

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 Dennis.Largent@dot.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: Beth Brown Ornstein	Employer: Colorado Mediation Center, LLC		
Address: 4450 Arapahoe Ave., Suite 100	City: Boulder	State: CO	Zip Code 80303
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2. Education

University/College	Degree	Year Graduated
1. Duke University	A.B.	1977
2. George Washington University	J.D.	1981
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3. Professional Licenses/Certifications and Professional Organizations

1. Colorado Bar Association	2. Boulder County Bar Association
3. Colorado Council of Mediators (CCMO)	4. Association for Conflict Resolution

3. Major Employment History

Employer	Number of Years Employed	Your Job Title(s)
1. Colorado Mediation Center, LLC & Colorado Center for Mediation, LLC	12	Member/Manager
2. District of Columbia Government, Office of the Corporation Counsel (now the Office of the Attorney General)	6	Assistant Corporation Counsel
3. U.S. Department of Energy Board of Contract Appeals	2	Law Clerk
4. U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Board of Contract Appeals	1	Law Clerk

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

<p>1. Describe your major areas of work experience/expertise:</p> <p>I am an attorney currently working as a dispute resolution professional, primarily providing mediation services. I mediate a variety of disputes including disputes relating to residential construction. Prior to moving to Colorado, my specialty was government procurement law. I clerked for two federal Boards of Contract Appeals and served as attorney for the District of Columbia providing advice and litigating contract cases, including construction cases.</p>
<p>2. Describe your experience with construction claims:</p>

In my work as an attorney for the District of Columbia, I litigated claims relating to school construction and to termination of a contract for disposal of sludge and solid waste at the municipal wastewater treatment plant. I also reviewed proposed procurement regulations. In my work for the Boards of Contract Appeals, I reviewed transcripts and drafted proposed decisions in varied contract cases including one for construction of transmission lines in a National Forest.

3. Describe your knowledge of construction contract law:

In law school I researched and drafted notes for portions of Federal Procurement Law, Vol. II (3d ed 1980) by Professors Ralph Nash and John Cibinic and studied federal procurement law. As a law clerk, I researched construction contract law to advise the administrative judges. As an attorney, I advised client agencies about construction contract law and litigated construction law matters.

4. Describe your experience with construction contract administration:

As an attorney for the District of Columbia I advised client agencies about contract administration issues including review of proposed IFBs and RFPs and responses to them.

5. Describe your construction field experience:

My field experience is limited to personal residential construction.

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

I am a Professional Mediator in accordance with the standards of the Colorado Council of Mediators and Mediation Organizations. My initial 40 hour mediation training was with CDR Associates in October, 1991.

I participated in a 7 hour Mediation-Arbitration training in January, 1998. I have served as a mediator-arbitrator in several civil and domestic cases. I have used an informal process for arbitration when no resolution was reached through mediation and prepared and submitted Arbitration Awards to the court. As a clerk for two Boards of Contract Appeals, I assisted the administrative judges in developing decisions relating to contract disputes.

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

I work by appointment. I can be flexible with notice to participate on a Standing DRB or an On Demand DRB. I am not limited by geographical area.

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
Beryl S. Gilmore	Board Judge	Civilian Board of Contract Appeals	202-606-8800	beryl.gilmore@gsa.gov
James J. Stanford	Chief Procurement Section	District of Columbia, Office of the Attorney General	(202) 724-8503	james.stanford@dc.gov

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)”.