

# **MARI K. BOCHANIS, ESQ.**

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## **QUALIFICATIONS SUMMARY**

Construction law attorney with 30 years of experience. Provided legal and advice and support for over 100 public works construction contracts and 85 design agreements, including the Southern Nevada Water Authority's (SNWA) \$800M Lake Mead Third Intake tunneling projects. Worked to prevent construction-related disputes and promptly resolve if they did occur. Helped form and implement the use of DRBs on SNWA construction projects.

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**DRB Chair, Colorado DOT US 287 – SH 1 LaPorte Bypass Project** – March 2016 – Present

**DRB Chair, Colorado DOT 1-70 Tower Road to Colfax Reconstruction and Bridge Replacement Project** – September 2013 – January 2016

- Attended quarterly meetings; provided two advisory opinions followed by the parties

**Project Attorney, Southern Nevada Water Authority** 1995-2013

- Served as SNWA's in-house Project Counsel for its \$3B Capital Improvements Program
- Served as SNWA and LVVWD's authority on Nevada's Public Works Laws
- Drafted/ provided updates to the master construction contracts based on "lessons learned" during construction
- Initiated the use of DRBs for the first time in Nevada
- Provided advice to the Director of Engineering, Project Managers and Construction Managers on all construction-related issues (e.g., contract interpretation, liquidated damages, contractor and designer claims and scheduling)
- While Project Counsel, SNWA had no outside litigation of a construction dispute

**Deputy Attorney General, Colorado River Commission of Nevada** - 1983-1995

**Judicial Law Clerk, Honorable Paul S. Goldman, Clark County District Court** - 1982-1983

## **EDUCATION**

**Pepperdine University School of Law, JD** 1982

**UNLV, BA in Sociology** 1979

## **OTHER**

**Presenter on use of DRBs at "Construction Super Conference", San Francisco Dec. 2001**

**Recipient, SNWA Department of Engineering Award of Excellence, March 2013**

**Member, Dispute Review Board Foundation, 2009 – Present**

**Prequalified to serve on DRBs in Colorado, Idaho and Nevada, 2013 - present**

**Born and raised in Henderson, Nevada**