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Robynne Thaxton (formerly Parkinson) JD, FDBIA is one of the leading experts in construction law and alternative procurement both in Washington State and on a national basis. Robynne was appointed by Governor Jay Inslee to the Washington State Capitol Projects Advisory Review Board, which advises the Washington State Legislature on all proposed laws regarding public procurement. In addition, she served on the National Design Build Institute of America Board of Directors from 2010 – 2016 and was named to the inaugural class of DBIA Designated Fellows, which is the highest recognition of achievement for DBIA. She was the Chair of the DBIA National Education Committee, which was responsible for revising and developing DBIA's Universal Best Practices and is the current chair of the Progressive Design-Build Resources Committee, which is responsible for developing DBIA's PDB Best Practices. She is the former chair of the DBIA National Contracts Committee, where was instrumental in drafting and revising the DBIA form contracts and subcontracts. She served as the President of the Northwest Region for DBIA from 2008 to 2010 and chaired the NW Region Legal Committee from 2003 to 2020. Robynne was named as a Washington Super Lawyer in 2010-2022 and is the 2021 recipient of the DBIA Distinguished Leadership award. She is also a frequent lecturer for universities and industry organizations. Robynne has developed a specific expertise in the area of progressive design-build and is one of four approved instructors for DBIA's Progressive Design-Build Best Practices class. Robynne has advised public owners on more than 35 progressive design-build projects with a value of almost \$6 billion. PDBC is certified by the Washington State Office of Minority and Women Business Enterprises as a Washington Woman Business Enterprise and federal Disadvantaged Business Enterprise and a certified King County SCS.

COMMERCIAL LAWYER

- ❑ Thaxton Parkinson, PLLC
2008 to Present
- ❑ Progressive Design-Build Consulting, LLC
2018 to Present
- ❑ Groff Murphy PLLC:
Of Counsel 2001 to 2009
Partner 1998 to 2000
Associate, 1994 to 1997
- ❑ Seattle University Albers School of Management
Adjunct Professor, 2002 to 2005
- ❑ XO Communications, Inc. (Formerly Nextlink)
Director of Contract Administration 2000 to 2001
- ❑ Perkins Coie:
Associate, 1989 to 1994 (Anchorage and Seattle
Offices)

REPRESENTATIVE DESIGN-BUILD EXPERIENCE

Robynne is a practicing attorney and consultant and is one of the most experienced attorneys in the country with respect to design-build procurement and delivery. Her first design-build project was in 1996 for a private owner developing a golf course. Soon thereafter, she started working as outside counsel for Nextlink Communications developing their progressive design-build program building out their fiber optic backbone and ultimately became its in house resource for design-build contracts. Robynne has reviewed, drafted and negotiated numerous construction contracts for owners and general contractors, including design build and teaming agreements. Recent experience includes:

- ❑ Assisting Grant County PUD with the progressive design-build headquarters project (approx. \$200 million)
 - ❑ Assisting AECOM and the Toronto Transit Commission as the progressive design-build advisor for the Bloor-Yonge subway station expansion (approximately \$1.5 billion)
 - ❑ Assisting Benton County, WA with the Benton County Justice Center Project (approx. \$35 million)
 - ❑ Assisting Wenatchee Valley YMCA with its new sports facility (approx. \$28 million)
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- ❑ Assisting the City of Spokane Valley with the procurement documents and presentation before the CPARB PRC for the City Hall Renovation (approx. \$15 million)
- ❑ Assisting the City of Wenatchee, WA with its Confluence Parkway project (approx. \$180 million)
- ❑ Assisting Kedren Community Health with its progressive design-build new hospital projects (approx.. \$200 million)
- ❑ Assisting Haines Borough, AK with the progressive design-build Lutak Dock re-build (approx. \$25 million)
- ❑ Assisted Bonneville Power Association with the procurement, and contract for two progressive design-build projects, the Ross Campus Redevelopment (approx. \$500 million) and the Secondary Capacity Model (approx. \$750 million) as well as developed the BPA progressive design-build training program.
- ❑ Assisting Blue Mountain Community College in Pendleton, OR in developing the procurement documents and contract on its progressive design-build Farm II project (approximately \$20 million)
- ❑ Assisted Morrow County, OR with developing the procurement and contract documents for its progressive design-build administration building (\$12 million)
- ❑ Consulted with the University of California San Francisco on its progressive design-build Parnassus Research and Academic Building (approx. \$400 million) as well as providing training in progressive design-build.
- ❑ Consulted with the University of California System and University of California San Diego to develop the procurement documents and contract for the UCSD Triton Project (approx. \$300 million) and template documents for progressive design-build for the University of California system.
- ❑ Worked with the Washington State Department of Enterprise Services in developing their progressive design-build form contracts.
- ❑ Consulting with Nossaman LLP in the East County Advanced Water Purification Project progressive design-build construction in developing the procurement and contract documents for this progressive design-build project near San Diego, CA (approx. \$400 million)
- ❑ Consulting with the Washington State Department of Transportation on its Fish Passages progressive design-build project (approx. \$100 million), including developing and facilitating the procurement for the design-builder and obtaining approval from the CPARB PRC
- ❑ Assisted Western Washington University in obtaining permission from the CPARB PRC, developing the progressive design-build procurement and contract documents, facilitating the selection process and negotiating the contract for the PDB new Residence Hall Project (60 million), the PDB New Administration Building Project (\$10 million), the PDB Coast Salish House of Healing (\$4 million), and the GC/CM procurement and contract documents for the Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences Building (\$55 million)
- ❑ Assisting the City of Pasco with obtaining approval from the CPARB PRC for the Zone 3 Municipal Water Storage facility progressive design-build project (approx. \$29 million), the procurement documents, the contract, and providing training in PDB
- ❑ Assisted the North Mason Regional Fire Authority with obtaining approval from the CPARB PRC for its progressive design-build fire station project as well as the procurement documents and the contract (approx. \$10 million)
- ❑ Assisted the City of Richland with obtaining approval from the CPARB PRC for its progressive design-build fire station project as well as its procurement documents and contract (approx. \$9 million)
- ❑ Assisted the City of West Richland with obtaining approval from the CPARB PRC for its progressive design-build police facility project as well as the procurement documents and contract (approx. \$12 million).
- ❑ Assisted the City of Seattle with the elevator modernization project, replacing all of the elevators in the Seattle Municipal Tower (approx. \$22 million).
- ❑ Assisted Seattle City Light with developing the procurement documents and contract for the Boundary Dam Generator Overhaul Project (Units 51, 52, and 54) (\$61 million) and the Cedar River Substation Replacement (\$13 million)
- ❑ Assisted the City of Bothell with obtaining approval from the CPARB PRC, developing the procurement and contract documents, facilitating the selection process and negotiating the contract for the replacement of 2 fire stations. (\$35 million), and training on PDB

- ❑ Assisted Morrow County, OR with developing the procurement and contract documents for its progressive design-build administration building (\$12 million)
- ❑ Assisting Tacoma Power in developing the procurement and contract documents, facilitating the selection process and negotiating the contract for the Alder Hydroelectric re-wind (approx. \$10 million) and the Cushman Hydroelectric re-wind (approx. \$25 million).
- ❑ Developed ten design-build training modules for the Washington State Department of Transportation.
- ❑ With Hill International, assisted with developing design-build best practices white papers for Washington State Legislature Joint Transportation Commission
- ❑ Assisted with developing the procurement and contract for the Los Angeles County Correctional Treatment Facility (\$1.8 billion)
- ❑ Obtaining approval from the CPARB PRC and developing the RFQ/RFP and progressive design-build contract for the renovation of the City of Spokane Riverfront Park Pavilion Project (\$18 million)
- ❑ Obtaining approval from the CPARB PRC and developing the RFQ/RFP and progressive design-build contract for the Okanogan County PUD Enloe Dam Powerhouse Project (\$40 million)
- ❑ Consulted with the City of Portland to develop the RFQ/RFP and progressive design-build contract for renovation of the Portland Building, a historic landmark (\$100 million)
- ❑ Developed the RFQ/RFP and design-build contract for the Port of Seattle's Hardstand Project at Seattle/Tacoma International Airport (\$24 million) and the Alternative Utility Facility at Seattle/Tacoma International Airport (\$28 million)
- ❑ Developed the RFQ/RFP and progressive design-build contract for progressive design-build renovation of the International Arrivals Facility at Seattle/Tacoma International Airport (\$650 million).
- ❑ Responsible for drafting the form RFQ/RFP and RFQ/RFP Guide for the DBIA national form contracts.
- ❑ Obtaining approval from the CPARB PRC and developed the RFQ/RFP and progressive design-build contract for the City of Richland Town Hall Project (approx. \$12.5 million) and 3 fire stations (approximately \$3 million each)
- ❑ Developed the RFQ/RFP and progressive design-build contract for the Spokane Convention Center Sportsplex facility (approx. \$25 million)
- ❑ Obtaining approval from the CPARB PRC and developed the RFQ/RFP and progressive design-build contract for the Grant County Public Utility District Substation Reliability Project (approx. \$13 million) and the Load Growth Project (approx. \$33 million)
- ❑ Drafted design-build agreement for progressive design-build manufacturing facility (approx. \$20 million).
- ❑ Drafted design-build agreement and reviewed procurement documents for City of Spokane Refueling Station (approx. \$14 million).
- ❑ Drafted design-build agreement and reviewed procurement documents for Spokane County Convention Center (approx. \$40 million)
- ❑ Drafted design-build agreement for the City of Tacoma's Rainier's Stadium (approx.. \$40 million).
- ❑ Drafted and helped manage progressive design-build program for national fiber optic buildout for XO Communications (approx. \$250 million)

EDUCATION

J.D., University of Colorado School of Law, 1989

B.A., University of Texas at Austin, 1986

INDUSTRY ORGANIZATIONS

- ❑ DBIA National Education Committee, Chair 2021-present
- ❑ DBIA National Board Development Committee, 2017 to present
- ❑ Washington State Capital Projects Advisory Review Board, 2019-present
 - Chair, Board Development Committee

- Vice Chair, Legislation Reauthorization Committee
- Design-Build Best Practices Committee
- DBIA Fellow 2018 to present
- Seattle Public Schools BEX/BTA Capital Programs Oversight Committee 2022 to present
- DBIA National Contracts Committee, 2007 to present
- DBIA National Board of Directors, 2010-2016
- DBIA National Legal and Legislation Committee, Chair 2013-2017
- DBIA NW Region Board
 - President 2008-2010
 - Secretary 2006-2008
 - Chair Legal and Legislation Committee, 2003-2020
 - Regional Board, 2003-2020

RECENT SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND SEMINARS

“Progressive Design-Build Best Practices”, DBIA National Course. One of four approved instructors.

“Design-Build Contract and Risk Management” Design Build Institute of America. Since 2004, instructed this course over 100 times in 20 states

“New DBIA Best Practices”, DBIA National Conference, November 2022

“Comparison of Design-Build Form Contracts”, DBIA National Conference, November 2022

“Design-Build Legislation”, DBIA National Conference, November 2022

“Progressive Design-Build Delivery Method: Why Owners Choose it, and What the Designer Should Know”, American Institute of Architects Project Delivery Symposium, March 2022

“Assessing, Assigning, and Managing Risks and Contingencies for Design-Build Projects”, General Session DBIA National Convention, November 2021

“Managing Design Professional Consultants” American Bar Association Forum on the Construction Industry Fall Conference, October 2021 and article in The Construction Lawyer, Summer 2022

“Nuts and Bolts of Design-Build” Idaho Public Purchasing Association, September 2021

“Procurement from the Owner’s Perspective”, DBIA National Convention October 2020

“Design-Build Past Present and Future” Washington State Bar Assn Construction Section Seminar June 2020

“Coronavirus – Impact on Construction Contracts” WPL Publishing Webinar April 2020

“Best Practices in Progressive Design-Build,” DBIA National Conference, one of two approved instructors, taught over 25 times since 2019

“Progressive Design-Build”, A4LE National Conference, Chicago October 2018

“Nuts and Bolts of Progressive Design-Build: The Performance”, DBIA Webinar June 2018

“Nuts and Bolts of Progressive Design-Build: The Contract”, DBIA Webinar April 2018

“Nuts and Bolts of Progressive Design-Build: The Procurement”, DBIA Webinar March 2018

“The New DBIA Form RFQ and RFP”, DBIA Webinar March 2017

“Progressive Design-Build”, California Community Colleges Facilities Coalition Annual Convention, November 2016

“Comparison of DBIA, AIA, ConsensusDocs Form Contracts”, AGC BuildCon, Oct 2016; DBIA National Conference, November 2016; Construction Superconference December 2016; AGC Webinar, April 2017.

“New DBIA Form RFQ/RFP”, DBIA National Conference, November 2016; DBIA Water/Waste water conference March 2017; DBIA Transportation conference March 2017

“Progressive Design-Build in Transportation”, DBIA Transportation Conference General Session, April 2016

“Progressive Design-Build in Washington,” DBIA Northwest Region Breakfast, March 2016

“DBIA Contract Focus: The RFQ/RFP Process, the Owner’s Considerations”, DBIA Webinar October 2015

"DBIA Contract Focus: Form Contracts," DBIA Webinar August 2015

"ENR Construction Risk Summit, The Colorado VA Mess and Beyond" Dallas, TX June 2015

"Legal Issues in Alternative Procurement", Pacific NW CMAA Chapter, March 2015

"Emerging Trends in Design/Build Projects" American Conference Institute, New York, NY February 2015

"Metcalf Construction v. U.S.", Construction Superconference, Las Vegas, NV December 2014

"Modern Application of the Spearin Doctrine", Washington State DES Client Workshop October 2014

"DBIA Contract Focus on the Prime/Sub Relationship", DBIA Webinar June 2014

"DBIA Contract Focus on the Procurement Process", DBIA Webinar, February 2014

"The Five Risks You Never Saw Coming That Could Badly Damage Your Business", ENR Webinar November 2013

"Best Practices Implementing Washington's New Legislation", DBIA NW Region Owner's Forum, November 2013

"DBIA Contract Focus on the Prime Relationship", DBIA Webinar November 2013

"Metcalf Construction v. U.S.: How the Duty of Independent Site Investigation Negated Owner's Duty to Pay", American Bar Association Webinar, July 23, 2013