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals, General Services Board of Contract Appeals (now part of the Civilian Board of Contract Appeals), Government Accountability Office, and Federal District and Appellate Courts. Ms. Kunz is a member of the Public Contract Law Section of the American Bar Association.

Ms. Kunz received her B.A. with honors and distinction in Human Biology from Stanford University in 1993. She graduated from Duke University School of Law in 1999, where she served as Editor in Chief of the *Alaska Law Review* and Editor of the *Duke Environmental Law Journal*. Ms. Kunz also earned a Masters of Environmental Management from the Nicholas School of Environment at Duke University in 1999.

Representative Matters

- Health Net Federal Services, LLC, B-401652.3, B-401652.5, 2009 CPD ¶ 220 (2009). Successfully represented the protester in a \$16.7 billion

procurement for managed health care services for military retirees and families.

- Successfully resolved a contractor's Contract Disputes Act claim for increased costs due to the Iraq War through alternative dispute resolution before the Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals.
- *In re Boeing Co.*, ASBCA 54853, 06-1 BCA ¶ 33270 (2006). Successfully defeated the government's motion to dismiss a sponsored claim for Public Law 85-804 indemnification related to performance of Cold War-era defense contracts.
- Successfully resolved a contract termination dispute between a prime contractor and subcontractor through mediation.
- *Viacom, Inc.*, GSBCA No. 15871, 05-2 BCA ¶ 33,080 (2005). Successfully represented a GSA Schedule contractor before the General Services Board of Contract Appeals in defending against allegations of defective pricing associated with the contractor's proposal submission.
- *United States ex rel. Werner v. Fuentez Systems Concepts et al.*, 319 F. Supp. 2d 682 (N.D. W.V. 2004). Successfully represented a government subcontractor alleged to have violated the False Claims Act by submitting false claims to the government. The case was dismissed on summary judgment.
- *Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.*, B-292476, 2003 CPD ¶ 177 (2003). Successfully represented the protester in a procurement for communication services, resulting in a formative decision related to the government's affirmative determination of contractor responsibility.

Education

- Stanford University, B.A. Human Biology (1993) Honors and Distinction
- Duke University School of Law, J.D. (1999)

Affiliations

Admitted to practice: District of Columbia, Ohio