

Michaela is a multidisciplinary member of the firm's litigation practice. With significant experience in government contracts, technology and environmental fields, Michaela lends unique perspective to client matters integrating both technical, regulatory and public-private partnership issues.



Michaela E. Thornton

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Biography

Michaela Thornton is a litigation associate attorney in Parsons' Salt Lake City office. She represents clients in procurement and contract-related claims and investigations, as well as commercial and environmental litigation and regulatory matters.

Prior to joining Parsons, Michaela was a government contracts associate in the Washington, D.C. office of a major global law firm where she served as a team subject matter expert in sustainability and state and local procurement. Michaela received her J.D. from the George Washington University Law School with a Concentration in Government Procurement Law. While in law school, she served as the editor-in-chief of the *Public Contract Law Journal* and received the 2022 Patricia A. Tobin Government Procurement Law Award. Prior to law school, Michaela worked as a client-facing engineer at a geospatial technology firm.

Michaela received a B.A. in Public Policy Studies with a minor in Earth and Ocean Sciences from Duke University.

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Capabilities

Government Enforcement, Securities and White-Collar Defense

Whistleblower (Qui Tam)

Business & Commercial Litigation

Environmental & Natural Resources

Licensed/Admitted

District of Columbia

U.S. Court of Federal Claims

Not yet licensed in Utah

Accomplishments

Professional

Published in the Public Contract Law Journal (51:3, June 2022): “Perfect” Is the Enemy of Good: Jumpstarting Environmental Lifecycle Costing in Federal Procurement

Legal Intern, United States Department of Justice, Civil Division, Aviation, Space, & Admiralty Section (2020)

Academic

George Washington University Law School (J.D.)

- Editor-in-Chief, Public Contract Law Journal, 2021-2022
- Patricia A. Tobin Government Procurement Law Academic Awardee, 2022
- George Washington Law Roger Boyd Scholar, 2021-2022
- National Association of State Procurement Officials Scholarship Recipient, 2021-2022
- Moot Court Board Member

Duke University (A.B.)

Associations

Professional

District of Columbia Bar Association

American Bar Association, Public Contract Law Section