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BUILDERS LIENS

The lawyers at RBS have comprehensive knowledge of the British Columbia *Builders Lien Act*. They can assist those involved at any level of a construction project with navigating and understanding their rights and obligations, as well as the remedies that might be available to them, under this complex legislation.

If you are a contractor, subcontractor, material/equipment supplier or worker that has not been paid for work or materials supplied on a construction project, then you could be entitled to file a claim of builder's lien to secure your right to be paid. However, the Act requires strict compliance to time limits for filing your claim; if those time limits are not adhered to, you will lose your right to lien and your right to avail yourself of other remedies available under the Act. The firm's lawyers can provide you with critical advice on lien filing deadlines, and assist you with preparing the proper documents for filing and taking the appropriate steps to enforce your claim to obtain payment.

Landowners involved with construction on their property also need to be aware of their rights and obligations under the *Builders Lien Act*. It is advisable to obtain advice from competent legal counsel in advance of your project to help you avoid unforeseen payment obligations under the Act. Similarly, you might need competent legal advice when your project is under way to address and deal with registered liens that are stalling construction.

Whether you need to file or enforce a builder's lien, or have a lien discharged, it is crucial to do so correctly. RBS' lawyers are available to assist all construction project participants regarding any aspect of the builder's lien process, including providing assistance to ensure that liens are properly filed, enforced and defended.



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