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STRATA PROPERTY LAW PROJECT—PHASE TWO

Media Release

BCLI opens public consultation on complex stratas

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Vancouver, 1 September 2016—With the publication today of its *Consultation Paper on Complex Stratas*, the British Columbia Law Institute's Strata Property Law Project Committee is asking the public for its views on proposed reforms to the *Strata Property Act* and the *Strata Property Regulation* concerning sections, types, and phases.

"Sections and types allow a strata corporation to manage cost sharing between groups of owners, while phases permit the development of a strata property in segments over an extended time," explained committee chair Patrick Williams. "These tools are important for creating and sustaining sophisticated, architecturally varied, or mixed-use stratas. With this consultation, the public has the first chance in a generation to consider and comment on a comprehensive list of needed reforms to sections, types, and phases."

The consultation paper has 68 tentative recommendations for reform, including:

- 29 tentative recommendations on sections, which propose clarifying the procedures for creating and cancelling sections, spelling out section powers and duties, and strengthening section governance, budgets, and finances;
- 14 tentative recommendations on types, which propose clarifying the procedures for creating and cancelling types and fine-tuning the operation of types; and
- 25 tentative recommendations on phases, which propose enhancing the oversight of the phasing process, simplifying governance in a phased strata corporation, and providing additional protections for the financial interests of owners in a phased strata property.

The full consultation paper, a summary consultation, a response booklet, a backgrounder, and a link to our survey are all available at <http://www.bcli.org>. The consultation is open until 15 January 2017.

BCLI strives to be a leader in law reform by carrying out the best in scholarly law-reform research and writing and the best in outreach relating to law reform.

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