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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, and she served as Vice-Chair to the CPARB alternative procurement re-authorization committee and is, therefore, fully updated on the changes to RCW 39.10. 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. She is the Chair of the DBIA National Progressive Design-Build Committee, which is responsible for drafting the DBIA Best Practices documents for progressive design-build, and the former chair of the DBIA National Education Committee as well as the Legal and Legislation Committee, where she 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 also serves on the Seattle Public Schools BEX/BTA Oversight Committee. 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. She has developed a specific expertise in the area of progressive design-build and is one of only a few approved instructors for DBIA's Progressive Design-Build Best Practices class.

Thaxton Parkinson PLLC is a certified WBE and DBE by the Washington Office of Minority and Women Business Enterprises. Robynne was admitted to practice in the State of Washington in 1991, WSBA #21173.

COMMERCIAL LAWYER AND CONSULTANT

- ❑ 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 its in house resource for design-build contracts. Robynne not only drafts and negotiates the contracts, she also assists owners in developing a procurement process that is customized to select the right design-build team for the project. Recent design-build experience includes:

- ❑ Progressive Design-Build Advisor for the City of Toronto Bloor-Yonge subway station expansion (approx. \$1.5 billion)
 - ❑ Assisting the Washington State Department of Transportation as a progressive design-build advisor for its Kitsap Fish Passages project (approx. \$400 million)
 - ❑ Assisting the Grant County Public Utility District with the progressive design-build renovation of its headquarters building (approx. \$100 million)
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- ❑ Assisting the City of Spokane Valley with the progressive design-build repair of its City Hall (approx. \$11 million)
- ❑ Assisting City of Wenatchee with the progressive design-build Confluence Parkway project (approx. \$180 million)
- ❑ Assisting Benton County with the progressive design-build justice center project (approx. \$35 million)
- ❑ Assisting Seattle City Light with developing the procurement documents and contract for the Broad Street Substation Switchgear Project (\$20 million); assisted with the Boundary Dam Generator Overhaul Project (Units 51, 52, and 54) (\$61 million) and the Cedar River Substation Replacement (\$13 million)
- ❑ Assisting Wenatchee Valley YMCA in the progressive design-build YMCA building project (approx. \$28 million)
- ❑ Assisting Blue Mountain Community College with the progressive design-build Farm II Arena project (approx. \$12 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. \$60 million)
- ❑ Assisting Bonneville Power Association with two progressive design-build projects, the Ross Campus Redevelopment (approx. \$500 million) and the Secondary Capacity Model (approx. \$750 million) and developed the BPA progressive design-build training program.
- ❑ Assisting Morrow County, OR with developing the procurement and contract documents for its progressive design-build administration building (\$12 million)
- ❑ Assisted Western Washington University in developing the procurement and contract documents, facilitating the selection process and negotiating the contract for the Coast Salish House of Healing (approx. \$3.5 million), new Residence Hall Project (progressive design-build, \$60 million), the New Administration Building Project (progressive design-build, \$10 million), the Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences Building (GC/CM, \$68 million), and the Coast Salish House of Healing (progressive design-build, \$4 million)
- ❑ 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.
- ❑ 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)
- ❑ Consulted with the University of California San Francisco in developing the procurement, contract, and training materials for the progressive design-build Parnassus Research and Academic Building (approx. \$700 million)
- ❑ Assisted the California Institute of Technology with the procurement and contract for the LIGO Exploration Center at the LIGO Hanford Observatory (approx. \$8 million)
- ❑ Assisted the City of Pasco with the Zone 3 Municipal Water Storage facility progressive design-build project. (approx. \$29 million)
- ❑ Assisted the North Mason Regional Fire Authority with its progressive design-build fire station project (approx. \$10 million)
- ❑ Consulting with the Washington State Department of Transportation on developing and facilitating the procurement for its Fish Passages progressive design-build project (approx. \$100 million)
- ❑ 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 (1 at \$9 million and 2 at \$3 million each)
- ❑ Assisted the City of West Richland with its progressive design-build police facility project (approx. \$12 million).
- ❑ Assisting the City of Seattle with the design-build elevator modernization project, replacing all of the elevators in the Seattle Municipal Tower (approx. \$30 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)
- ❑ 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. \$30 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)
- ❑ 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)
- ❑ 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 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.
- ❑ Developed the RFQ/RFP and progressive design-build contract for the Spokane Convention Center Sportsplex facility (approx. \$25 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

RECENT SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND SEMINARS

"Fair and Balanced: A Look at the DBIA Contracts", DBIA National Convention, Las Vegas, NV, November 2022

"The Path to Design-Build Authority" DBIA National Convention, Las Vegas, NV, November 2022

"DBIA Refreshing Our Best Practices" DBIA National Convention, Las Vegas, NV, November 2022

"Managing Design Professional Consultants: Methods, Challenges, and Potential Liabilities, Co-Author, Construction Lawyer, Volume 42, Issue 1, Spring 2022

"Developing Contingencies", DBIA National Convention, Denver, CO, November 2021

"Working with Design Professional Consultants", American Bar Association Forum on the Construction Industry, Seattle, WA October 2021, published in *The Construction Lawyer*, Spring 2022

"Procurement from the Owner's Perspective", DBIA National Convention, Virtual, October 2020

"Design-Build Past Present and Future" Washington State Bar Assn Construction Section Seminar, Virtual, June 2020

"Coronavirus – Impact on Construction Contracts" WPL Publishing Webinar April 2020

"Progressive Design-Build Best Practices", DBIA National Course.

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

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

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