



# BIOGRAPHY



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## PARTNER

Ronald H. Uscher specializes in energy and defense matters, including government contracting and energy regulation. He represents petroleum refining and marketing companies, traders, banks, pipeline and terminal operators, transportation companies and defense contractors.

Ron has a range of specialized experience, in both the public and private sectors, in energy and defense matters, including competing for and performing United States military contracts. He represents clients in regulatory, compliance and legislative matters affecting the operations of petroleum companies and defense contractors.

Ron represents energy and defense firms before federal, state and local courts and agencies in transactions, contracts and disputes. He appears as counsel before Defense Department agencies (DLA-Energy), military commands, Boards of Contract Appeals, the Government Accountability Office, the United States Court of Federal Claims and other forums. Ron's professional work includes bidding and negotiation of contracts, litigation of contract claims, congressional and criminal investigations, the amicable settlement of disputes, and planning how to win and expand government business. Among the more significant matters Ron has handled are:

- Successful prosecution of a bid protest on behalf of a large petroleum refiner resulting in the award of a \$300 million jet fuel contract.
- Successful defense of bid protests resulting in our client retaining military contracts valued in excess of \$3.0 billion.
- Successful settlements at the Department of Justice in a \$9.0 million False Claims Act case and a \$3.5 million contract termination claim.
- Favorable decision at the Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals involving a \$1.0 billion military fuel contract.

Ron is the author of *Selling Energy to the United States Military, National Petrochemical and Refiners Association*, 1999 and *Facing a Fraud Investigation, Federal Publications, Inc.*, 1986. He speaks to government and industry groups on energy and defense matters. Ron has been quoted in *Newsweek*, *The Nation*, *The Washington Post*, *The New York Times* and *The Miami Herald* on energy and defense contracting issues.

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Ron served for 10 years as an attorney with DLA-Energy (formerly the Defense Energy Support Center) and the Department of Justice (Defense Procurement Fraud Unit). He is a graduate of the State University of New York and the George Washington University National Law Center. He is a member of the bars of the District of Columbia and Virginia and is admitted to practice before the United States Court of Federal Claims, United States District Court for the District of Columbia and the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia.

## HIGHLIGHTS

### **ADMISSIONS:**

- Commonwealth of Virginia
- District of Columbia
- 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

### **EDUCATION AND COURSES:**

- State University of New York at Albany, B.A.
- George Washington University, J.D. and LL.M.

### **PRACTICE AREAS:**

- Government Contracts
- Construction and Infrastructure

### **MEMBERSHIPS:**

- National Petrochemical and Refiners Association
- National Petroleum Management Association

### **PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

- “Selling Energy to the United States Military,” *National Petrochemical and Refiners Association*, 1999.
- “Facing a Fraud Investigation,” *Federal Publications, Inc.*, 1986.
- Quoted in *Newsweek*, *The Nation*, *The Washington Post*, *The New York Times* and *The Miami Herald* on energy and defense contracting issues.