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Media Release BCLI Senior Staff Lawyer Greg Blue Awarded Queen's Counsel Designation

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Vancouver, 11 December 2009— The British Columbia Law Institute is extremely pleased that Greg Blue, Senior Staff Lawyer, has today been awarded the designation of Queen's Counsel by Attorney General, the Honourable Michael de Jong, Q.C.

Gregory Blue, LL.B., LL.M., has more than 28 years of legal experience in private practice, government, and law reform. Mr. Blue has experience and expertise in numerous fields, including privacy law, maritime law, civil litigation, international trade law, wills, estates and trusts, energy and natural resources as well as having worked in law reform on either a full or part-time basis for over 18 years. He has linguistic abilities in English, French, Russian and German.

Greg completed his B.A. (Hons.) from the University of Saskatchewan, then graduated from the University of Victoria Law School. He was called to the Bar in 1981 in Saskatchewan and subsequently called the BC Bar in 1986. Greg holds his LL.M. from the University of Toronto. Greg Blue articled and practised law with MacPherson, Leslie & Tyerman in Regina, Sask. 1980-82. He served in the Constitutional Law Branch, Saskatchewan Ministry of Justice and as departmental solicitor to the Department of Energy and Mines (Sask.) 1982-87. Greg also practised law with Halyk Brent Dovell in Saskatoon, Sask. from 1987-89. Greg was a Legal Research Officer to the Law Reform Commission of British Columbia from 1989-1997. He then practiced maritime law with McEwen, Schmitt & Co. 1997-2003. Since 2003 Greg has been a full-time lawyer with BCLI.

Greg was the Chair of the CBA Legislation and Law Reform Committee from 1997 to 1999. Greg has been the Project Manager or Reporter for a substantial number of legal research and law reform projects. He was the Reporter for the Succession Law Reform Project the Report of which has been the foundation for the recently passed Wills, Estates and Succession Act, BC. For a list of publications, refer to the British Columbia Law Institute website, www.bcli.org.

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Greg is currently the Project Manager of two ongoing law reform projects of the British Columbia Law Institute, the Real Property – Phase 2 Project and the Probate Rules Reform Project.

Please join the British Columbia Law Institute in honouring Gregory Blue, Q.C., on the well-deserved designation of Queen's Counsel with best wishes and significant contributions to law reform in British Columbia Law.

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