



Ray Jones Highlights Proposed Federal Grant Rule Changes in University Business

Spencer Fane attorney [Raymond Jones](#) authored the article [What These Proposed Grant Rules Mean for Your Next Proposal](#), recently published by *University Business*.

In his article, originally a firm [blog post](#), Ray discusses the Office of Management and Budget's proposed changes to the Uniform Guidance and how they could reshape the federal research grant process for colleges and universities. He examines the practical implications for proposal development, compliance, budgeting, and research administration if the rules are finalized. Ray also outlines key steps institutions can take to prepare for the potential changes and navigate the evolving federal funding landscape.

"Grant administrators will likely face severe challenges framing long-term multi-year proposals, securing matching institutional commitments, or negotiating subcontracts when the underlying award can be unilaterally canceled mid-project without recourse. That reshapes commitments made on the strength of an award: graduate student support, multi-year hires, cost-share pledges, renovation plans," Ray wrote.

At the firm, Ray specializes in mergers and acquisitions and government contracting matters for technology companies serving the U.S. Department of Defense and intelligence community. With more than 25 years of legal experience combining in-depth aerospace engineering knowledge, military service, and specialized legal practice, he provides integrated counsel to government contractors navigating complex transactions and regulatory requirements.

Read Ray's full article [here](#).