

# **Gentry Locke Welcomes Ryan J. Starks to its Richmond Office**

The Virginia law firm Gentry Locke is pleased to welcome Ryan Starks to its Richmond office. Starks will work in the firm's commercial litigation practice group, where he will focus on assisting clients with complex disputes, as well as government contract matters.

Starks represents clients in commercial litigation and contract dispute matters in federal and state courts, as well as before the U.S. Government Accountability Office, the Boards of Contract Appeals, the Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals, the U.S. Court of Federal Claims, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. He also defends clients in qui tam whistleblower litigation under the False Claims Act, and construction professionals with respect to claims and disputes arising from delay and inefficiency, defective work, payment disputes, performance and payment bonds, mechanic's liens, design and construction and other project related matters.

Prior to entering private practice, Starks worked as an attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice – Torts Branch, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and as a law clerk with the U.S. House Judiciary Committee.

Starks received his B.A. degree from State University of New York (SUNY) Albany and his J.D. from the Washington and Lee University School of Law.