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Attention: Editor

Dear Editor,

Re: Nick De Domenico's "Integration: The Next Step in Conflict Resolution?"

We applaud Nick De Domenico on his thoughtful article discussing the range of dispute resolution options, and the need for a model for adjudication of disputes which includes an option that is less cumbersome and more expedient than the existing Supreme Court judicial process.

By restricting a Plaintiff's options to either direct negotiation, mediation, or the full judicial mechanisms of a Supreme Court trial, our legal system as it exists essentially deprives the vast majority of ICBC claimants of any option apart from settlement. The alternative of a full Supreme Court trial is simply not realistic for many personal injury claims when account is taken of the expense and delays involved in our Supreme Court process.

Some kind of stream lined-arbitration process needs to be created if injured parties are to find any kind of justice beyond taking ICBC's last offer.

We encourage lawyers in British Columbia to continue to lobby for new and better adjudicative models, such as the well-researched and thoroughly considered ideas of Nick De Domenico.

Yours truly,

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