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An honors graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School, Richard C. Johnson has practiced since the late 1960s exclusively in the area of government contracts law, focusing on contract claims, terminations, cost accounting and CAS issues for major U.S. defense firms and other contractors. He is also

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involved in extensive litigation before the Boards of Contract Appeals, the Court of Federal Claims, federal district courts and the Federal and D.C. Circuits. He has also led major international construction and other contract negotiations and claims efforts in Belgium, Italy, Iran and South Africa, and has contributed extensively to legal publications in the field of government contracts law.

For over 30 years Val S. McWhorter has focused on large scale civil works projects on a national and international level, representing contractors in large, complex claims arising under federal, state and local government contracts, as well as contracts between private parties. He has been nominated for the highly regarded Constructor of the Year Award, given by *Engineering News Record*, and is a fellow in the American College of Construction Lawyers.

John S. Pachter has been a practitioner of government contract law for more than 40 years, concentrating on dispute resolution

in all areas of government contract law, including prime-subcontractor disputes, in litigation and under alternative dispute resolution procedures. He is the recipient of many honors, which include the *Legal Times* naming him a Leading Lawyer in Government Contracts in 2004.

Richard F. Smith has been primarily engaged in matters relating to construction and contract disputes resolution for more than 35 years. More than 90 percent of his practice involves dispute resolution as a mediator, arbitrator, project neutral and disputes review board member in construction related issues. He is the recipient of many professional honors in the area of alternative dispute resolution, and is a fellow in the American College of Construction Lawyers.

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