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David T. Ralston, Jr. is a partner with Foley & Lardner LLP where his practice focuses on government contract litigation and counseling, national and homeland security, air transportation and commercial contract litigation.

He has handled virtually all aspects of government contracts practice, including bid protests, size protests, claims, defective pricing, small business, intellectual property, qui tam litigation, and cost accounting matters. He has successfully defended government contractors against fraud and bribery charges, including coordinating corporate investigations, voluntary disclosures to the U.S. Justice Department, and debarment/suspension proceedings at the Department of Defense. Mr. Ralston frequently lectures and has written on government contracts matters. His most recent article, on federal small business research grants, was published in *Industrial Biotechnology*.

In recent years, Mr. Ralston has been particularly active in matters concerning US domestic content laws, such as the Buy American Act, the Berry Amendment, and international trade areas. He has also been active in matters where government contracts and intellectual property issues intersect. He led multi-year litigation opposing Department of Defense efforts to compete with the private sector in publishing military standards and specifications over the Internet. He also prepared comments submitted to the National Institutes of Health opposing a plan under which the National Library of Medicine would become an Internet publisher of draft manuscripts prepared for publication and copyrighted by non-profit biomedical journals, but without compensating the journals.

Virginia Governors George Allen and James Gilmore appointed Mr. Ralston to the board of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority. He was elected as chairman of the board from 1997-2000, and has served as vice-chairman and chair of several committees. Governors Allen and Gilmore also appointed him to the Virginia Debt Capacity Advisory Committee, which advises the Commonwealth on the state's borrowing limits consistent with its AAA bond rating.

From 1980 to 1984, Mr. Ralston served on active duty with the U.S. Army as a prosecutor and appellate attorney, handling over 100 courts-martial, including more than 30 contested cases. From 1984 to 1994, he served as a military

judge in the U.S. Army Reserves.

A law graduate of Georgetown University (J.D., 1979, *cum laude*), Mr. Ralston received his B.S.F.S. degree from Georgetown University – School of Foreign Service (1976). He is a graduate of the Army War College National Security Seminar (2007).

Mr. Ralston is admitted to the bar in the District of Columbia, Virginia, and New York, and was elected in 2005 to serve a three-year term on the Litigation Section Committee of the D.C. Bar. He is admitted to practice before the U.S. Courts of Appeal for the Armed Forces, the Federal, Fourth, Sixth and District of Columbia Circuits. He is also admitted before the U.S. District Courts for the Eastern District of Virginia, the District of Columbia, the District of Maryland, and the U.S. Court of Federal Claims.