



# McLean & Armstrong LLP

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Based in West Vancouver, British Columbia, our law firm helps prevent and resolve construction disputes, including those involving collection, delay and tendering issues; defective building claims; and all aspects of lien enforcement and defence. We do so through practical contract drafting and effective use of mediation, arbitration and litigation.

Members of the firm have successfully represented clients at all court levels, including at the Supreme Court of Canada. We have contributed to the advancement and development of construction law in other ways as well: through authorship of articles and texts, and through participation in industry and professional seminars.

Many of our clients are contractors engaged in the heavy construction or forest industries. For the most part, our work for those clients relates to claims or potential claims arising out of construction projects. We also advise on corporate matters, as well as a variety of other business concerns. For certain clients we provide ongoing advice in relation to corporate and commercial transactions and insolvency matters.

We represent, and are members of, the BC Road Builders and Heavy Construction Association.

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### OUR LAWYERS

#### **Brian G. McLean**

B.Sc.(Biology), M.Sc.(Zoology), LL.B.

Brian McLean was called to the Bar in 1978 in British Columbia and practised as a partner in the firm of Edwards Kenny & Bray in Vancouver until 1993 when he established his own firm. Building on experience gained as a solicitor involved in corporate and commercial transactions, he became litigation counsel, during which time he conducted proceedings arising out of aviation accidents, commercial disputes, and commercial loan defaults. Ultimately, he concentrated on construction matters and has conducted his practice in contract law and commercial litigation for the past seventeen years. Brian's practice extends to construction related issues, as well as commercial cases involving corporate governance, insolvency, and shareholders' remedies



#### **Chris R. Armstrong**

B.A.Sc.(Geotechnical), P. Eng.(Civil), LL.B.

Chris Armstrong has a degree in geotechnical engineering and is qualified as a professional engineer under the civil engineering designation. He worked in the consulting and construction industry for five years, first as a consulting geotechnical engineer and then as a project engineer for a major heavy construction company. He began working with Brian McLean in 1991 and in 1994 attended law school at the University of Calgary, graduating in 1997. In May 1998, Chris joined Brian McLean in partnership. Chris's practice is primarily focused on providing advice to construction contractors as issues arise, beginning with contract drafting and development, throughout the course of construction and on to dispute resolution where necessary – the focus is on solving problems before they become disputes.



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#### **William S. McLean**

B.Sc.(Architecture), B.Arch., LL.B.

Trained as an architect in Montreal and Ottawa, William McLean moved his practice in that profession to British Columbia in 1981. Called to the BC Bar in 1992, William has combined his architectural and legal interests in a practice restricted to builders lien and construction contract law. He has extensive experience in contract drafting and analysis; in the litigation of delay and tendering claims; in the mediation and arbitration of defective building claims; and in all aspects of lien enforcement and defence. William has been peer review rated “Distinguished” for ethical standards and legal ability by LexisNexis Martindale-Hubbell. He is a contributor to the British Columbia Builders Liens Practice Manual published by the Continuing Legal Education Society of BC, and to the Design-Build Deskbook published by the American Bar Association.



#### **Chris Moore**

B.A. (Military History);

J.D. (First Class Honours) Articled Student

Chris obtained his Law degree from Bond University, Australia in December 2010. He began working with McLean & Armstrong LLP in September 2010 while completing his final semester at the University of British Columbia Law School and has developed a keen interest in the area of Construction Law. At Bond University, Chris attained First Class Honours as the top student in his graduating class. Before studying law, Chris completed his Bachelor of Arts specializing in Military History at the University of Calgary.

In his time off, to the extent his Articles permit, Chris enjoys skiing, hiking, golfing, playing hockey and playing softball on the firm sponsored Slow-pitch team.



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**Marla Brock**

B.A. (Economics, German);  
J.D. Practitioner of Foreign (US) Law

Marla Brock is a US trained lawyer with extensive experience in the areas of general corporate law, joint ventures, strategic alliances, mergers and acquisitions, technology transactions and venture financing. Working with senior counsel, she assists clients in negotiating and drafting a broad spectrum of business agreements and facilitating business transactions. Marla recently relocated here from Miami, where she practiced law and served as the Assistant Director of the University of Miami's entrepreneurship center. Her prior legal experience also includes work in Silicon Valley, at Google Inc. and Davis Polk & Wardwell. Marla is a graduate of Wake Forest University (1997) and Columbia University School of Law (2000).



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