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About John

Lieutenant Colonel (US Army, Retired) John R. Sharp advises clients on a wide spectrum of administrative and regulatory law issues at the federal, state and municipal levels. His practice focuses on US federal procurement law, including Federal Acquisition Regulation interpretation and compliance, import and export regulation, mergers and acquisitions due diligence, proposal preparation and submission, bid protests, and audits and investigations.

His bid protest and appellate experience includes prosecuting and defending protests at agency level, the US Government Accountability Office, the Armed Services and Civilian Boards of Contract Appeals and the US Court of Federal Claims.

John has extensive experience with Small Business Administration compliance issues, including formation of qualifying small business entities, joint ventures, and teaming arrangements, and filing, defending and appealing size and status protests before the SBA Office of Hearings and Appeals. He frequently reviews companies' small business compliance history as part of the firm's Mergers & Acquisitions Practice.

He brings a wealth of knowledge and experience on procurement, defense and national security-related issues to the table for his clients, having served in the US Army for nearly 22 years in a variety of assignments worldwide before joining the firm.

John has also represented clients in matters before the Department of Energy, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, the Office of Natural Resources Revenue and the Interior Board of Land Appeals, as well as other federal agencies, including the Surface Transportation Board, the National Park Service and numerous agencies within the Department of Defense.

As a veteran, John especially values his work on Department of Defense and Department of Veterans Affairs matters, working with service-disabled veteran-owned or veteran-owned small businesses. He has often provided *pro bono* representation to indigent veterans before the Department of Veterans Affairs or the US Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.

A Russian linguist, Lt. Col. Sharp served for many years as a Soviet-East European (Eurasian) Foreign Area Officer, developing special proficiency concerning the Trans-Caucasian and Central Asian regions.

Credentials

Education

- University of Denver, Sturm College of Law, J.D., 2005
- University of Washington, M.A.I.S., 1990
- University of Tennessee, B.A., *with high honors*, 1980

Admissions

- District of Columbia, 2006
- Colorado, 2005

Courts

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims
- United States Supreme Court

Memberships & Affiliations

- Colorado Bar Association
- Denver Bar Association
- US Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims Bar Association
- Association of the United States Army
- Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation

Recognitions

- Legion of Merit, United States Army
- Outstanding Academy Educator, United States Air Force Academy, Academic Year 1999-2000

Expertise

Services

- Litigation
- Public Policy
- International Dispute Resolution

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sovereign nations. More than 1,500 lawyers in over 40 offices across four continents provide unrivaled access to expertise.