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Practice Areas

Government Contracts

False Claims Act

Native American Law & Tribal Advocacy

Bid Protests

Education

Georgetown University Law Center,
J.D., 1986

Tulane University, B.A., 1983, *cum laude*

University of Madrid, Junior Year Abroad
Honors Program, 1982

Bar/Court Admissions

District of Columbia

Maryland

Florida

U.S. District Court, Southern District of
Florida

U.S. District Court, District of Columbia

U.S. Court of Federal Claims

U.S. District Court, District of Maryland

Tony brings more than three decades of experience giving advice and counsel to PilieroMazza's diverse client base. He is recognized by clients and industry peers for his ability to anticipate risks, resolve problems before they escalate, and provide practical, business-minded guidance that drives results. Clients rely on him not only as a trusted legal advisor, but as a true partner in protecting their interests and advancing their business goals.

For government contractors and commercial businesses facing high-stakes legal and regulatory challenges, Tony delivers practical, actionable solutions that help clients stay in compliance, avoid costly pitfalls, and operate with confidence. As clients' needs evolved, Tony expanded his practice to support their corporate and transactional needs, working closely with attorneys in the Firm's Business & Transactions Group on corporate transactions, particularly as they relate to the portfolio of government contracts held by the Firm's clients. Tony also works with the Labor & Employment Group on employer-employee challenges in the highly regulated market of government contracting.

As PilieroMazza's Managing Partner and former Chair of the Firm's Government Contracts Group, Tony draws on decades of seasoned experience to advise clients on the full spectrum of government contracting matters. He guides clients through:

- protests and claims against the federal government before the GAO, Court of Federal Claims and Boards of Contract Appeals;
- size and status protest and appeals before the Small Business Administration;
- commercial and contractual disputes;
- investigations and compliance audits;
- suspension and debarment proceedings; and

- entity formation, including joint ventures, operating agreements, and shareholder agreements.

Tony is particularly effective in representing the interests of small business GovCons pursuing opportunities as a prime or subcontractor under SBA's small business programs. He advises on teaming arrangements, joint ventures, strategic partnerships, defending award (in size, status, and bid protests), and compliance with the FAR and small business programs. Additionally, Tony's client base includes representing Tribes, Alaska Native Corporations, Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Small Businesses, HUBZone firms, Woman-Owned Small Businesses, and 8(a) contractors, as well as their teaming partners, mentors, and protégés.