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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 provincial court judges to the Provincial Court.

The new judge appointments are Michele Peacock, Susan Sangha and Ellen (Heidi) Hughes.

**Judge Peacock** – will be sworn in on March 7, 2022. She will be assigned to the Fraser region with chambers in New Westminster.

Judge Peacock holds a law degree from the University of British Columbia, graduating in 1993. She worked as a sole practitioner, and a legal aid staff lawyer until October 1996, when she became Crown counsel in the Vancouver region. Judge Peacock is bilingual and has been a member of the BC Prosecution Services' French Prosecution group since 1996. She was also a member of the Stanley Cup Riot prosecution team in 2011, which was awarded the Commitment to Justice award by the Canadian Heads of Prosecution Committee.

**Judge Sangha** – will be sworn in on March 7, 2022. She will be assigned to the Office of the Chief Judge with chambers in Robson Square.

Judge Sangha holds a law degree from the University of Victoria, graduating in 1996 before being called to the B.C. bar in 1997. She was a civil litigator and partner at Alexander Holburn, where she has worked since finishing law school. Her practice area was insurance defence work, focusing on personal injury, occupier's liability, product liability and employment and human rights matters.

**Judge Hughes** – will be sworn in on March 14, 2022. She will be assigned to the Fraser region with chambers in Surrey.

Judge Hughes holds a law degree from the University of Virginia, graduating in 1990. She was called to the Massachusetts State Bar in 1990 and the B.C. bar in 1996. Judge Hughes has worked in all levels of court with expertise in administrative law, contracts, constitutional law and employment and human rights.

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