

Government Contracts Group Of The Year: Seyfarth

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Law360 (February 11, 2026, 4:03 PM EST) -- Seyfarth Shaw LLP attorneys secured three protest victories for V2X at the U.S. Government Accountability Office, overturning three U.S. Army task orders worth \$280 million, and guided defense contractor QinetiQ US through the \$31 million sale of its intelligence business, earning the firm a place among the 2025 Law360 Government Contracts Groups of the Year.

The firm expanded on its successes from 2024, when the GAO sustained all three protests pursued by Seyfarth's government contracts team on behalf of V2X Inc. The protests challenged three Army task orders awarded to Amentum Parsons Logistics Services LLC under an \$82 billion contract to provide prepositioned stock services in Kuwait, Japan and South Korea, and South Carolina. The Army also reimbursed V2X's protest costs in March 2025.

Reflecting on the firm's win, Adam K. Lasky, co-chair of Seyfarth's government contracts practice, said it was a really complicated case, in part because it was dealing with different procurements under the solicitation. The record it received from the Army was "almost intentionally confusing" between the different procurements, requiring the Seyfarth team to race to analyze the information it received and put something in writing in its arguments, Lasky said.

"Trying to do three of these cases all at once, trying to discern where the differences and similarities were, and then we also had two different judges on these cases, and trying to make it clear to the judges, we were concerned in part [that] they would think they were all the same arguments, which wasn't the case. And so, trying to roadmap it for them was something we really focused on," said Lasky, who is based in the firm's Seattle office.

In litigating that case, and other GAO bid protests with tight turnarounds, Lasky said Seyfarth's government contracts team implemented different litigation, business process and technology tools based on market research conducted over the past couple of years to identify tools that can boost collaboration and organization of the group's tasks in these cases, in addition to better identifying and searching through documents for their key elements.

"We have another case where we're using that involves something like 40-something parties for a bid protest and hundreds of thousands of documents, and we are using tools I don't think anybody else is using, and we're able to get to documents and find things so much faster than I think our competition



can," Lasky said.

In addition to its win with V2X, Seyfarth attorneys also successfully defended TLS Joint Venture LLC in three GAO protests, challenging \$140 million in task orders awarded by the Defense Health Agency for healthcare environmental cleaning services. While protesters claimed that the agency failed to properly evaluate TLS' past performance, and that the company's pricing was unbalanced, the GAO denied the protests in full in November 2024.

In litigating the case, Lasky said one of the core arguments they defended against was based on a Small Business Administration regulation that had never been interpreted before in a bid protest. In these situations, the GAO typically seeks the SBA's viewpoints in the case, Lasky said. But looking to get a head start, Lasky said the government contracts team shared its position with the SBA on how the regulation should be interpreted before the agency filed anything with the GAO.

"I think that went a long way to help influence what they ended up filing, and I think that's a kind of approach we take a lot," Lasky said.

But the firm's expertise goes beyond handling bid protests.

In September 2025, Seyfarth served as lead counsel to QinetiQ US in the defense contractor's divestiture of its U.S. intelligence business to V2X, in a transaction valued at approximately \$31 million. The deal involved the transfer of roughly 70 employees who supported intelligence community contracts in data engineering, mission support and cybersecurity, and helped QinetiQ sharpen its U.S. focus on core defense and technology markets.

One factor that drove the success of the deal was the firm's ability to fully integrate its execution of the mergers and acquisition work with the government contracts and national security requirements, said Amy C. Hoang, co-chair of Seyfarth's government contracts practice, who is based in the firm's Washington, D.C., office.

"Every [government contracts, mergers and acquisitions] attorney has experienced deals where government contracts counsel is brought in at the 11th hour, and it's much more difficult to advise or really have any real impact on a transaction when you're brought in almost as an afterthought. And QinetiQ understood the importance of integrating government contracts and national security counsel, really from day one of the process," Hoang said.

Despite its breadth in expertise, Seyfarth's government contracts team is rather small, with approximately 15 attorneys. But Hoang said that small size is actually one of the group's strengths because it fosters collegiality and prevents attorneys from operating in silos within the group, adding that the team even has its own mascot, the Seyfarth Scrappy Cats, and a book club.

"Teddie Arnold leads the government contracts practice book club, which is not something that every practice group can say, but I think again, because we are that smaller size, it is a collegial group... There is a culture that we're happy to embrace new ideas and changes to the practice, and that really permeates to all levels of seniority within the group," Hoang said.

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