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Hannah Benson advises businesses and organizations on government contracts, regulatory compliance, and corporate governance matters — bringing firsthand federal agency perspective to clients operating in Alaska and beyond.

Before joining Dorsey & Whitney, Hannah worked directly within the U.S. Department of Defense, where she gained ground-level experience with federal contracting frameworks, labor and employment requirements, and the regulatory demands placed on government contractors — experience she now applies on behalf of clients navigating those same systems.

Hannah advises on environmental matters and corporate governance and compliance, including issues specific to Alaska Native Corporations (ANCs). She recently authored analysis of Alaska HB 126 and its implications for ANCs, proxy filings, and annual reporting obligations — reflecting her focus on the regulatory and governance issues that matter most to clients operating in Alaska's distinctive legal landscape.

Her government contracts practice covers both counseling and litigation, helping clients structure compliant programs, respond to regulatory scrutiny, and resolve disputes. Hannah's background in federal agency operations gives her a practical understanding of how government decisions are made.

Select Experience

- Advised Alaska Native corporations on novel issues involving stock issuance, shareholder rights, and corporate governance.
- Assisted Alaska municipalities in revising sections of their city codes and drafting enacting ordinances for city council adoption, enabling the collection of additional tax and fine revenue.
- Advised tribal entity on complex, multi-site energy infrastructure projects involving real property, regulatory compliance, and grant compliance.

Education

- University of Washington School of Law (J.D., 2022)
- Montana State University (B.A., Business Management, 2018)
 - *summa cum laude*

Bar Admissions

- Alaska
- Washington

Charitable & Civic Involvement

- Member, Anchorage Association of Women Lawyers