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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 three new judges to the Provincial Court.

The new judge appointments are Tim Hinkson, David Simpkin, and Lynett Jung.

Judge Hinkson – will be sworn in on November 18, 2022. He will be assigned out of the Fraser region with chambers in Surrey.

Judge Hinkson graduated from the University of British Columbia law school in 2005. He was called to the bar in 2006 and had a diverse practice, including working with the BC Prosecution service early in his career. He also practiced as criminal defence counsel. Most recently, he served as a civil litigator, primarily focusing on the defence of professionals in negligence and related claims and defending general insurance matters and motor vehicle actions. Judge Hinkson is an active volunteer in the legal profession and a mentor to many younger lawyers.

Judge Simpkin – will be sworn in on December 1, 2022. He will be assigned to the Northern region with chambers in Prince George.

Judge Simpkin completed a graduate diploma in law from Bournemouth University in the UK and earned a legal practice course certificate from the College of Law, York in 1995. In 2000, he completed the Canadian transfer examinations and was called to the BC bar in 2001. Judge Simpkin had a varied practice that included civil litigation, criminal defence, and child protection matters. Recently, he served as Crown counsel in the Surrey office for 15 years.

Judge Jung – will be sworn in on December 1, 2022. She will be assigned to the Interior region with chambers in Penticton.

Judge Jung graduated from Queen's University law school in 1992 and was called to the BC bar in 1993. Shortly after, she had a general practice that included ICBC defence, family, and civil litigation work. In 1997, she became Crown counsel, working in the Fraser region of the province until 2017 when she was appointed Deputy Director, Legal Resources, Learning and Development at the BC Prosecution Service. Judge Jung has been a leader in professional development and education for Crown counsel throughout her career.

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
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