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## B.C. Provincial Court's eNews and Twitter Town Hall receive 2019 Clawbies!

VANCOUVER, B.C. - There's no red carpet or monologue, but in the public legal information world the "Clawbies" – the Canadian Law Blogs Awards – are the equivalent of the Oscars. The Provincial Court of British Columbia is delighted to announce that it has been awarded not just one, but two 2019 Clawbies for its online communications.

The Court's <u>eNews</u> was honoured in the *Best Blogs and Commentary* category, where Clawbies judges considered readers' nominations as they selected "the best of the best" from more than 500 Canadian law blogs listed at <u>lawblogs.ca</u>. The awards announcement says:

"You might expect communication from a court to be stuffy and dry, but the British Columbia Provincial Court's eNews blog takes a surprisingly accessible, conversational tone. From justice hackathons to court rules changes, to new publications and judge news, court happenings and opportunities for feedback, we'd love to see more courts across the country take a page from the BCPC's blogging book."

Six other blogs were recognized in this category, including BC Chief Justice Bauman's <u>blog</u> for Access to Justice BC. Interestingly, five of this year's seven "best blogs" originate in BC.

Originally intended to recognize and showcase outstanding Canadian law blogs, the <u>Clawbies</u> were expanded this year to include other online legal information. The Court received its second 2019 Clawbie in the <u>Best A2J Resources</u> category for the October 2019 <u>Twitter Town Hall</u> where Chief Judge Gillespie hosted Chief Justice Bauman and former self-represented litigant Jennifer Muller at #A2JChatBC, using the Court's Twitter account @BCProvCourt for a live conversation with the public.

Chief Judge Melissa Gillespie said, "In its online communications as in other areas of its work, the Provincial Court focuses on users' needs. It's immensely gratifying to receive this acknowledgement of our efforts to offer court users and the public needed information, listen, and respond appropriately. And it's exciting to see all the legal information available online for people to watch, read or listen to!"

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