



THE PROVINCIAL COURT
OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Effective date: *23 February 2015*

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PRACTICE DIRECTION

FEDERAL TAX PROSECUTIONS

Purpose

To clarify the court locations where federal tax prosecutions are to be conducted.

Application

This practice direction applies to all federal tax prosecutions in the Vancouver and the Fraser Regions of the Provincial Court of BC.

Directions

1. All federal tax evasion and GST fraud prosecutions conducted by the Department of Justice, Federal Prosecution Service, 900-840 Howe Street, Vancouver, will be conducted at either the Robson Square or the 222 Main Street location of the Provincial Court of BC as assigned by the Regional Administrative Judge for the Vancouver Region.
2. Informations for these cases shall be sworn at the Robson Square location of the Provincial Court of BC.
3. Search warrant applications, in these cases, are to be heard in the jurisdiction where the search is to be conducted.
4. The decision to hold a pre-trial conference is made on a case-by-case basis.

History of Practice Direction

- Practice direction dated February 23, 2015 based on the memorandum dated February 06, 2004 from Chief Judge Baird Ellan.
- January 8, 2020: Housekeeping update to remove “duration” section as contained information duplicated in “History of Practice Direction” section.

I make this practice direction pursuant to my authority under the *Provincial Court Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 379, and Rule 3 of the *Criminal Caseflow Management Rules*.

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Chief Judge
Provincial Court of British Columbia