

Wiley Rein Named Government Contracts 'Practice Group of the Year' by *Law360* for Third Consecutive Year

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Wiley Rein's prominent Government Contracts Practice has been named a 2016 "Practice Group of the Year" by *Law360* in one of the publication's hallmark annual awards. Selected for the honor for three years running, Wiley Rein was noted for its work on behalf of "more than 400 top federal and state contractors across a wide spectrum of industries." In the past year, that included a multivenue defense of a \$100 million contract with the U.S. Department of State, and securing a favorable resolution to an unusual challenge to a \$5 billion nuclear security contract.

Practice co-chair Scott M. McCaleb told *Law360* that clients are drawn to the group's "deep bench" of attorneys, who perform at "extraordinary high levels." The team's work includes handling about 150 bid protests each year, a work rate that is unmatched by few—if any—other firms, said Practice co-chair Paul F. Khoury. Many of the firm's lawyers also have security clearances that enable them to work for clients on classified matters.

"We're really problem solvers," Mr. Khoury said. "We understand [our clients'] business and ... try to put together the team that is going to be able to get the best results. We're often—and we're very happy about this—approached by clients not only with the standard kinds of cases that they'll go to others for, but also unusual cases that require thinking differently and maybe putting different expertise on it."

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Among the cases featured is Wiley Rein's defense of a \$107 million small business set-aside contract awarded to TSymmetry Inc., according to *Law360*. The firm successfully defended the company against multiple bid protests in the U.S. Government Accountability Office and the U.S. Court of Federal Claims, as well as the U.S. Small Business Administration. The case "was a kind of multiheaded monster, a perfect example of the different ways a contract, particularly a small business contract, can be challenged," said Government Contracts partner John R. Prairie.

Wiley Rein's Government Contracts Team was selected by a panel of *Law360* editors who reviewed more than 600 submissions across numerous practice areas from around the nation. In addition to Government Contracts, the firm received honors for its International Trade Practice this year.

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