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COMMON-LAW TESTS OF CAPACITY PROJECT

## Media Release

### BCLI Forms Project Committee to Investigate Common-Law Tests of Capacity

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**Vancouver, 14 December 2011**—The British Columbia Law Institute is embarking on a two-year project to consider reforms to judge-made rules governing when a person is determined to have the mental capacity to carry out a transaction or enter into a relationship.

“Both the aging of society and advances in neuroscience have made a re-examination of the common-law tests of capacity imperative,” said committee chair Andrew MacKay. “I’m looking forward to working with the BCLI and a project committee made up of some of the leading lights in the field to study how the law can better suit the needs of contemporary British Columbians.”

The members of the project committee are:

Andrew MacKay—Chair  
*Alexander Holburn Beaudin & Lang LLP*

R. C. (Tino) Di Bella  
*Jawl & Bundon*

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*Geoffrey W. White Law Corporation*

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Two backgrounders providing further details on the project committee and on the legal issues to be considered in the project are available at [www.bcli.org](http://www.bcli.org).

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