



Sam Kidd

Of Counsel

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Sam is an experienced advocate who is outcome oriented and focused on protecting clients' interests in the aerospace, defense, and energy industries.

Companies look to Sam to help them understand and navigate government procurement opportunities and disputes when they arise. Leveraging his years of federal government and litigation experience, Sam works with stakeholders through all phases of litigation to provide strategic guidance and insights.

Sam has cultivated a dynamic practice, having served in the US Air Force for more than twenty years, including thirteen years as a Judge Advocate advising decision makers on a broad set of national security issues to include serving as a Deputy Legal Counsel to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He also served for two years as General Counsel/Chief of Staff for the Section 809 Panel, an independent Department of Defense (DoD) advisory committee tasked with developing defense acquisition reform recommendations for DoD and Congress. Sam draws on his experience to help clients achieve favorable outcomes in Wyoming and Idaho Federal District Courts and Wyoming State Court. Sam also has extensive experience lobbying on behalf of his clients' interests before the Wyoming legislature.

As a graduate of the United States Air Force Academy and retired Air Force officer, Sam has experience leading and coaching teams to achieve desired outcomes in high stakes environments.

PRACTICES

Business Litigation
Government Contracts
State Government Affairs

INDUSTRIES

Aerospace and Defense
Energy and Resources
Technology
Renewable Energy and Storage
Data Centers

EDUCATION

Air Command and Staff College, M.A.,
Military Operational Art and Science,
2016

University of Wisconsin Law School, J.D.,
2009

cum laude

United States Air Force Academy, B.S.,
2002

BAR ADMISSIONS

Wyoming
Wisconsin

COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. District Court for the District of
Wyoming
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed
Forces
Air Force Court of Criminal Appeals

EXPERIENCE

Government Contracts

- Small-Business Innovative Research/Small Business Technology Transfer Contracts
- Government Rights in Data and Intellectual Property
- Other Transaction Agreements
- State and Federal Protests
- Freedom of Information Act

Business Litigation

- Commercial Contract Disputes
- Business Disputes

- Tort Litigation
- Appeals of State Agency Decisions

Government Affairs

- Lobbying the Wyoming Legislature
- Developing Relationships with Wyoming State Agencies
- Guiding Clients through Regulatory Process for Developing Nuclear Energy Projects

CLIENT RESULTS

Secured ex parte temporary restraining order and both mandatory and prohibitive preliminary injunctions to protect client's natural gas pipelines from imminent harm as a result of third-party encroachment.

Helped draft and ensure passage of legislation in the Wyoming legislature critical to client's interests, and helped defeat legislation that would have adversely impacted client interests and the Wyoming business community.

Protected clients' intellectual property and other interests by tailoring data rights and other clauses in Small-Business Innovative Research and other government procurement contracts/agreements and subcontracts under such agreements.

PUBLICATIONS

"Federal Circuit Clarifies Bid Protest Standing: Must Be Actual or Prospective Bidder," *Government Contracts Update*, September 3, 2025

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

"Accelerating Commercial Advanced Microreactor Development," *The Foundation for Natural Resources and Energy Law (FNREL)*, February 23, 2026

PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

- Ewing T. Kerr American Inn of Court, President
- Cheyenne Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors
- Cheyenne Jr. Tribe, Youth Basketball Coach