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CONDOLENCES - THE HONOURABLE JUDGE PEDER GULBRANSEN

The Provincial Court of British Columbia announces with deep sadness that the Honourable Judge Peder Gulbransen passed away on June 16, 2021.



Judge Peder Gulbransen

Judge Gulbransen was born in Vancouver in 1948. He obtained a B.A. in history from Simon Fraser University in 1971 and an LLB. from U.B.C. in 1977. He began his legal career in Prince George, articling at Wilson King and Company. He was called to the Bar of B.C. in 1978 and practiced as a staff lawyer at the Quesnel Community Law Centre before entering general legal practice with Bate & Company in Quesnel.

In 1982, he joined the B.C. Prosecution Service in Abbotsford. He served as Administrative Crown in Burnaby from 1989 to 1991, Deputy Regional Crown in New Westminster from 1991 to 1997, and Regional Crown Counsel for the Fraser Region from 1997 until his appointment to the bench. Judge

Gulbransen was an excellent prosecutor, with particular expertise in the law of search and seizure and interception of private communications. His skills and leadership in the criminal bar were recognized when he was awarded a Queen's Counsel designation in 2002.

On July 18, 2003, he was appointed a Provincial Court judge in the Fraser Region, with chambers initially in Abbotsford and then in Surrey. In 2009, he was appointed the Regional Administrative Judge for that region and served in that role until he elected to sit part-time as a Senior Judge in 2015.

The lives of everyone fortunate enough to know and work with Judge Gulbransen were greatly enriched by him. He cared deeply for his family, friends, and colleagues. He loved to laugh and had a quirky and engaging wit. An avid baseball and football fan, Judge Gulbransen was erudite. He loved to read and he loved the law. He was a wise and compassionate judge who always looked for and found the best in people, inspiring many to find a different path.

The Provincial Court extends its deepest condolences to Judge Gulbransen's wife, Holly, and his children Monica and Mark.

Melissa Gillespie
Chief Judge
Provincial Court of British Columbia