



Press Release

Alexandria, VA – January 5, 2026 – The Sander Group, PLLC is pleased to announce the addition of Matthew (Matt) Pausch as a Senior Counsel. Matt focuses his practice on federal government contracts, compliance, and suspension and debarment actions.

Prior to joining The Sander Group, Matt served as the Chief Counsel of the Army Material Command's (AMC) Legal Center at Rock Island Arsenal, Illinois from July 2021 until September 2025 (supporting Army Sustainment Command, Joint Munitions Command and Army Contracting Command – Rock Island (ACC-RI)) when he retired from civilian Federal Service. As part of his service in Rock Island, Matt provided guidance on critical procurement and fiscal law issues regarding multi-billion-dollar procurements involving strategic Army logistics programs and addressed significant issues on several Army information technology procurements awarded by ACC-RI.

Prior to joining the AMC Legal Center in Rock Island, Matt previously served as the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) General Counsel from March 2019 to July 2021, where he was responsible for providing legal and business advice for DLA's worldwide common supply and logistics mission. Matt's work included leading the effort to resolve ongoing litigation arising out of DLA contractor support to CENTCOM, ultimately resulting in significant savings for the Government, as well as providing key guidance to senior DoD decision-makers on critical Whole of Government procurement efforts supporting the Government-wide COVID-19 response effort.

Matt also served as the Chief Counsel of the AMC Legal Center at Warren, Michigan (supporting the Army's Tank-automotive and Armaments Command (TACOM), Program Executive Office (PEO) Ground Combat Systems, PEO Combat Support & Combat Service Support, and ACC-Warren) from July 2014 until March 2019. During Matt's tenure with AMC in Warren, he was responsible for the legal team supporting successful multi-year procurements for several Army systems and established an enhanced procurement fraud program that became an AMC and Army model. Throughout his extensive DoD career, Matt acquired deep expertise in Defense procurement, including high dollar source selections, policy determinations and the strategic planning that goes into major Defense logistics programs.

“Matt is an All-Star Person and All-Star Acquisition and Government Contracts Attorney. There are not too many people who know Federal Government Contract Law, especially as it pertains to the National Security and Defense Sectors, better than Matt.” said The Honorable Robert J. Sander, Founding Partner of The Sander Group.

Matt also held numerous leadership positions within DLA prior to his assumption of the position in Warren, Michigan, including serving as the Chief Counsel for DLA Disposition Services, as a Program Manager for DLA outsourcing, and other senior positions.

During his 36+ years of service to the Nation, Matt was awarded three Exceptional Civilian Service Awards, two Meritorious Civilian Service Awards and a Superior Civilian Service Awards.

Matt received his Juris Doctorate from the University of Illinois (UoI) College of Law in 1986 and received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in History from the UoI in 1983. Matt also received his Masters Degree in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Air Force War College in 2000. Matt previously held a Top Secret/Sensitive Compartmented Information (TS-SCI) Security Clearance.

“The Sander Group prides itself on The Three C’s of Hiring – Character, Competence, and Compatibility. Matt and I have known each other for years and worked together through our various Army and DLA roles. Matt is one of those high-quality people that exemplifies these characteristics and fits perfectly into our firm culture.” said Sander. “The Sander Group and our Clients are fortunate to have Matt join the Team as this latest addition to the Firm!”

About The Sander Group

The Sander Group, PLLC is a National Security and Government Contracts Law Firm that was formed in September 2023 by the Honorable Robert J. Sander, who was the Former General Counsel of the Navy and the only person in U.S. History to have served as the Chief Legal Officer of both the Army and the Navy. The Sander Group provides legal services and consulting focusing primarily on National Security, Government Contracts, Compliance, and Litigation-Related matters.

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