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## **Judicial Appointments 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 four new provincial court judges and one judicial justice to the Provincial Court.

The new judge appointments are Andrea Davis, Emmet Duncan, Darin Reeves and Diana Vandor.

**Judge Davis** – will be sworn in on January 11, 2021. She will be assigned to the Fraser with Chambers in Surrey.

Judge Davis has been in-house counsel at the B.C. Government and Service Employees' Union for the last 15 years where she represented the union in grievances often involving mental health and addictions issues, disabilities and other similar social issues. Before obtaining her law degree, Ms. Davis was a social worker and focused on child protection.

**Judge Duncan** – will be sworn in on January 11, 2021. He will be assigned to the Fraser Region with Chambers in Surrey.

Judge Duncan has been practicing law for over 20 years and teaching law at the UBC Criminal Law Clinic since 2014. With experience as both Crown counsel and criminal defence law, Judge Duncan also developed an interest in Indigenous law. He obtained his Masters in Law, from UBC focussing on the incorporation of Indigenous perspectives and norms into the Canadian legal system.

**Judge Reeves** – will be sworn in on February 1, 2021. He will be assigned to the Northern Region with Chambers in Fort St. John.

Judge Reeves has dedicated his practice to working with the Canadian Armed Forces. As a military prosecutor with the Judge Advocate General, his focus was on criminal law, international law related to armed conflicts, and administrative and employment law and policy. He obtained his Masters in Law from Dalhousie Schulich School of Law. He was the lead author of a book about child soldiers and is prior to appointment worked as a prosecutor in Fort McMurray with the Alberta Prosecution Service.

**Judge Vandor** – will be sworn in on February 1, 2021. She will be assigned to the Vancouver Region with Chambers in Richmond.

Judge Vandor, as the chair of the BC Human Rights Tribunal, the BC Mental Health Review Board and the Circle of Chairs, Diana Vandor has a wealth of leadership and decision-making skills. With a degree in law and a Master of Arts degree in economics, she has gained extensive experience in adjudication and writing decisions. This background also led to her appointment to the Board of Trustees of Trinity College, University of Toronto, from 2009 to 2015. Prior to moving to British Columbia, Ms. Vandor was an international criminal lawyer working on high-profile cases around the globe.

The new judicial justice appointed is Sarah Swift, effective on pronouncement.

**Judicial Justice Swift** will be sworn in on February 1, 2021 and assigned to the Justice Centre and traffic.

Judicial Justice Swift has a strong history in public service. She graduated from the University of Victoria law school in 2005. Prior to appointment she worked as Crown counsel for the province, where she has had a varied career, focussing on charge assessments/bail hearings and trial work.

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  
Chief Judge  
Provincial Court of British Columbia