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**STEPHEN J. KELLEHER** is an associate in the Washington, D.C. office of Smith, Currie & Hancock LLP. Stephen practices in the areas of government contracts and construction law.

Stephen's experience includes advising clients regarding bid protests, counseling contractors on subcontract language, drafting and negotiating private construction contract agreements, and pursuing numerous requests for equitable adjustments for adverse weather delays, changes

and differing site conditions. He has also assisted in the development and implementation of company ethics codes and programs in order to comply with the Federal Acquisition Regulation. He has represented a client in connection with a Civil False Claims Act case and counseled clients regarding the 2009 Fraud Enforcement and Recovery Act amendments to the False Claims Act. Stephen's experience extends to advising a federal contractor on the interaction of collective bargaining agreements and the Service Contract Act. His practice also involves counseling clients on changes in the law that allow past performance evaluations to serve as the basis for a Contract Disputes Act claim, the de novo review rule of contracting officer's decisions, and the complexities of the Miller Act, including forum selection, arbitration of claims, and the Act's waiver provisions.

Stephen contributed to the second edition of Smith, Currie & Hancock's *Federal Government Construction Contracts*. He is an active member of the Associated General Contractors of Metropolitan Washington DC, Washington Building Congress, and Associated Builders & Contractors.

Stephen attended the University of Virginia School of Law and received his J.D. degree in 2008. He graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 2001 with a Bachelor of Arts in History and received a Masters in Education from University of Notre Dame in 2003. Prior to joining the firm, Stephen taught for four years in Memphis, Tennessee and completed a fellowship at the Cobb County office of Legal Aid of Atlanta.

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### Areas of Practice

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- Construction Law
- Government Contracts

### Education

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- University of Notre Dame (B.A., History, *cum laude*, 2001)
- University of Notre Dame (M.Ed., 2003)
- University of Virginia (J.D., 2008)

### Bar and Court Admissions

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- District of Columbia
- Georgia
- Virginia
- U.S. Court of Federal Claims
- Georgia Court of Appeals
- Supreme Court of Georgia
- Supreme Court of Virginia
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia
- U.S. District Court Eastern District of Virginia

### Professional Activities

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- Associated General Contractors of Metropolitan Washington DC
- Associated Builders & Contractors
- Washington Building Congress