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Lindsay M. Paulin is a partner in the Washington, D.C. office of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher and Co-Chair of the Firm's Government Contracts practice. Lindsay's clients include contractors and their subcontractors, vendors, and suppliers across a range of industries including aerospace and defense, information technology, professional services, private equity, and healthcare.

Lindsay was most recently recommended by *The Legal 500* 2025 for her work in Government Contracts. She was also recognized in the 2025 edition of *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* as "Up and Coming" in the area of Government Contracts - Nationwide. Lindsay has been named to *Law360's* "Rising Stars" of 2024 in the area of Government Contracts, "amongst attorneys under 40 whose legal accomplishments belie their age." She has also been named among the *National Law Journal's* 2023 D.C. Rising Stars, featuring attorneys "who have wielded influence in their practice areas in the D.C. area and beyond." Lindsay was recognized by *Best Lawyers* as "One to Watch" for Administrative and Regulatory Law (2022 - 2023) and Criminal Defense: White Collar (2023), as well as being featured in *Super Lawyers* Washington D.C. as a "Rising Star" since 2019.

Lindsay's practice focuses on a wide range of government contracts issues, including internal investigations, claims preparation and litigation, bid protests, government investigations under the False Claims Act, cost allowability, suspension and debarment proceedings, mergers and acquisitions involving government contractors, and compliance counseling. She has represented clients in disputes before the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, the United States Court of Federal Claims, the Boards of Contract Appeals, the United States Government Accountability Office, administrative agencies, and other federal and state courts.

A sample of recent and ongoing representations include:

- Ongoing representation of multiple major aerospace and defense contractors before the Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals, Court of Federal Claims, and Federal Circuit in disputes regarding compliance with the Cost Accounting Standards and Federal Acquisition Regulation cost principles.
- Represented Amazon Web Services in Court of Federal Claims bid protest of U.S. Department of Defense award of Joint Enterprise Defense Infrastructure cloud computing contract, resulting in DoD cancellation of contract award to competitors.
- Defended government contractor providing logistics and network management services to the military in DOJ investigation of alleged fraudulent bills for goods and services not provided, resulting in DOJ declination and dismissal of the underlying qui tam.
- Represents clients, including private equity firms and government contractors, on M&A transactions.

Capabilities

Government Contracts
Aerospace and Defense
False Claims Act / Qui Tam Defense
Higher Education
Litigation
National Security
Transportation and Space
White Collar Defense and Investigations

Credentials

Education

George Washington University - 2012 Juris Doctor
George Washington University - 2009 Bachelor of Arts

Admissions

Virginia Bar
District of Columbia Bar

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Lindsay received her law degree with high honors from the George Washington University Law School in 2012, where she was elected to the Order of the Coif and served as an Editor of the *George Washington Law Review*. While in law school, Lindsay worked for a McLean, Virginia-based government contractor, providing support to the Department of Defense Office of the General Counsel, Deputy General Counsel for International Affairs. In 2009, she received her Bachelor of Arts in International Affairs *summa cum laude* from the George Washington University's Elliott School of International Affairs, where she was elected to *Phi Beta Kappa*.

Lindsay is admitted to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia and the District of Columbia.

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