



THE PROVINCIAL COURT  
OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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## NOTICE TO THE PROFESSION AND PUBLIC

### REFERENCES TO THE SOVEREIGN

Effective immediately references to the Sovereign in the style of proceedings for any civil or criminal matter should use “Rex” or “His Majesty the King” in place of “Regina” or “Her Majesty the Queen”.

The designation “Queen’s Counsel/QC” has now become “King’s Counsel/KC” under the *Interpretation Act*, RSBC 1996, c. 238, and this will be reflected on orders and decisions effective immediately.

Counsel and litigants are encouraged to adopt the new nomenclature in all documents filed with the court. However, the court will continue to accept documents that refer to “Regina” or “Her Majesty the Queen” until further notice.

#### History of Notice to the Profession and Public

- Original notice issued and effective September 13, 2022.

Melissa Gillespie  
Chief Judge  
Provincial Court of British Columbia