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## Government contracting is **big business**


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Government contractors capture work, perform it, protect IP, manage their workforce, enter into teaming agreements and joint ventures, and acquire and sell assets differently than purely commercial companies. Claims and disputes with the U.S. Government - the ultimate 800lb gorilla - are not like commercial litigation.

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Our attorneys understand the government contracting industry: its people, processes, and its legal challenges. We have the experience, security clearances, and relationships to represent our clients in their most sensitive legal matters, exciting growth opportunities, and serious corporate threats. We always seek creative and efficient solutions to any obstacles our clients may face. But if those obstacles are unavoidable, we fight for our clients. And we fight to win.

  
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## DefenseTech Expertise

Ward & Berry handles complex technology transactions involving AI, USVs, sensors, edge computing, and the like, with an eye toward IP protection, trade controls, privacy and cybersecurity.



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# The Ward & Berry Way

Clients and peers associate WB with high-trust relationships, excellent legal advice, and efficient staffing models. WB is also known for a values-forward culture (“The WB Way”) emphasizing a true team mindset, high-integrity services, and zero ego.

## Our Services



APPELLATE LITIGATION



BID PROTESTS



COMMERCIAL LITIGATION & ARBITRATION



CONTRACT CLAIMS & REQUESTS FOR EQUITABLE ADJUSTMENT



CORPORATE COMPLIANCE & ETHICS



CORPORATE LAW



OUTSIDE GENERAL COUNSEL



GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS



GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATIONS



INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY DISPUTES & LITIGATION



INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS



LABOR & EMPLOYMENT



REGULATORY & COMPLIANCE SERVICES



SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION PROGRAMS



SUSPENSION & DEBARMENT OF GOVERNMENT CONTRACTORS



TRADE CONTROLS & SANCTIONS

1,100 +

Bid Protests handled

\$200M+

Client Recoveries in Claims and REAs

## Cleared Counsel

Multiple Attorneys Cleared  
SECRET and TOP SECRET

# Security Clearance Depth

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