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BIOGRAPHY

Justin Benson practices complex federal litigation, with a special emphasis on the representation and defense of corporations and individuals doing business with, or regulated by, the federal government. Justin has extensive experience in federal investigations and prosecutions relating to the performance of government contracts and private sector participation in government programs. He has particular experience helping clients respond to False Claims Act investigations. In addition, Justin represents clients in complex trial and appellate litigation in federal and state court. He has broad experience in all stages of litigation, including discovery, motion practice, trial, settlement negotiations, and appeals. Justin has been recognized in the 2022 edition of *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*, for his work in commercial litigation.

Prior to joining BCLP, Justin was an associate at Sidley Austin LLP and served as a law clerk to the Honorable Carolyn Dineen King of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. He also served as a

legislative aide for a member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Justin maintains an active pro bono practice. Recently, he successfully represented a client in Immigration Court seeking asylum in the U.S. In addition, Justin regularly represents clients in D.C. Landlord Tenant Court and has authored numerous amicus briefs on behalf of civil rights organizations.

ADMISSIONS

- District of Columbia, 2013
- Michigan, 2012

EDUCATION

University of Michigan Law School, J.D., 2012 (*magna cum laude*, Order of the Coif)

University of Michigan, B.A., 2008 (with honors and high distinction)

RELATED PRACTICE AREAS

- Business & Commercial Disputes
- Intellectual Property and Technology Disputes
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- Regulation, Compliance & Advisory
- Class Actions & Mass Torts
- Government Contracts & Public Procurement
- Appellate
- False Claims Act
- Investigations
- Healthcare & Life Sciences

EXPERIENCE

- Represented a large public company in a Trade Secrets Act litigation in federal district court, including multiple rounds of briefing and extensive discovery

- Represented GSA Schedule contractor in connection with qui tam lawsuit and related DOJ investigation under the False Claims Act alleging violations of the price reduction clause
- Represented third-party intervenor in bid protest before the United States Court of Federal Claims
- Represented an individual in criminal sentencing proceedings in federal district court
- Represented major telecommunications company as member of trial team in the United States District Court for the District of Colorado
- Represented major telecommunications company as third party intervenor in the United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit

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Executive Order Seeks to Impose False Claims Act Liability on Government Contractor and Grantee DEI Programs

On January 21, 2025, the Trump Administration issued an executive order entitled “Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit Based Opportunity” (“EO”). The stated purpose of the EO is to direct the federal government to enforce the civil rights laws by taking action against “illegal” preferences and discrimination, including measures taking aim at private sector diversity, equity, and inclusion (“DEI”) policies and programs. As we highlighted, the EO has significant implications for federal contractor affirmative action obligations and serves as a strong signal of the Trump administration’s increased scrutiny toward private sector DEI programs. Importantly, the EO also seeks to impose False Claims Act liability on federal contractors and grant recipients who maintain DEI programs that run afoul of federal civil rights law.

Blog Post

Jan 22, 2025

What Government Contractors Can Expect During the Second Trump Administration

The Trump Administration will most likely move quickly to align the federal government’s priorities with the President’s own. While the Administration has not detailed all of its plans for government contracting/procurement, government contractors will benefit from examining both actions taken by President Trump during his first administration and statements made by the President during the campaign and transition. Government contractors will potentially see changes made to Federal Acquisition Regulations (“FAR”), executive orders directed towards government contracting, Buy American Act/Trade Agreement Act Enforcement, and changes in spending priorities.

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