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### **Practice Areas**

- [Commercial Litigation](#)
- Suspension and Debarment
- White-Collar Criminal Defense

### **Education**

- **University of Virginia School of Law**, Juris Doctor, 1969
  - Member, Editorial Board of the Virginia Law Review
  - Member, University of Virginia Chapter of The Order of the Coif
- **Brandeis University**, Master of Arts Degree in Chemistry, 1966
- **Georgetown University**, Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemistry, 1965

### **Bar Admissions**

- District of Columbia
- Virginia
- Supreme Court of the United States
- United States Courts of Appeal for the District of Columbia, Second, Third, Fourth, and Fifth Circuits
- United States Court of Federal Claims
- United States District Court for the District of Columbia
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia

### **Overview**

Tom joined McManus & Felsen as Of Counsel in 2003. He brings to the firm a wealth of legal experience. He has practiced law in Washington, DC for more than 40 years. He has represented corporate and individual clients in proceedings before federal and state courts, regulatory agencies, licensing boards, legislative committees, and various investigative bodies.

He is also experienced in the conduct of internal corporate investigations and the drafting and implementation of corporate codes of business ethics.

## **Experience**

Tom has substantial experience in the practice of white-collar criminal defense law. He has represented elected officials accused of misconduct in office and related offenses, as well as individuals accused of fraud, bribery, insider trading, violation of the False Claims Act, and other federal criminal and civil statutes. He has conducted corporate internal investigations into allegations of violations of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act.

Tom is a published author and leading practitioner in the field of Government Contracts law. He is a principal author of the authoritative text in the field of suspension and debarment law and has successfully represented numerous clients in federal Government suspension and debarment proceedings. He is a long-standing member of the Committee on Debarment and Suspension of the ABA Section of Public Contract Law.

## **Prior Experience**

Before joining the firm, Tom practiced law with other prestigious Washington, D.C. law firms. He was an associate with Kirkland & Ellis, where he began his illustrious career representing a client seeking to overturn the award of a Government Contract to their competitor. He was a partner at the litigation firm of Miller, Cassidy, Larroca & Lewin, where he participated in that firm's storied white-collar crime practice. He was Of Counsel to Baker Botts, where he represented domestic Government contractors in contract litigation and international corporations accused of violating the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act.

At McManus & Felsen, Tom has continued his white-collar crime and Government Contracts law practices, representing clients accused of insider trading and numerous clients in federal Government suspension and debarment proceedings. He has also drafted codes of ethical business conduct for the firm's construction law clients.

## **Major Accomplishments**

Of all his singular accomplishments, he is most proud of a victory he earned while he was Of Counsel to Baker Botts. In that case, Tom represented the principal defendant in a lawsuit in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, brought by the Washington Area Sanitary Authority ("WASA"). WASA sought \$20,000,000 in the litigation, alleging a breach of a construction and design contract for the repair and renovation of the Blue Plains Wastewater Treatment Facility. The client prevailed on his motion for summary judgment in the Superior Court, a judgment that was affirmed by a three-judge panel of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, and by the full District of Columbia Court of Appeals, on re-hearing en banc. The issues in the lawsuit required that Tom draw upon the full range of his vast knowledge of government contracts law and his trial and appellate experience to defeat an aggressive attack on a government contractor by a government agency.

## Memberships

- Member, Fairfax Bar Association
- Member, American Bar Association
- Member, The Committee on Debarment and Suspension of the ABA Section of Public Contract Law

## Publications

The Practitioner's Guide To Suspension and Debarment (ABA Publication, Third Edition 2002)

- A principal author
- Survey and analysis of debarment laws, regulations, practices and procedures

The Post-Conviction Lawyer (ABA Litigation Magazine, Volume 23, No.4, Summer 1997)

- Author
- Comprehensive article on the lawyer's role in sentencing, parole, probation, prison designation, religious accommodation, conditions of confinement and other incarceration matters

Report of The Waste, Fraud, and Abuse Committee of the Procurement Reform Task Force, To The Honorable Harold Brazil, Chair, Committee on Government Operations of the District of Columbia, (February 14, 1996)

- Vice-chair of committee and principal author of report
- Procurement analysis for legislative consideration in the District of Columbia

The Regulation of The Dual Funds, 54 Va. L. Rev. 1396 (1968) (student note, a critical analysis of the SEC's regulatory encroachment on a legislative function)