



Announcement

June 22, 2018

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 Anja Brown, Trudy Macdonald and Linda Thomas to the Court as full time judges.

Judge Anja Brown – will be sworn in on July 3, 2018. She will be assigned to the Fraser Region with Chambers in Port Coquitlam.

Judge Brown received a bachelor of laws (LLB) from the University of British Columbia in 1997 and worked as a sole practitioner before joining Braker and Company in 2000 and then Mandell Pinder LLP in 2009. Throughout her career, she has worked with Indigenous communities on legal matters including fisheries rights, child protection, taxation and governance. She has also served as a student mentor for the Canadian Bar Association and sat on its Judicial Advisory Council.

Judge Trudy Macdonald – will be sworn in on July 3, 2018. She will be assigned to the Fraser Region with Chambers in Surrey.

Judge Macdonald received an LLB from the University of British Columbia in 1993. She began her career working on family support matters and went on to launch a family law litigation practice. Her focus has been on family law mediation and collaborative family law, with particular commitment to giving voice to youth in family matters. She regularly provided advice to provincial family justice counsellors and on federal law initiatives.

Judge Linda Thomas – will be sworn in on July 5, 2018. She will be assigned to the Northern Region and with Chambers in Fort St. John.

Judge Thomas received an LLB from the University of British Columbia in 2000. She has experience working as a sole practitioner and for First Nations government and non-profit organizations. She has focused primarily on child protection and family law mediation, and also has a background in prison law. She has worked extensively to develop and facilitate legal information workshops with law advocates, family support workers and Indigenous communities.

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.

Melissa Gillespie
A/Chief Judge
Provincial Court of British Columbia