

## CLIENT ALERT

### "Plain Meaning" In The Federal Circuit

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In his recent article in the *Public Contract Law Journal*

([http://www.crowell.com/pdf/Newsroom/InterpretingGC\\_StanJohnson.pdf](http://www.crowell.com/pdf/Newsroom/InterpretingGC_StanJohnson.pdf)), C&M partner Stanfield Johnson charts the shift in the Federal Circuit's jurisprudence in deciding government contract interpretation issues. Moving away from the general law of contracts as found in the *Restatement*, the Federal Circuit judges have cut off recourse to extrinsic evidence of the parties' intent by focusing only on the "plain meaning" of the contract terms as they understand them.

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