

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: Mari K. Bochanis		Employer: Self	
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2. Education

University/College	Degree	Year Graduated
1. Pepperdine University School of Law	Juris Doctor	1982
2. University of Nevada, Las Vegas	B.A.	1979
3.		

3. Professional Licenses/Certifications and Professional Organizations

1. Nevada State Bar	2.
3. Dispute Review Board Foundation Member	4.

4. Major Employment History

Employer	Number of Years Employed	Your Job Title(s)
1. CDOT Dispute Review Boards	2013-present	DRB Chairman
2. So. Nevada Water Authority	17	Project Attorney
3. Parsons	2	Principal Technical Consultant
4. Colorado River Comm of Nevada	12	Deputy Attorney General

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

1. Describe your major areas of work experience/expertise:
Construction law attorney with over 28 years of experience working for public owners. Retired and working on Dispute Review Boards. Provided legal support / advice for 100+ construction and design contracts, including procurement and bidding documents for Lake Mead Third Intake Tunnel Project. Prepared and reviewed DRB specifications and agreements.

2. Describe your experience with construction claims:
As Project Attorney for SNWA, provided advice to Director of Engineering and Construction/ Project Managers on all construction-related issues: delay claims, liquidated damages, design defects, contract and specification interpretation. Worked with Project team to successfully settle numerous contractor claims with none resulting in litigation. Two were settled via mediation with my involvement.

3. Describe your knowledge of construction contract law:
Retired construction law attorney now serving as DRB Chair. Familiar with construction law including scheduling, damages, differing site conditions and subcontractor and supplier claims. Understands technical and geotechnical matters. Ability to read and understand contracts and statutes. Assisted in drafting CMAR legislation for Nevada statutes.

4. Describe your experience with construction contract administration:

Worked directly with and advised all staff (SNWA and Parsons as Construction Manager) on contract administration issues: claims, change orders, field orders and settlement documents. Drafted and continually revised construction bidding documents incorporating “lessons learned” from previous projects. Assisted drafting and reviewed correspondence related to claims or potential claims.

5. Describe your construction field experience:

As SNWA’s Project Attorney, I visited construction sites and met with construction personnel on a regular basis. I dealt hands on with several different site condition claims. Now as a DRB member, DRB meetings involve site visits to further understand the nature of the work and potential disputes, if any.

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

Initiated the use of DRBs for the first time in Nevada in 1996. Became knowledgeable about the goals and administration of DRBs through personally drafting DRB agreements for inclusion in bidding documents and thereafter implementing the DRB process. Attended DRB training and received certification from CDOT in September 2013. Since 2013 to the present, I have served on three CDOT DRBs: 1) I-70 Tower Road to Colfax Reconstruction and Bridge Replacement, 2) US 287 - SH1 to LaPorte Bypass; and 3) Eisenhour Johnson Memorial Tunnels 480 MCC Replacement.

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

Retired from full-time employment. My husband and I split our time between Henderson, NV and Pinedale, WY and can easily travel to the Denver area for DRB work. I very much enjoy continuing to work on construction issues and trying to assist parties with dispute resolution. I accept the compensation provided per the CDOT specifications.

DRB members are compensated as per Section 105 of the CDOT Specifications.

6. List Two References For Your Experience With Construction Claims

Name	Title	Organization	Phone Number	Email Address
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Important Notice - All information provided on this form will be visible to the public on the CDOT – DBR web page: “[List of Candidate Members for the Dispute Review Board \(DRB\)](#)”.