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Appointment of Judicial Justices to the Provincial Court of British Columbia

It is my great pleasure to announce that the Lieutenant Governor in Council has signed an Order in Council appointing Martha Sandor and Jennifer Davenport as per diem Judicial Justices of the Provincial Court of British Columbia.

Martha Sandor

Ms. Sandor is currently practicing civil law at Findlay, Gunnell and Sandor in the Maple Ridge area where she has practiced as a partner since 2000. She graduated from UBC law school in 1989. Between 1990 and 2000, she worked at several other civil litigation law firms. She has also volunteered as a supervising lawyer at the Community Legal Assistance Program in Maple Ridge since 2008. She has been an active volunteer in the Maple Ridge Community including being involved in hospital fundraising campaigns, the Maple Ridge Chamber of Commerce and the Maple Ridge Rotary club. She was on the Board of Governors for two terms at the Trial Lawyers’ Association, President of the New Westminster Bar Association, and on that executive for many years.

Jennifer Davenport

Ms. Davenport obtained her LLB from the University of Victoria in 1987. She was in house counsel for the Public Guardian and Trustee from 1999 through 2018. Prior to that, she worked in private law firms in Vancouver. She has volunteered for many organizations including lending her expertise in fundraising. She raised nearly $2 million and distributed $1 million to children who have aged out of care to assist them with the costs of post-secondary education (Youth Futures Education Fund Advisory Committee). She was a trustee for the West Vancouver Library, a board member of West Vancouver Family Place, and Secretary and Vice President for the Western Business Women’s Association. Additionally for 25 years, she was on the CBA, serving six years on the executive of the Vancouver Wills and Estates subsection.

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