

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: John S. Finn	Employer: Self Employed- Finn Law, LLC		
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2. Education

University/College	Degree	Year Graduated
1. Lehigh University	BA Government	1973
2. University of Denver	JD	1975
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3. Professional Licenses/Certifications and Professional Organizations

1. State of Colorado Law 1976-2018	2. Dispute Resolution Board Foundation
3. Formerly Colorado Contractors Association	4. Formerly CFMA Colorado

4. Major Employment History

Employer	Number of Years Employed	Your Job Title(s)
1. Nelson Harding	14	Partner
2. Stettner Miller and Cohn, PC	24	Partner/Shareholder
3. Benjamin Bain Howard & Cohen	2	Of Counsel
4. Finn Law, LLC	2	Partner/Manager

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

<p>1. Describe your major areas of work experience/expertise:</p> <p>Over the last 37 years I have practiced construction law and have represented Owners, General Contractors, Subcontractors and Suppliers in a wide range of construction contracting issues and have represented all of the above in dispute resolution matters ranging from jury trials, court trials, arbitrations, administrative proceedings and mediations. I was actively involved with both CCA and the AGC on their legislative committees for over 20 years.</p>
<p>2. Describe your experience with construction claims:</p> <p>I have handled construction claims on behalf of Owners, General Contractors and Subcontractors as well as administrative claims with Denver and federal contracting claims. These claims have included terminations, requests for equitable adjustment, differing site conditions, changes, delays, defective work product, liquidated damages, liens, verified claims and contract interpretation matters.</p>
<p>3. Describe your knowledge of construction contract law:</p> <p>I have regularly lectured on construction contract law for Lorman Education Services, National Business Institute and for construction associations including CCA, CFMA, AGC, SMACNA, IEC and for multiple private companies. I was a member of the ABA Construction Law Forum for many years. I have argued multiple construction law cases before the Colorado Court of Appeals.</p>

4. Describe your experience with construction contract administration:

During my practice of law, I regularly reviewed and analyzed contract administration documents maintained by project personnel and advised Owners and Contractors on issues associated with change order administration, processing of requests for information, plans and specifications interpretation and providing contract required notices. I assisted as the Owner's Representative on a project and attended the weekly and monthly project meetings and reviewed change order requests on this project.

5. Describe your construction field experience:

My only construction field experience was conducting field visits on projects that were the subject of various claims and dispute resolution matters as part of my law practice.

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

I completed the Dispute Review Team Training Workshop sponsored by the Dispute Resolution Board Foundation and taught by the DRBF Director of Training and the Region 1 President conducted by the Nevada DOT in April 2016. I have served on two DRB panels in 2017 and 2018 on CDOT projects nominated by the party panel members. On the second DRB panel, I served as the Chairperson of the panel. During my active practice of law, I had extensive experience as a party participant in both construction mediations and arbitrations and served as a party appointed arbitrator on two AAA arbitration panels.

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

I am currently self-employed and semi-retired and am generally available to serve on a DRB panel anywhere in the State of Colorado.

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 \(DRB\)”](#).