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Background

Robynne Thaxton Parkinson is a Seattle based lawyer with substantial experience in both construction and employment law. Previously affiliated with the law firm Groff Murphy PLLC, she started her own practice so that she could provide legal services to a full range of clients performing construction work, including Owners, Contractors, Design-Builders, Engineers and Architects. In addition to construction law, Robynne counsels employers in all aspects of employment law, including discrimination, wrongful discharge, contract claims and labor issues. Robynne's philosophy of providing practical, business based advice reflects her substantial experience in both the construction industry and employment field. She started practicing in the Anchorage, Alaska office of Perkins Coie in 1989 providing advice in the area of labor and employment law. When she transferred to Perkins Coie's Seattle office in 1991, she began work in the construction field representing public owners. In 1994, she started working at Groff Murphy, PLLC, one of the Northwest's premier construction law firms, becoming a partner in 1998. From 2000 to 2001, she was the Director of Contract Administration for XO Communications, Inc., assisting the company in building its infrastructure on a national basis. She gained invaluable experience working in house as an owner drafting, negotiating and helping to manage design-build projects across the country.

Robynne is one of the leading experts in construction law and alternative procurement both in Washington State and on a national basis. She is on the National Board of Directors for the Design Build Institute of America and is the Past President of the NW Region for DBIA. She also serves on DBIA's task force to revise its contract documents, the DBIA Policy and Standards Committee, the DBIA National Convention Planning Committee, and she is one of DBIA's highest rated speakers on the subject of Design Build Contracts and Risk Management. She is an active participant on the legislative subcommittees of the Washington Capital Projects Advisory Review Board, which reviews all legislation involving capital projects in the state. Recently, Robynne was named a 2010 Washington Super Lawyer.