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CONDOLENCES - THE HONOURABLE JUDGE RANDALL CALLAN

The Provincial Court of British Columbia announces with deep sadness that the Honourable Judge Randall Callan passed away on November 26, 2017 in Prince George, British Columbia.

Before his appointment to the Court in 2012, Judge Callan practiced law in Victoria for 12 years and then served with great honour and distinction as both a Reservist and Regular Force member of the Canadian Forces for the next 16 years. Attaining the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, he worked as a legal officer with the Office of the Judge Advocate General, served as defence counsel in the court martial system, and was deployed to Afghanistan and Sudan. In 1996 he served as counsel for the Government of Canada and the Canadian Forces at the Somalia Inquiry.

Assigned to sit in Prince George, Judge Callan moved there on his appointment and enjoyed the community and its recreational opportunities. He served the people of British Columbia and the Provincial Court with dedication, wisdom and compassion. Because of his first-hand experience with people suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) in the military, he had a special interest in the treatment of people with PTSD in the justice system and was always sensitive to their needs. He spoke about PTSD at education programs for judges and others.

The Provincial Court extends its deepest condolences to Judge Callan's wife and family.

The funeral will take place on Saturday December 2nd, at 3:00 pm at First Baptist Church, 483 Gillette St., Prince George.

A Celebration of Life is being planned for Victoria in January 2018.

Thomas J. Crabtree
Chief Judge
Provincial Court of British Columbia