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Kathy Barnes's practice focuses on domestic and international construction contracting and federal government contracts. Kathy counsels and advises contractors, design engineering firms, construction managers and owners in all phases of industrial, power, civil, transportation and commercial construction in the United States and overseas. For over 35 years, Kathy has represented clients at every stage of complex construction dispute resolution including claim preparation, negotiation and other informal ADR procedures, mediation, arbitration and litigation in both federal and state courts. As an experienced construction litigator, Kathy also has represented clients in multi-party and other complex disputes in both international and domestic arbitrations before the American Arbitration Association, JAMS and the International Chamber of Commerce.

Kathy has an active government contracts practice and counsels contractors and design engineers on a broad range of issues involved in government contract administration and compliance. She also has extensive experience litigating bid protests and government contract claims, having successfully represented her clients with claims involving research and development, information technology procurements and contracts for military and other applications. Kathy is highly skilled in litigating and managing contractor claims for equitable adjustment and government claims of defective design and construction, false claims act violations and violation of cost accounting standards before state and federal Boards of Contract Appeals and the Court of Federal Claims.

Kathy also has a successful practice defending clients in multi-million dollar business torts actions in state and federal court, including claims of unfair competition, misappropriation of trade secrets, intentional interference with contracts and business relations and fraud. She is a Fellow with the American College of Construction Lawyers and has been regularly recognized as a top legal professional by Virginia Super Lawyers, Best Lawyers and Chambers USA.

