

Marisa M. Bavand

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Marisa provides counsel and litigation services to construction industry and government contract clients.

Marisa is a seasoned counselor and litigator for her construction and government contract clients with wide-ranging experience in advising clients in all aspects of construction projects and government procurement law. Her practice includes representing contractors, developers, and engineers with navigating alternative delivery methods, pre-project planning and risk assessment, contract drafting, claim management and preservation, and litigating disputes. Marisa provides strategic advice and litigation representation on a large variety of projects including heavy civil, light rail, highway, bridges and tunnels, public infrastructure, universities, production facilities, fire stations, mixed use commercial projects, and various vertical construction projects.

Marisa also has a national practice in procurement law and government contracting. She assists clients in navigating the Federal Acquisition Regulations, the Contract Disputes Act and the complicated implications associated with contracting with the government. She advises clients through the procurement process, contract drafting and interpretation, training, compliance issues, audits and investigations and developing requests for equitable adjustments and claim development. She has litigated matters on behalf of her clients in the Federal Court of Claims, the Civilian Board of Contract Appeals, and the Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals. She has extensive experience in contracts with the Department of Energy, the Department of Defense, and the United States Army Corps of Engineers across the United States. Marisa further handles United States Department of Justice (DOJ) investigations and litigation of False Claims Act claims. She has managed extensive DOJ Civil Investigative Demands and succeeded in avoiding fraud-based liability for her clients through negotiated resolutions.

Marisa further assists clients in Federal grant procurement and compliance pursuant to 2 C.F.R. 200, Small Business Act eligibility, compliance and litigation, and assists Alaska

Education

- Southwestern School of Law (J.D., magna cum laude, 1996)
 - Southwestern Law Review, Special Projects Editor
- University of California, Santa Barbara (B.A. with distinction, 1993)

Bar Admissions

- Washington
- California

Native Corporations and tribal organizations extensively in government contracting, construction, and remediation matters.

Court Admissions

- United States District Court for the Western District of Washington
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Washington
- United States District Court for the Northern District of California
- United States District Court for the Central District of California
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of California
- United States District Court for the Southern District of California
- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

Professional Affiliations

- Society of Construction Law North America
 - Regional Director for the Pacific Northwest (2019)
- Construction Law Society of America
 - Fellow (2018-Present)
- Washington State Bar Association
 - Trustee, Construction Law Section (2014-2016)
 - Chairman, Washington State Bar Association Construction Law Section (2016-2017)
- American Bar Association
 - Forum Committee on the Construction Industry
 - Section on Public Contract Law
- Associated General Contractors of Washington
- Design Build Institute of America
 - Legislative Affairs Committee (2014-Present)
 - Board Member, Legal Affairs Committee (2016-2017)

Accolades

- *Chambers USA*, Construction, Washington, 2024-2026
- *Best Lawyers in America*®, 2016-2026
- *Washington Super Lawyers*®, 2013-2015, 2020-2026
- *Washington Super Lawyers*®, Women's Edition, 2024
- *Washington Super Lawyers*®, "Rising Star," 2011

Additional Information

- IR Global International Professional Services Network – Construction Law
- Marisa Bavand, Allison Murphy, and Evan Brown, "Federal Procurement", *Washington Construction Law Deskbook* (June 2018)

Select Speaking Engagements

- Navigating the Complex World of eDiscovery (2018 Seminar, Seattle; Desert Bar)
- Understanding the False Claims Act: Recent Changes, Compliance Strategies, and the Devastating Results of Non-Compliance (Construction Super Conference, San Francisco; Seattle; Desert Bar Association)
- Subcontracting Issues in Government Contracts (2017 Seminar, Seattle; Desert Bar)
- Contractor's Design: Risk Liability (Construction Super Conference, San Francisco)
- Notice and Claim Compliance (2017 Seminar, Seattle)
- Lien and Bond Claims (2016, 2017, 2018 Seminar, Seattle)
- Project Financing Risk Management (2015, 2016 Seminar, Seattle)