

Perkins Coie Adds Government Contracts Partner David Fletcher in D.C.

David Fletcher has joined Perkins Coie's Commercial Litigation practice and Government Contracts subgroup as a partner in the Washington, D.C. office.

In a release, the firm said Fletcher's practice includes a broad range of government contracts matters, including bid protest litigation at the Government Accountability Office (GAO), the Court of Federal Claims and at the agency level, and counseling of clients across varied industries on their contractual and regulatory obligations. Fletcher also advises senior management on federal contracts compliance matters and spent two years as government business counsel for GE Aviation's \$1 billion turboshaft/turboprop business.

"We are committed to strategically growing our top-tier, nationally recognized Government Contracts capabilities," said Seth Locke, Firmwide Co-Chair of Perkins Coie's Government Contracts practice. "Dave brings a strong skillset that nicely complements the services we offer. His time spent in-house with a large government contractor, in addition to years at Am Law 50 firms, has equipped him to provide solution-oriented results for our clients."

Fletcher has represented various technology, healthcare and professional services companies in bid protests before the GAO, including a federal security and health IT services entity in two protests involving a total contract value of \$1.54 billion. He joins Perkins Coie from Cooley, where he led the Government Contracts practice and regularly advised clients in mergers, acquisitions and financing transactions involving government contractors.

“Dave’s experience will benefit the firm immediately as we look to strengthen the government contract counsel that we provide to clients here in D.C. and nationally,” said Bill Malley, Managing Partner of Perkins Coie’s Washington, D.C. office. “His work with sophisticated tech clients pairs nicely with the firm’s focus on that sector. He’s an exciting addition to our team, and we’re happy to welcome him to the firm.”

Fletcher is the fourth partner to join Perkins Coie in Washington, D.C. in recent weeks. Others include Stephanie Roy, a telecom partner who joined the Technology Transactions & Privacy practice from Steptoe & Johnson; Valerie Dahiya, former Securities and Exchange Commission Branch Chief who joined the firm’s Blockchain Technology & Digital Currency industry group and Investment Management practice; and Nate Kelley, a former Solicitor and Deputy General Counsel for Intellectual Property Law at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Fletcher received his J.D., cum laude, from the University of Illinois College of Law, and both his M.Ed. and A.B. from the College of William and Mary.