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**Areas of Practice**

Government Contracts

Litigation

Business and Human Rights

**Education**

University of Dayton  
 School of Law, J.D., *cum*  
*laude*, 1998, Associate  
 Editor and Staff Writer,  
*University of Dayton Law*  
*Review*

Towson University, B.S.,  
 1994

**Bar & Court Admissions**

District of Columbia

Maryland

**Michael J. Navarre**

Michael J. Navarre is special counsel in the Washington office of Steptoe & Johnson LLP, where he is a member of the Litigation Department. His practice focuses on government contracts and complex commercial litigation.

**Government Contracts**

Mr. Navarre’s prior cases have included successful multi-million dollar claims against the US government before the Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals and disputes between prime contractors and their subcontractors. He has also represented clients in bid protests before the Government Accountability Office, the FAA’s Office of Dispute Resolution for Acquisition (ODRA), and the Court of Federal Claims, including a protest of a multi-billion dollar contract award by the Department of Defense. He has also represented institutional and individual clients in numerous administrative actions by federal agencies in matters relating to contract claims, security clearances, personnel actions, and the Freedom of Information Act. He also advises clients regarding compliance with procurement statutes and regulations, including organizational conflicts of interest rules and contingency operations contract specific clauses.

**Litigation**

Mr. Navarre has represented clients in complex commercial contract disputes, professional malpractice cases, first-party property insurance claims, and multi-district antitrust cases. Mr. Navarre was also co-counsel for two government contractor employees that sought writs of habeas corpus challenging the US military’s constitutional power to try them by court-martial. Both cases ended with military officials abandoning court-martial efforts shortly after their petitions were filed.

**Internal Corporate and Government Investigations**

In addition to his litigation experience, Mr. Navarre has represented clients in internal corporate investigations and responding to both state and federal grand jury and civil investigative demands. These cases have included investigations of alleged government contractor personnel misconduct, government corruption, and tax fraud.

Mr. Navarre is also recognized in various aspects of military law and frequently speaks on topics in the area. Prior to joining Steptoe, Mr. Navarre served as a Lieutenant Commander in the US Navy Judge Advocate General’s Corps for five years. During that time he served as a prosecutor, the sole attorney-advisor to the Commander of Regional Support Group, Norfolk, Virginia, and as an appellate criminal defense counsel.

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### Noteworthy

- Mr. Navarre is Vice Chair of the ABA Section of Public Contract Law: Battle Space and Contingency Procurements Committee. In that capacity he has drafted comments in response to new FAR and DFARS clauses related to contingency contracting. He has also been a panelist in seminars dealing with the US-Iraq SOFA and its effect on US government contractors (January 2009) and accountability laws covering US government contractor personnel supporting military operations overseas (March 2009).

### Select Seminars & Events

Battlespace and Contingency Contracting, Federal Publications Seminars, October 28, 2011

"The Future of Contingency Contracting," *Boards of Contract Appeals Bar Association Annual Meeting Program*, October 26, 2011

Contingency Contracting Update 2011, June 23, 2011

Mike Navarre to Speak at the American Conference Institute's National Legal Summit on Iraq and Afghanistan Contracting, February 16, 2011

Mike Navarre Spoke at the 2010 Military Reporters and Editors Conference, November 5, 2010

"Battlespace and Contingency Contracting," International Contracting Week, October 29, 2010

### Selected Publications

Testing Military Jurisdiction Over Contractor Employees  
November 30, 2011, *Law360*

Government Contracts Advisory - Court to Consider Constitutionality of Military Jurisdiction Over Civilian Contractor Employee Misconduct  
November 23, 2011

Government Contracts Advisory - OFPP Issues Final Inherently Governmental Functions Policy Letter  
September 21, 2011

Government Contracts Advisory - Defense Department Final OCI Rule Narrows Coverage and Disclosure Obligations  
January 7, 2011

## **Michael J. Navarre**

Civilians With Stake in Airstrikes  
Counterterror Involvement May Bring Legal Risk  
August 2, 2010, *Defense News*

Government Contracts Advisory - DoD Proposed Rule Expands Organizational  
Conflicts Of Interest Coverage  
April 29, 2010

Selected Compliance & Contract Administration Issues in Contingency  
Contracting  
December 2009, *Briefing Papers*

International Law Advisory - DDTC Issues New ITAR Exemption Regarding  
Temporary Export of Body Armor  
August 10, 2009

### **Professional Affiliations**

American Bar Association, Section of Public Contract Law

National Institute of Military Justice, Board of Advisors

The American Membership of the International Society for Military Law and  
the Law of War