# THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA PETER A. ALLARD SCHOOL OF LAW

FINAL EXAMINATION – April 2021

LAW 443.001 Creditors' Remedies

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**EXAM PASSWORD: EfpRh3** RESUME CODE: B13A56

**TOTAL MARKS**: 100

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## THIS EXAMINATION CONSISTS OF 3 QUESTIONS

#### **Marks**

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1. In May 2019, after a lengthy defamation trial, the Supreme Court of New South Wales in Australia awarded Bob (B) judgment in the amount of \$850,000 against George (G). G left Australia immediately after the trial ended, having paid nothing to B. B has just learned that G is now teaching at the Allard School of Law of Law at UBC. B flies to Vancouver and retains you to enforce his Australian judgment against G. From your contacts at the law school, you acquire the following information about G.

G was hired in December 2020 to start in July 2021. No-one was aware of the Australian litigation at the time G was hired and it has not since become known.

As a UBC employee, G is paid twice a month. Most employees are paid by direct deposit in the bank account of their choice but G inexplicably insists on payment by cheque which he picks up personally at UBC Financial Services. Like all UBC employees, G also contributes to a private pension plan.

G is a beneficiary under a trust created for him and his siblings by his grandfather. He expects to receive a large payment from capital when he turns 50 next year. He is starting to make comments, heard most often when he is marking exams, about taking early retirement from UBC and moving to the south of France. His colleagues think that he is probably joking.

No-one knows what bank G uses but he has been seen going into the branches of the CIBC on campus and of the HSBC on 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. His colleagues assume that he has a general account in one or both banks for his UBC income and for the income for the arbitration work he does through a company he incorporated for that work.

G drives a Jaguar. It is common knowledge that G paid cash for the car. The car is currently in the possession of a garage and subject to a mechanics lien because G refuses to pay for the work done on it by the garage. He claims that the bill is double the estimate.

G is an aspiring writer and has completed a mystery novel which he boasts will be a best seller when published. So far, no publisher has made G an offer. G has a hard copy of the manuscript sitting prominently on his office desk at the law school.

On the death of his father last year, G inherited shares in Bond Breweries, an Australian company.

G lives in a condominium on the UBC Endowment lands. Title to the long term lease is registered in A's name.

B has made an appointment to see the Dean of Law to tell her about the debt G owes him. He has an idea that he can get the Dean to fire G.

### Draft a memorandum

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- (1) advising B whether he can enforce the Australian judgment against G in B.C.:
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- (2) advising B whether to proceed with his appointment to meet with the Dean; and

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(3) advising B as to the exigibility of the known assets, the appropriate processes for reaching them and about any exemptions or immunities G may claim.

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**2.** A number of writs of seizure and sale were delivered for execution to the Court Bailiff in Vancouver. All were for enforcement of judgments against the same unfortunate corporate debtor, Egbert Excavating Ltd. (EE)

On January 30, Black delivered a writ claiming \$55,000 from EE.

On March 25, the Court Bailiff seized a Caterpillar tractor from EE and, on April 30 sold it at public auction for \$50,000.

On May 10, the Court Bailiff received telephone calls from two more creditors of EE, Red and Green, asking to share in the distribution. Neither creditor has delivered anything to the Court Bailiff.

On May 12, the Minister of National Revenue (MNR) delivered a writ issued from Federal Court claiming \$15,000 from EE in unpaid taxes.

On May 15, the Director of Employment Standards delivered a writ claiming \$8,000 on behalf of unpaid employees of EE.

On May 28, White delivered a writ claiming \$5,000 from EE.

On June 1, EE informed the Court Bailiff that two other judgment creditors, Tan and Pink, had judgments registered on title to real property which EE owns in fee simple and that those judgments were registered in January, 2021. EE also informs the Court Bailiff that last month, December 2020, Tan had issued a garnishing order directed at EE's bank account, that the bank paid the \$6,500 then in the account into court and that the money has not yet been paid out to Tan.

The Court Bailiff retains you to advise her. She informs you that EE has virtually no other exigible assets besides the land and the tractor. She want to know whether she can access the money in court and she needs assistance in drawing up a plan for distribution, the MNR having claimed immunity from the application of the *Creditor Assistance Act*.

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- **3.** The British Columbia government is currently seeking comments from the profession on the Uniform Law Conference of Canada Model Act, the *Civil Enforcement of Money Judgments Act*, which the BC Law Institute recommended for adoption in a 2005 Report. Part 13 deals with appointment of receivers. Section 170 provides as follows:
  - s.170 (1) Subject to s. 171, on application made with or without notice by an instructing judgment creditor, or an enforcement officer who has received a subsisting enforcement instruction, the court may appoint a receiver with or without security, with respect to the property of the judgment debtor including without limitation:
    - (a) specified property of a judgment debtor;
    - (b) specified kinds of property of a judgment debtor;
    - (c) all property of a judgment debtor.
  - (2) An order made under subsection (1) applies to property owned by a judgment debtor at the time of the appointment of the receiver and that is acquired by a judgment debtor during the period of the appointment of the receiver.

Discuss whether s.170 would change the law in British Columbia.

**END OF EXAMINATION**