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ABOUT BCLI

The BC Law Institute is a not-for-profit law reform agency that works to improve and modernize the law. We carry out scholarly research, writing and analysis for law reform, collaborating with government and other entities, and providing materials and support for outreach and public information.

The broad purposes of the BCLI are to promote the clarification and simplification of the law and its adaptation to modern social needs; promote improvement of the administration of justice and respect for the rule of law; and promote and carry out scholarly legal research.

20 YEARS OF LAW REFORM

In 2017, the BCLI celebrates 20 years of law reform. While most projects focus on BC Laws, our work includes work with the Uniform Law Conference of Canada, and CCEL projects often cross Canadian jurisdictions. Over the past twenty years, the BCLI has released 62 reports. Recommendations from 14 reports have been implemented substantially or in part, in legislation in the Province.

We could not do our work without the commitment of the hundreds of project committee members who meet monthly, often for two to three years, to bring their vast experience and expertise to our projects.

2017 Projects

- 1 Builders Lien Act Reform Project**
Law reform project intended to overhaul the *Builders Lien Act*, a major cornerstone of construction and insolvency law.
- 2 Employment Standards Act Reform Project**
A thorough review of the Act, the first of its kind in over twenty years, to address the contemporary needs and circumstances of BC's workplace.
- 3 Financing Litigation Legal Research Project**
Is reviewing options available to facilitate improved access to justice for those who cannot afford to pursue their legal rights.
- 4 Strata Property Law - Phase Two Project**
Second phase of our Strata Property Law Project builds on Phase One by examining options for reform in select areas of BC strata property law.
- 5 Uniform Vital Statistics Act**
A project of the Uniform Law Conference of Canada working to prepare recommendations for a *Uniform Vital Statistics Act* that addresses modern day issues.



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HOW TO PARTICIPATE



- 1 Join a law reform project committee
- 2 Suggest areas for law reform
- 3 Assist with legal research for a project
- 4 Apply for a summer or volunteer position

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- Association of BC Land Surveyors
- Vancouver Island Strata Owners Association
- Condominium Home Owners Association
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- Employment and Social Development Canada
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