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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 and one judicial justice to the Provincial Court.

The new judge appointments are Jeremy Hermanson, Jacqueline McQueen, KC, and Nicholas Preovolos.

Judge Hermanson – will be sworn in on May 4, 2023. He will be assigned to the Vancouver Island Region with chambers in Campbell River.

Judge Hermanson graduated from the University of British Columbia with an LL.B. in May 1997. He was called to the bar in BC in 1998. Judge Hermanson worked as an associate at the law firm of Lindsay Kenney until he joined the BC Prosecution Service in 2000. He has been practicing criminal law for the past 23 years in the Lower Mainland. For the last 10 years, his focus has been on serious offences including sexual assaults, firearm offences, and homicides.

Judge McQueen – will be sworn in on May 5, 2023. She will be assigned to the Vancouver Region with chambers in Robson Square.

Judge McQueen graduated from Osgoode Hall Law School, York University with an LLB in 1993 and in 1995, from York University with a Bachelor of Arts - First Class with Distinction. She was called to the BC bar in August 1996, having practiced law in both Ontario and New Zealand. Judge McQueen is a BC Law Society elected Bencher and prior to appointment, a partner at Aaron Gordon Daykin Nordlinger, LLP, since 2018. Since 2005, her focus has been on all aspects of family law, with an emphasis on resolving matters by alternative dispute resolution. She also has experience in civil litigation, construction, and plaintiff personal injury.

Judge Preovolos – will be sworn in on May 8, 2023. He will be assigned to the Fraser Region with chambers in Port Coquitlam.

Judge Preovolos graduated from the University of Toronto with an LL.B. in June 1995. He was called to the BC bar in 1996. He began his legal career as an articling student and associate with the Vancouver law firm of Ladner Downs (now Borden Ladner Gervais), working primarily as a securities and corporate commercial solicitor. He transitioned to a sole practitioner in civil litigation and criminal law practice in 2004.

The new judicial justice appointed is Nicole Cederberg, effective on pronouncement.

Judicial Justice Cederberg – will be sworn in on May 1, 2023, and assigned to the Justice Centre and traffic.

Judicial Justice Cederberg is a long-time personal injury lawyer, with experience in family law, criminal and collections matters. She also has experience investigating, reporting, and advising in difficult workplace situations such as sexual harassment and racism allegations.

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