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Robynne Thaxton (formerly Parkinson) is one of the leading experts in construction law and alternative procurement both in Washington State and on a national basis. She served on the National Design Build Institute of America Board of Directors from 2010 - 2016. She also serves on the Washington State Capital Projects Advisory Review Board. In addition, she is the former Vice Chair of the DBIA Education Committee, which is responsible for revising and developing all of DBIA's educational courses, and the former chair of the DBIA National Legal and Legislation Committee, where she continues to serve and is instrumental in drafting and revising the DBIA form Design-Build contracts and subcontracts. She served as the President of the Northwest Region for DBIA from 2008 to 2010 and continues on its Board of Directors as co-chair of the NW Region Legal Committee. Robynne was named as a Washington Super Lawyer in 2010-2019. Robynne is a frequent lecturer for universities and industry organizations. Robynne's philosophy of providing practical, business based advice reflects her substantial experience in both the construction industry and employment field. Robynne started her own legal and consulting firm in 2008 so that she could advise owners and a wider range of clients with their construction projects. Robynne has developed a specific expertise in the area of progressive design-build and is one of two approved instructors for DBIA's Progressive Design-Build Best Practices class.

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 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 their 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 design-build experience includes:

- ❑ 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 the University of California system.
 - ❑ 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)
 - ❑ Assisting the City of Bothell with developing the procurement and contract documents, facilitating the selection process and negotiating the contract for the replacement of 2 fire stations. (\$35 million)
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- ❑ Assisting Tacoma Power in developing the procurement and contract documents, facilitating the selection process and negotiating the contract for the Alder Hydroelectric re-wind.
- ❑ Assisted Western Washington University in developing the procurement and contract documents, facilitating the selection process and negotiating the contract for the new Residence Hall Project (60 million) and the New Administration Building Project (\$10 million)
- ❑ Developed eight 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
- ❑ Assisting with developing the procurement and contract for the Los Angeles County Correctional Treatment Facility (\$1.8 billion)
- ❑ Developing the RFQ/RFP and progressive design-build contract for the renovation of the City of Spokane Riverfront Park Pavilion Project (\$18 million)
- ❑ Developing the RFQ/RFP and progressive design-build contract for the Okanagan 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 Arrivals Airport (\$24 million)
- ❑ Developed the procurement and contract for the design and construction of the Port of Seattle's Alternative Utility Facility at Seattle/Tacoma International Arrivals 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.
- ❑ Developed the RFQ/RFP and progressive design-build contract for the City of Richland Town Hall Project (approx. \$12.5 million)
- ❑ Developed the RFQ/RFP and progressive design-build contract for the City of Liberty Lake Town Center project (approx. \$13 million)
- ❑ Developed the RFQ/RFP and progressive design-build contract for the Spokane Convention Center Sportsplex facility (approx. \$25 million)
- ❑ 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 the City of Richland progressive design-build, build to budget fire station (approx. \$2.3 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)

EDUCATION

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

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

RECENT SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND SEMINARS

"Design-Build Contract and Risk Management" Design Build Institute of America. Since 2004, instructed this course over 60 times in 20 states

"Best Practices in Progressive Design-Build," DBIA National Conference, New Orleans (November 2018); DBIA classes across the country 2019

"Progressive Design-Build", A4LE National Conference, Chicago (scheduled for October 2018)

"Nuts and Bolts of Progressive Design-Build: The Performance", DBIA Webinar (scheduled for 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

"Construction Delivery Methods", Society of College and University Planners, Portland, OR November 2013

"Scope of the Arbitrator's Authority", American Arbitration Association Webinar, October 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

"The Use of Lean Construction Techniques in Design-Build Delivery", Lean Construction Institute National Congress, October 2012; LCI Cascadia Practice, November 2013

"New DBIA Contract Documents" DBIA National Convention, New Orleans, LA November 2012

"Risk Allocation in Design-Build Delivery", Northwest Construction Consumer's Council, October 2012

"Construction Update" Washington State General Administration Client Workshop, November 2010, 2011

"Taking Design-Build to the Next Level", DBIA National Conference presentation with Barbara Jackson, October 2010

"The Benefits of Integrated Delivery Techniques: IPD and Design-Build Compared", DBIA National Conference presentation with Tom Porter, Kim Lum, and Craig Unger, October 2010

"Design-Build Risk Factors", Joint ACEC, DBIA NW Region half day conference, March 2010

"Risk Evaluation in Design Build Contracts", CSI (Construction Specifications Institute) seminar, December 2009

"The Revised DBIA Family of Documents", DBIA National Conference presentation with Michael Loulakis, Bennett Greenberg and William Quatman, November 2009

REFERENCES

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