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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON PENSION DIVISION AT THE BREAKDOWN OF A RELATIONSHIP PROJECT

Media Release:

BCLI Seeks Input on New and Emerging Issues for Update to Pension Division Q & A Materials

For immediate release

Vancouver, 26 August 2015 – The law on pension division is rapidly evolving. BCLI is working to keep pace with it by developing the fourth edition of its popular *Questions and Answers on Pension Division at the Breakdown of a Relationship* resource.

Do you have a question about the new *Pension Benefits Standards Act* or its interaction with the *Family Law Act*?

Do you have comments about a particular area of the law you would like to see explained in more detail in the 2016 update?

This new update will examine the upcoming changes to pension benefits standards in the new *Pension Benefits Standards Act*, explore the effects of ancillary provisions in the *Family Law Act*, as well as review developments in the common law since its last publication in March 2013. This will be the fourth edition of the Q & A materials – an ongoing project dating back to March 1996.

Thomas G. Anderson, QC, a specialist in pension law, particularly dealing with dividing entitlement when a relationship ends, is once again working closely with the BCLI to perform this update. He noted, “In my view, this is an extremely valuable project. When a relationship ends, often the most valuable assets the parties possess are their retirement benefits. It’s important for the Q & A materials to continue to serve as an up-to-date practice resource for the BC legal community, other professionals involved in pensions and benefits, and members of the general public.”

The final publication is expected to be available at www.bcli.org in Spring 2016.

BCLI is currently receiving submissions, questions, and comments about suggested updates for the fourth edition of the Q & A materials. BCLI is accepting submissions at pensiondivision@bcli.org until 30 October 2015.

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