

Colorado Department of Transportation
Dispute Review Board (DRB) Candidate Solicitation

This form is to be filled out electronically. Type your answers in the grey areas in the space allowed by the boxes. You can use the Tab key to go from one field to the next. When you have completed this form, save it to your computer, then attach your form in an email to Mark.Straub@state.co.us with the Subject line as “(Your name)’s DRB-CS Form”. Do not include any other attachments to this form.

1. Candidate Information

Name: ROBERT H. CRICK, JR.	Employer: ROBERT CRICK LAW FIRM, PLLC		
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2. Education

University/College	Degree	Year Graduated
1. GONZAGA SCHOOL OF LAW	JURIS DOCTORATE	1996
2. GONZAGA UNIVERSITY	MASTER'S BUSINESS ADMIN.	1996
3. UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON	BACHELOR'S BUSINESS ADMIN.	1969

3. Professional Licenses/Certifications and Professional Organizations

1. WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION	2. FEDERAL CIRCUIT BAR ASSOCIATION
3. AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION	4. INLAND NORTHWEST AGC (ASSOCIATE)

3. Major Employment History

Employer	Number of Years Employed	Your Job Title(s)
1. ROBERT CRICK LAW FIRM	2	ATTORNEY & PRINCIPAL
2. WINSTON & CASHATT	13.5	ATTORNEY & PRINCIPAL
3. WESTWOOD CORP.	3	SENIOR ESTIMATOR & FIELD MANAGER
4. MAX J. KUNEY CO.	9	ESTIMATOR & PROJECT MANAGER

5. Experience and General Information: (continued on page 2)

<p>1. Describe your major areas of work experience/expertise:</p> <p>I come from a construction family. My grandfather and father were both contractors. I began working in the family business in the 7th grade. I spent my summers and vacations working in the field from that point until I completed my undergraduate education, when I went to work full time in the construction industry. I spent many years working as a project manager and estimator. Later in life, I returned to school to obtain my MBA/JD. Since that time, my law practice has focused on construction claims and disputes.</p>
<p>2. Describe your experience with construction claims:</p> <p>I have unique experience with construction claims. I have participated in the claims process as field operations manager, a project manager, an estimator, and as an attorney. Further, while obtaining my law degree, I worked for a law firm as a construction claims specialist. As noted above, since becoming an attorney, my practice has consisted almost entirely of claims-related construction work, both in the public and private sectors. I have personally been a contractor and an owner, and have represented all categories.</p>
<p>3. Describe your knowledge of construction contract law:</p> <p>I have practiced law as a construction attorney for more than 13 years. I currently serve as the chair of the Construction Law Section of the Washington State Bar Association. I also serve as general counsel for the Inland Northwest AGC. I teach business law as an adjunct professor at Washington State University in the Engineering Management Master's Degree Program. I also lecture on construction law topics extensively.</p>

4. Describe your experience with construction contract administration:

While working in the construction industry, I was often directly involved in contract administration. My field, supervisory, and estimating experience includes many, many multi-million dollar projects, both public and private. My work as attorney has often included advising my clients regarding proper contract administration procedures.

5. Describe your construction field experience:

My dad believed that if you were to manage people, you needed firsthand experience in actually doing their jobs. As a result, he trained me in nearly every civil trade, and I am able to operate, drive, and repair most any piece of heavy construction equipment. I have worked in the field in a wide variety of labor positions, as a field operations manager, and as a project manager, as a result of my dad's training and my undergraduate education.

6. Describe your DRB (or arbitration) training, certification, and experience:

I have attend the basic and advanced dispute resolution training from the Washington State Bar Association. I have participated as a board member and a chairperson for several arbitration panels in Washington and Montana. I am also listed on the Spokane County Mandatory Arbitration roster as a construction arbitrator, and have conducted several arbitrations as a result of that listing. Additionally, I have performed the duties of a mediator or arbitrator on many private construction disputes. Further, I have worked with several contractor clients as they have participated in many DRB hearings.

7. Describe your employment/retirement status and availability to serve on a DRB and geographical area:

I am a sole practitioner focused on construction claims preparation, construction litigation, and the mediation and arbitration of construction disputes. I am seeking to transition my practice from a litigation based practice to a primarily dispute resolution based practice, where I can focus more on my role as a mediator, arbitrator, neutral, or DRB board member. I intend to limit the number of future litigation matters I participate in, based on my appointments in dispute resolution matters. I have no geographical area preferences and I enjoy traveling to various jobsites.

DRB members are compensated as per Section 105.22 of the CDOT Specifications.

6. List Two References For Your Experience With Construction Claims

Name	Title	Organization	Phone Number	Email Address
Patrick Sullivan	Construction Attorney	Sullivan Law	(509) 448-1154	pasdi@msn.com
Roger Brown	Construction Consultant	R Brown Consulting	(503) 452-7835	jroger@rbrowncg.com

Important Notice - All information provided on this form will be open to the public on the CDOT – DBR web page: “List of Candidate Members for the Dispute Review Board (DRB)”.