CONTRIBUTION AFTER SETTLEMENT UNDER THE NEGLIGENCE ACT

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BCLI Launches “Contribution after Settlement under the Negligence Act” Project

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Vancouver, 12 September 2012—The British Columbia Law Institute is beginning a new project on the Negligence Act.

“The current provisions under the Negligence Act dealing with the right of contribution are outdated, and do not reflect the realities of modern, multi-party litigation where parties often settle out of court”, noted BCLI executive director Jim Emmerton. “With this project, we hope to shed some light on the issues that arise when a judgement in cases with multiple defendants undermines settlement agreements made between parties.”

The goal of the project is to identify and analyze the current common-law trends in managing the parties’ interests in these complex legal situations, and to consider options for reform. The first phase will consist of publishing a Consultation Paper with tentative recommendations, which will be used to consult broadly with the public. BCLI will then produce a final report with final recommendations and draft legislation.

A backgrounder on the project is available on the BCLI website (www.bcli.org)

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