

## The Aerospace & Defense Forum: Protecting Intellectual Property Rights Under Government Contracts

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### Protecting Intellectual Property Rights Under Government Contracts

If your company transacts business with the Government, ownership, control, and protection of your IP is governed by a complex set of regulations. The requirements are not only complicated but also unforgiving. It is therefore critical for government contractors to understand the regulations, to develop a sound IP strategy, and to implement policies and procedures for protecting their IP rights.

Our panel will focus on best practices for protecting IP under government contracts. Topics of discussion will include:

- Understanding the allocation of license rights under the standard government contracts clauses
- Developing a data rights strategy
- Identifying problematic government contracts clauses
- Negotiating custom license terms with the government
- The role and limitations of standard commercial software licenses under government contracts
- Avoiding pitfalls that can result in the government acquiring broader rights
- License rights as between prime contractors and subcontractors

**Panelists:**

- Mr. Keith Szeliga, Partner, Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP
- Mr. Brian Sweeney, Vice President and General Counsel, Aerojet Rocketdyne, Inc.
- Mr. Ryan J. Friedl, Patent Attorney, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center Pacific
- (Moderator) Mr. John Tishler, Partner, Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP

## **About the Forum**

The Aerospace and Defense Forum is a global aerospace and defense leadership community of over 1500 individuals that provides opportunities for sharing of information, current events, and analysis, mutual support and encouragement, partnering, innovation, and performance breakthroughs.

- *Attendance at this event is free for A&D Forum members and \$40 for non-members.*
- *Beer, wine and appetizers provided during networking.*
- *Parking is free--located next to both entrances of the building.*
- *Bring a business card--they will be duplicated and everyone will get a copy of all attendees' cards.*
- *Attire is business casual.*

**Questions?** Contact Rheanna Smith at [rsmith@sheppardmullin.com](mailto:rsmith@sheppardmullin.com).