



Announcement

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Appointment of Judges to the Provincial Court of British Columbia

It is my great pleasure and privilege to announce that the Lieutenant Governor in Council has signed Orders in Council appointing to the Court Delaram Jahani and Peter Whyte as full time judges.

Judge Delaram Jahani – will be sworn in on January 2, 2018. She will be assigned to the Fraser Region with Chambers in Surrey.

Judge Jahani received an LL.B. degree from the University of Windsor in 1998 and has gained experience in the areas of family law, child protection, criminal litigation and federal regulatory offences. She served as criminal duty counsel for Legal Aid Ontario, criminal and family duty counsel for the Legal Services Society and as family law lawyer with Boyd Jahani Barristers in Surrey B.C. since 2003. She volunteers with the Canadian Bar Association B.C. Branch and has previously volunteered with access to justice and women's legal resource clinics in her community.

Judge Peter Whyte – will be sworn in on January 2, 2018. He will be assigned to the Northern Region with Chambers in Williams Lake.

Judge Whyte graduated from the University of British Columbia in 2005 with a Juris Doctor degree. He worked at the North Vancouver firm Lake Whyte LLP as a lawyer and for the Public Prosecution Service of Canada as an agent prosecutor for close to a decade. He joined the BC Prosecution Service (BCPS) in 2015 as Crown counsel. Mr. Whyte has a master's degree in social work and extensive expertise in matters relating to mental health and addiction. He also serves with the Victims and Vulnerable Witnesses Resource Counsel Group of the BCPS.

On behalf of the Court I wish to congratulate our newest colleagues on their appointments and welcome them to the Provincial Court of British Columbia.

Thomas J. Crabtree
Chief Judge
Provincial Court of British Columbia