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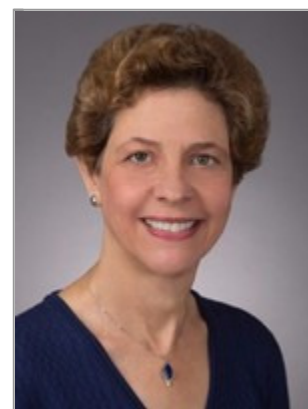
GAO Pro Leaves Arent Fox To Join Saul Ewing In DC

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Law360, New York (August 29, 2017, 3:32 PM EDT) -- A former Arent Fox LLP attorney with experience litigating government contract disputes before the Government Accountability Office has joined Saul Ewing LLP in Washington, D.C.

Judith B. Kassel joins Saul Ewing after almost eight years at Arent Fox, her new firm said. She has represented companies including VSE Corp., Clark Construction Group LLC and The Foulger-Pratt Cos. before the GAO.

Kassel also has 18 years of in-house experience at CACI International Inc., ICF International Inc. and GTSI Corp., now known as UNICOM Government Inc.



Judith Kassel

Kassel said her experience will help Saul Ewing grow.

She told Law360 on Monday that she wants to “build upon the practice [that I have], as well as the clients of the firm that do government contracts to create a strong [government contracts] practice within the law firm of Saul Ewing.”

While at Arent Fox, Kassel litigated several matters before the GAO on behalf of government contractors.

In 2012, Kassel represented VSE Corp. when Booz Allen Hamilton Inc. **challenged** the U.S. Navy’s decision to award VSE a \$1.8 billion technical support and ship transfer services contract.

Booz Allen was denied the protest after the GAO found that VSE provided salary survey data from various locations, ruling that the Navy’s cost realism analysis and data provided by VSE showed it to be the better contract.

In 2012, Kassel represented both Clark Construction Group LLC and The Foulger-Pratt Cos. in a successful **petition** of the U.S. Department of State’s denial of a \$450 million contract to build a new U.S. Embassy in London.

Kassel also represented Sentrillion Corp. in its **protest** of being disqualified from the bidding process on a \$244 million contract to provide security to the U.S. Marshals Service.

The GAO found that the contract was unfairly awarded after the marshals raised concerns about Sentrillion’s bid while overlooking other companies’ deficiencies. The contract was

for indefinite-delivery, indefinite-quantity contracts to provide security services at approximately 900 federal courthouses, U.S. Marshals Service locations and other government sites.

Kassel graduated magna cum laude from Macalester College in 1980 and received her law degree from George Washington University in 1984.

Kassel began her career as a law clerk for James F. Merow of the U.S. Court of Federal Claims before joining the firm now known as Epstein Becker Green for eight months from 1985 to 1986.

In 1986, Kassel joined Jones Day as an associate in the government contracts practice before leaving in 1991 to join GTSI Corp., where she was named general counsel in 1997. In 2000, she joined CACI International Inc. as deputy general counsel before leaving in 2006. From 2007 to 2009 she served as general counsel of ICF International Inc. before joining Arent Fox LLP.

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