

## PRACTICES:

- Economic Stimulus
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## Experience

Mary Ellen Fraser assists government contractors of all sizes understand and comply with domestic source restrictions, such as the Buy American Act, Trade Agreements Act, Berry Amendment and Specialty Metals clause and holds a classified clearance.

Her strength is her knowledge and understanding of procurement policy, and how Capitol Hill and the executive branch develop and implement necessary or perceived changes. She ensures that clients are up to date on all procurement policy matters in the legislative branch and assists those clients who wish to impact the legislative process. Ms. Fraser also has demonstrable skill in preparing witnesses for both House and Senate Congressional hearings.

Prior to joining the firm, Ms. Fraser acted as counsel to the House Committee on Armed Services, US House of Representatives. As counsel, she had oversight on matters related to procurement policy and management, environmental policy, and civilian policy within the Department of Defense (DOD). She was the senior staff person for the readiness subcommittee where she had oversight of more than \$130 billion of operations and maintenance funds for DOD, along with all policy matters related to training and equipping military troops. She traveled to Iraq and Afghanistan frequently.

Prior to working on Capitol Hill, Ms. Fraser worked as an attorney within the Office of General Counsel for the Department of Navy. From 1991 to 1996 she worked as a procurement attorney for the Office of Naval Research where she worked on *qui tam* lawsuits. From 1996 to 1999 she worked for the Secretary of Navy in Office of Legislative Affairs. While working for the Navy, Ms. Fraser received the *Meritorious Civilian Service Award* and the *Superior Civilian Service Award*.

Ms. Fraser graduated from the Columbus School of Law at Catholic University in 1991, where she was a member of the *National Journal of Contemporary Health Law and Policy*. She received a B.S. in Biology from Boston College in 1987.

## Education

- J.D., Columbus School of Law, Catholic University, 1991
- B.S., Boston College, 1987

## Admitted

- Maryland
- District of Columbia

## + Publications:

- "The AbilityOne Program - Employing Service-Disabled Veterans," *The Government Contractor*, October 28, 2009.

## + Seminars And Presentations:

- "Legislative Update on Enhanced Use Leases," Association of Defense Communities Winter Forum, February 24, 2010
- "Congressional Views on Green Procurement," The Coalition for Government Procurement Fall Conference 2009, November 5, 2009
- "Update on Specialty Metal Requirements," MAPI Manufacturing Alliance, October 2, 2009
- "Cybersecurity," McKenna Long & Aldridge LLP's Annual Government Contracts Briefing, May 13, 2009
- "Potential Rise in Protectionism: Will Isolation Make a Comeback? (Buy America, Berry Amendment, TAA)," National Contract Management Association Annual Meeting, July 27, 2007
- "Contracting and the 110th Congress," Contract Services Annual Conference, March 13, 2007

## + Professional Activities:

- American Bar Association
- Maryland Bar Association
- U.S. Chamber of Commerce - Procurement Policy
- NDIA - Procurement Policy