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Appointment of Judges to the Provincial Court of British Columbia

It is my great pleasure and privilege to announce that the Lieutenant Governor in Council has signed an Order in Council appointing Jeffrey Campbell, QC, Satinder Sidhu and Karina Sacca to the Court as full time judges.

Judge Campbell – will be sworn in on March 23, 2020. He will be assigned to the Fraser Region with Chambers in Port Coquitlam.

Judge Campbell earned an LL.B. from the University of Victoria in 1998 and was called to the B.C. bar in 1999. He has practised criminal law for 20 years primarily representing persons and companies in criminal or quasi-criminal matters. Judge Campbell has been a bencher of the Law Society since 2016 and is active in legal education and pro-bono initiatives including the UBC Criminal Law Clinic. He was a founding member and director of the Criminal Defence Advocacy Society and a director of the International Society for Reform of Criminal Law. Judge Campbell was appointed Queen's Counsel in 2015.

Judge Sidhu – will be sworn in on March 30, 2020. She will be assigned to the Fraser Region with Chambers in Surrey.

Judge Sidhu earned an LL.B. from the University of British Columbia in 1995 and was called to the B.C. bar in 1996. She began her career with the Surrey Regional Crown office and prior to appointment served as Crown counsel in New Westminster, where she handled many of the more complicated criminal cases in the busiest Crown counsel region in the province. Judge Sidhu has regularly written papers and presented at Canadian Bar Association conferences, Crown conferences and the Canadian Police College. Judge Sidhu speaks fluent Punjabi.

Judge Sacca – will be sworn in on April 8, 2020. She will be assigned to the Vancouver Island Region with Chambers in Victoria.

Judge Sacca practiced family law in Victoria and has extensive experience with the *Family Law Act*. Her career began in Ontario, where she worked with the Office of the Public Trustee and as a children's lawyer. Since moving to Victoria, she has volunteered her time with Access Pro Bono and has provided pro bono services for clients within her practice. She has more than two decades of experience as a mediator and has spent the last two years as chair of the Canadian Bar Association's Women Lawyers Forum. Judge Sacca holds an LL.B. from the University of Manitoba and was called to the Ontario bar in 1997 and the B.C. bar in 2007.

On behalf of the Court I wish to congratulate our newest colleagues on their appointments and welcome them to the Provincial Court of British Columbia.

Melissa Gillespie Chief Judge Provincial Court of British Columbia