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Ms. Coburn specializes in assisting public agencies and private owners with all aspects of the construction process, involving preparation of construction documents, bid protests, subcontractor substitution and default, contractors' claims, stop notices, and project close out.

Ms. Coburn routinely works with municipalities, special districts and school districts on all issues related to construction of public facilities, from master planning through claims resolution. Often she assists clients with latent construction defects long after construction projects have been closed out and warranty periods have lapsed.

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