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### **B.C. Provincial Court provides stock photos for media use**

VANCOUVER: The Provincial Court of B.C. has added downloadable professional quality photographs of courtroom interiors to its website for media use.

Chief Judge Melissa Gillespie said, “Journalists attending the Provincial Court’s regional Media Workshops have asked for stock photos of courtrooms. In addition, when one of our eNews blog posts suggested that Canadian media might avoid using photos of gavels to illustrate court stories because Canadian judges don’t use gavels, our Twitter account received tweets pointing out the scarcity of alternative images.

The Court recognizes the important role media play in our democratic system by informing the public about what takes place in court. Wanting to assist, we decided to have some stock photos of courthouse interiors taken for media use. We hope media covering court proceedings in B.C. Provincial Court will find them useful.”

With input from media about what would be most relevant, retired judge Cliff MacArthur took photos inside trial and remand courtrooms at the Surrey Provincial Courthouse and at the Vancouver Criminal Courthouse at 222 Main Street. These photos, as well as some related images he captured, are now available for download on the Stock Photos page of our website at [www.provinciacourt.bc.ca/Media/StockPhotos](http://www.provinciacourt.bc.ca/Media/StockPhotos).

We invite you to download and use these photos or portions of them with photo credit to Cliff MacArthur/provinciacourt.bc.ca.

For information on other photo sources, see the Media page of the Court’s website at [www.provinciacourt.bc.ca/Media](http://www.provinciacourt.bc.ca/Media).

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