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Media Release

BCLI Seeks Public Input on Proposals for a New Society Act

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VANCOUVER, 24 August 2007—The British Columbia Law Institute (BCLI) is asking the public to give its views on the legal framework for not-for-profit activity in British Columbia.

Today, the BCLI has published its *Consultation Paper on Proposals for a New Society Act*. The consultation paper proposes reform of British Columbia's 30-year-old *Society Act* and asks readers to comment on a detailed blueprint for new legislation.

“We hope to hear from a good cross-section of people,” remarked Margaret Mason, the Chair of the *Society Act* Reform Project Committee, “everyone from society directors, officers, and members to lawyers and other advisors of societies to the general public.”

The consultation paper proposes replacing the cumbersome and out of date current legislation with a modern and comprehensive *Society Act* that will better meet the needs of the increasingly dynamic and sophisticated not-for-profit sector.

The consultation paper comes in the midst of a two-year project to study not-for-profit legislation and recommend the best options for reform of British Columbia's *Society Act*. Public input will be instrumental as the project moves into its next phase in the new year, which will be the drafting of a new *Society Act*.

The full text of the consultation paper and a backgrounder are available on the BCLI website (www.bcli.org).

The *Society Act* Reform Project has been made possible by a grant from the Law Foundation of British Columbia.

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