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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 Tyleen Underwood, Mark Erina and Daniel Loucks.

Judge Underwood – will be sworn in on January 2, 2024. She will be assigned to the Interior Region with chambers in Cranbrook.

Judge Underwood obtained her LLB from the University of Saskatchewan and was called to the British Columbia Bar in 2002. She articled with a general practice law firm in Kelowna before moving to Nelson, where she was in private practice prior to being appointed to the bench.

Judge Erina – will be sworn in on January 2, 2023. He will be assigned to the Northern Region with chambers in Prince Rupert.

Judge Erina has practiced law as Crown counsel since his call to the bar in British Columbia in 1996. For approximately the last ten years, he has been the senior counsel and team leader of the Public Prosecution Service of Canada Economic Crime Group.

Judge Loucks – will be sworn in on January 2, 2024. He will be assigned to the Fraser Region with chambers in Abbotsford.

Judge Loucks has practised law since 2003. He completed his Bachelor of Laws at Dalhousie University in May 2002. He was first called in Ontario in July 2003, and then in British Columbia in August 2006. From July 2003 to October 2006, Judge Loucks worked as defence counsel in Ontario. He moved to British Columbia and since November 2006, worked as Crown counsel with the BC Prosecution Service.

The new judicial justices appointed is Judy Riddle, effective on pronouncement.

Judicial Justice Riddle – will be sworn in on December 12, 2023, and assigned to the Justice Centre and traffic.

Judicial Justice Riddle worked for the Provincial Crown since being called to the Bar in 1990. She initially worked out of and eventually ran the Squamish Crown office which was responsible for the Sea to Sky corridor up to Pemberton. Upon the closure of the Squamish office, she transferred to Vancouver. Judicial Justice Riddle retired from the BC Prosecution Service in September, 2023.

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