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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 Scott Mulder, Nina Purewal QC, and Michael Munro.

Judge Mulder – will be sworn in on January 31, 2022. He will be assigned to the Northern region with chambers in Quesnel.

Judge Mulder has 22 years of experience in family and criminal law throughout Northern BC. This includes working as counsel for the Nisga'a Lisims Government in child protection matters and appearing on many Family Law Act matters and criminal matters of all types and complexity. Judge Mulder holds a law degree from the University of Victoria, graduating in 1997. He grew up in the Kitimat area, and articulated and practiced in Terrace.

Judge Purewal – will be sworn in on January 31, 2022. She will be assigned to the Northern region. Initially, she will have chambers in Prince George and will assist with pressures created by the Northern Bail pilot project.

Judge Purewal holds a law degree from the University of Victoria, graduating in 2005 and a master's degree in international human rights from Oxford University in 2013. Throughout her career in law, she has worked for Pivot Legal Society/LLP, in the human rights field in Tanzania, as a Provincial government child and youth advocate as duty counsel, and for many years, as Crown counsel in the Smithers office, and laterally, as a Deputy Regional Crown counsel, in the northern region.

Judge Munro – will be sworn in on January 31, 2022. He will be assigned to the Vancouver Island region with chambers in Victoria.

Judge Munro holds a law degree from the University of Victoria and has been a sole practitioner since being called to the BC bar in 1991. For the past few years, he has taught an advocacy course at the University of Victoria law school and is sought out by young lawyers for advice and mentoring. Judge Munro has represented clients from many diverse backgrounds.

The Court congratulates its newest colleagues on their appointments and welcomes them to the Provincial Court.

Melissa Gillespie
Chief Judge
Provincial Court of British Columbia