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Hopewell Darneille is Counsel in the Public Finance industry group, focusing primarily on litigation, government contracts, government relations, and labor and employment. He practices out of the Firm's office in Washington, D.C.

Hopewell has specialized in public contract law for more than 30 years. He's been rated AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell® for more than 25 years. Although he enjoys litigation and has litigated more than 150 bid protests, Hopewell knows the field of public contracts is more than litigation; it's about clear communication and developing successful business relationships. Hopewell helps his clients build long-term relationships with contracting entities to promote their continued success. He works with his clients on proactive risk management, compliance, and communication. When problems arise, Hopewell prides himself on finding workable business solutions in a cost-effective, business friendly manner.

Hopewell is comfortable working with the top-level government agencies. His experience includes representing clients before the U.S. Department of Defense and most federal civilian agencies. He enjoys working with small- to medium-size businesses, especially disadvantaged and veteran-owned small businesses, helping them navigate and compete in the government contracts market. A veteran himself, Hopewell was awarded the Bronze Star for his service with the U.S. Army, Military Assistance Command Vietnam, in Binh Dinh Province (II Corps), Vietnam.

Hopewell also is a small business owner; he and his wife operate a 41-acre seasonal rental property in the Lakes Region of western Maine. Hopewell is graduate of Georgetown University Law Center and Yale College, where he majored in American and Asian history. He enjoys tennis and soccer, and was a youth soccer coach while his sons were growing up.

Awards

- Martindale-Hubbell: AV Preeminent Rated (top one percent) (1991-2018)
- Listed as one of the "Top-Rated Lawyers by Martindale-Hubbell" for Washington, D.C. & Baltimore (2012-2017)
- Bronze Star, U.S. Army, Military Intelligence
- Lead Articles Editor, *American Criminal Law Review*

Work History

- Jackson Kelly PLLC
- The Honorable Edward S. Northrop, Chief Judge, U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland, Law Clerk
- U.S. Army, Military Intelligence
- Military Assistance Command Vietnam (MACV)

Practices

- Litigation
- Government Contracts
- Labor & Employment

Education

- Georgetown University Law Center (J.D.)
- Yale University (B.A. in American and Asian History)

Admissions

- District of Columbia
- Maryland
- U.S. Court of Federal Claims
- U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, District of Columbia
- U.S. District Court, District of Maryland

Professional Organizations

- American Bar Association, Public Contract Law Section, Employment Safety and Labor Committee, Former Vice Chair (2010-2013), Litigation Section
- Board of Contract Appeals Bar Association
- District of Columbia Bar, Government Contracts Section
- Federal Bar Association, Government Contracts and Transportation and Transportation Security Law Sections
- National Contract Management Association
- American Association of Port Authorities
- Law Review Committee, Associate Member
- Cruise Committee, Associate Member
- Maritime Administrative Bar Association, President (2007-2008), Executive Committee (2004-2011)
- The Propeller Club, Port of Washington, D.C.

Speaking Engagements & Publications

- "Teaming, Joint Ventures, Subcontracting & Mentor-Protégé Agreements in Today's Changing Procurement Environment," I-79 Development Council's Dynamic Networking (DYNET) for Small Business, Fairmont, West Virginia (April 2, 2015 and April 27, 2016)
- "Teaming, Joint Ventures, Subcontracting & Mentor-Protégé Relationships," Northwest Pennsylvania Regional Planning and Development Commission's Dynamic Networking (DYNET) for Small Business, Erie, Pennsylvania (June 4, 2015)
- Co-Presenter with Eric Whytsell, "Regulations and Impact on Your Business," Annual Teaming to Win Conference, Canaan Valley, West Virginia (May 28, 2015)
- Co-Presenter, "Positioning Yourself for Success — Practical, Proactive, Strategies," Annual Teaming to Win Conference, Morgantown, West Virginia (May 28, 2014)
- Co-Presenter, "Making Smart Connections," SBA Western Pennsylvania/West Virginia Small Business (8a/HUBZone) Conference, NETL, Broughton, Pennsylvania (Nov. 14, 2013)

- “Hot Topic Discussion Part II: ‘Don’t Do That!’ Legal Issues for Small Business,” Annual Teaming to Win Conference, Morgantown, West Virginia (May 29, 2013)
- “The Strategic Toolbox: Joint Ventures, Subcontracts & Teaming Agreements,” Annual Teaming to Win Conference, Morgantown, West Virginia (May 29, 2012)
- Numerous articles for Jackson Kelly PPLC Government Contracts Monitor