



THE PROVINCIAL COURT  
OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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## **NOTICE TO THE PROFESSION AND PUBLIC**

### **FORM OF ADDRESS FOR JUDICIAL JUSTICES**

#### **Purpose**

To clarify the form of address for Judicial Justices in the Provincial Court of British Columbia.

#### **Notice**

1. In addition to the Provincial Court Judges who serve the Court, there is a complement of Judicial Justices appointed under section 30.2 of the *Provincial Court Act* (the “Act”).
2. These Judicial Justices are assigned duties under section 11 of the Act by the Chief Judge which may include:
  - hearing judicial interim release (bail) applications,
  - determining search warrant and other applications,
  - hearing bylaw and other provincial ticketable offences, and
  - hearing applications and scheduling matters in the Victoria Integrated Court.
3. Judicial Justices have been appointed to serve on a full time or part time (per diem) basis.
4. Search warrant and bail applications conducted by Judicial Justices are heard, primarily by means of telephone/facsimile and video conferencing, through the Justice Centre located in Burnaby. Bylaw and other provincial ticketable offences are heard throughout the Province in what is colloquially referred to as “Traffic Court”. Appeals from decisions of a Judicial Justice are to Supreme Court of British Columbia.
5. Judicial Justices have been referenced over the history of the Court in a variety of ways including: “Justices of the Peace”, “Judicial Justices of the Peace” or “JJP’s”, and “Court Referees”. Pursuant to s. 30.2 of the Act the correct title for this judicial officer is “Judicial Justice” and the correct form of address, in Court, is “Your Worship”.

**History of Notice to the Profession and Public**

- Original Notice to the Profession and Public dated July 29, 2011.
- Amended Notice to the Profession and Public dated February 23, 2015 (changes to wording and formatting only).

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