

Contracts Partner Joins Blank Rome in D.C.

Luke W. Meier has joined **Blank Rome LLP** as a partner in the Government Contracts group in the Washington, D.C., office. Meier's practice will focus on business with the federal government, including investigating and defending allegations of fraud typically brought under the False Claims Act (FCA), the firm said.

Meier joins Blank Rome from Covington & Burling LLP where he was special counsel in the firm's Government Contracts practice group.

"Luke's previous involvement working for a major defense contractor as an on-site consultant at the Department of Homeland Security's Office for Domestic Preparedness, combined with his impressive private practice experience, will bring a unique perspective to our government contracts team," said Alan J. Hoffman, the firm's chairman and managing partner. "We're thrilled to welcome Luke to Blank Rome."

The firm said Meier has managed the response to numerous audits by the Defense Contract Audit Agency or an agency Office of Inspector General, and has successfully defended several government contractors from allegations of fraudulent mischarging. His litigation background includes complex commercial disputes and numerous bid protests before the Government Accountability Office and U.S. Court of Federal Claims.

"Luke's background in government contracts law and litigation will be an excellent complement to our nationally recognized team," said David M. Nadler, chair of Blank Rome's Government Contracts group. "His experience will have a powerful impact on the strength of our practice and our ability to provide

strategic counsel to our clients.”

“I’m delighted to be joining the talented attorneys at Blank Rome,” said Meier. “The firm’s lawyers are not only incredibly skilled in their respective practice areas, but they are also great people. I look forward to working with a government contracts group poised for growth and contributing to the future success of this team.”

Luke earned his B.A. in Philosophy from Brown University and his J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School. He also serves as the co-chair of the University of Michigan Law School Alumni Club in D.C.