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GUIDE TO BUILDERS' LIENS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

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This publication features a comprehensive analysis of builders' liens law and practice in British Columbia. It is compact, practical and designed for everyday use.

This release includes updates to the selected excerpts of the *Strata Property Act* in Appendix C. This release also includes updates to Appendix E, Related Legislation, namely, the *Federal Prompt Payment for Construction Work Act*, S.C. 2019, c. 29, s. 387 which came into force on December 9, 2023. This release also features an updated version of *How does a party recover on a quantum meruit basis?* in Appendix IF, Issues in Focus.

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Highlights

- Issues in Focus How does a party recover on a quantum meruit basis? There does not appear to be a duty on either the owner or the contractor to seek or give a revised quote. Where work is not contemplated by the original contract, and it is done by a contractor under the instruction of the owner but without an agreement as to price, the owner will be responsible for paying the contractor on a quantum meruit basis. Often, the contractor's bill is found to be reasonable and payment is ordered according to the bill.
- Appendix A. Legislation and Appendix E. Related Legislation have been updated to reflect amendments to and the in fore status of the *Strata Property Act* (B.C.) and *Federal Prompt Payment for Construction Work Act*, respectively.