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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 two new Provincial Court judges to the Provincial Court.

The new judge appointments are Sabena Thompson and Mandy Klein.

**Judge Thompson** – will be sworn in on April 15, 2024. She will be assigned to the Northern region with chambers in Williams Lake.

Judge Thompson has practiced law for over 20 years. She began her career working for a private law firm in 100 Mile House, practicing civil litigation, criminal defence, and family law. In 2005, Judge Thompson joined the BC Prosecution Service as Crown counsel in Williams Lake, exclusively handling criminal law. She has held leadership positions with the BC Prosecution Service, including as the Administrative Crown for Williams Lake, Indigenous Court Crown counsel, and most recently, as a Deputy Regional Crown counsel in the northern region of BC. Judge Thompson has worked closely with many Indigenous communities in the province, assisting in the development of indigenous sentencing courts.

**Judge Klein** – will be sworn in on April 29, 2024. She will be assigned to the Interior region with chambers in Cranbrook.

Judge Klein has practiced law for over 16 years. She began her career in Manitoba, working as an articling student for Legal Aid in the areas of family, criminal, child protection, and poverty law. After being called to the Bar in 2007, she worked as a criminal defence counsel, with a focus on child protection matters, and as Crown Counsel for the Manitoba Prosecution Service. In 2017, Judge Klein joined the BC Prosecution Service as a Crown Counsel in Cranbrook, becoming the Administrative Crown counsel in 2019. In this role, Judge Klein worked with Indigenous leadership to develop effective and appropriate ways to bring the community's voice to the court process in the East Kootenays.

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