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Mr. Brainard's principal practice area is government contract law, corporate compliance, and government audit guidance. Using his vast experience as inside counsel to major government contractors, Mr. Brainard counsels clients on all aspects of government contracting from compliance to proposal preparation to equitable adjustments to contract close-out. Mr. Brainard also represents clients in government audit matters including indirect rate development and internal control reviews. Mr. Brainard develops complete government compliance programs strategically designed to focus on critical management controls. Mr. Brainard also has extensive experience working with and developing small businesses, including SBA Section 8(a), HUBZone, and veteran-owned business registries. He is active in the Department of Defense Mentor-Protege Program and has won five Nunn-Perry Awards. Prior to joining General Counsel, P.C., Mr. Brainard founded The Brainard Group, LLC in 2007 and served large and small businesses in a wide variety of government compliance and legal initiatives. His clients were able to enjoy significant successes in government compliance matters by strategically implementing key compliance program elements. Over the course of his career, Mr. Brainard has designed risk management and compliance programs for major contractors that have resulted in extreme reductions in legal costs and claims. He designed and implemented a government compliance assessment program that helped a debarred contractor reduce the debarment period. Mr. Brainard is a member of the State Bar of California and has been admitted to practice by the United States Supreme Court. He participates in fundraising for the Community Foundation of Northern Virginia, and is a frequent public speaker on a wide variety of contracts and compliance topics.