

Richard C. Loeb

Richard C. Loeb is a nationally known expert on government contracting law. A long-time career member of the federal Senior Executive Service, he served in the Office of Federal Procurement Policy, Office of Management and Budget (OMB) from 1987 – 2005, under both Democratic and Republican Administrations. As Executive Secretary and Counsel of the Cost Accounting Standards Board in OMB from 1991 – 2005 and as Acting Deputy Administrator of OFPP from 2001 - 2002, Mr. Loeb demonstrated a strong commitment to demanding value and transparency in government contracting across the federal government.

Mr. Loeb has published numerous articles and book chapters on government contract law topics, led hundreds of seminars and training sessions on government contracts and administrative law, chaired several American Bar Association (ABA) Section of Public Contract Law Committees, including the Committee on Accounting Cost and Pricing, and the Committee on Employment, Safety and Labor, and has been a member of the advisory board of Thomson Reuters flagship government contracts publication, *The Government Contractor*, since 1993. He is currently an adjunct professor of government contract law at the University of Baltimore School of Law, and previously taught government contract law at the Catholic University of America.

For the past year, Mr. Loeb has been working with the American Economic Liberties Project (AELP) to increase competitiveness in federal contracting policies. In June 2020, he published an AELP paper entitled, “Caveat Emptor: Reversing the Anti-Competitive and Over-Pricing Policies that Plague Government Contracting,” available at: <https://www.economicliberties.us/our-work/caveat-emptor-reversing-the-anti-competitive-and-over-pricing-policies-that-plague-government-contracting/>

In August 2020, the American Civil Liberties Union asked Mr. Loeb to file a brief *amicus curiae* before the Supreme Court in *Fulton v. Philadelphia*. In his brief, Mr. Loeb urged that governments have the right to demand that all entities receiving government contracts abide by the terms of the contract, i.e., that the City of Philadelphia’s Fair Practices Ordinance can require contractors not to discriminate against same sex couples seeking to foster children. (See *The New York Review of Books*, Dec 3, 2020, “A New Assault on Marriage Equality,” by David Cole, for an excellent discussion of the case.)

Besides government contracting and procurement law, Mr. Loeb has deep knowledge of federal appropriations law, fiscal issues, federal personnel law, and occupational health and safety law. His legal experience encompasses virtually every aspect of federal agency administrative law, from ethics requirements to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) to agency rulemaking processes. Subsequent to his service at OMB, Mr. Loeb served as the Executive Director, and later as General Counsel, at two small federal agencies.

In 2016, he retired from the federal government, after 36 years of service, to become Senior Counsel for Policy in the Office of the National President, American Federation of Government Employees, where he works *inter alia*, on issues relating to privatization of the health care programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Mr. Loeb received his JD from Case Western Reserve University School of Law and his BA, with honors, from the University of Maryland. He is admitted to the Court of Appeals of Maryland and the District of Columbia, and is an elected Life Fellow of the American Bar Foundation.