



April 15, 2015

Appointment of Two Judges

It is my distinct pleasure and privilege to announce that the Lieutenant Governor in Council has signed Orders in Council appointing Patrick Doherty and Dwight Stewart as judges of the Provincial Court of British Columbia.

Judge Dwight Stewart - will be sworn in on April 18, 2015 and assigned to the Northern Region with resident Chambers situated in Prince Rupert.

Judge Stewart attended law school at Queen's University and graduated in 1994. Prior to his legal education, he graduated from the Royal Military College of Canada with honours in History and Political Science. He was called to the bar in 1995 and practiced regulatory defence and professional discipline law until 2012 when he became Crown Counsel with the Ministry of Justice. Throughout his 19 years as a practicing lawyer, he was also an adjunct professor with UBC Law School for 13 years, teaching a seminar course in criminal trial advocacy. He is active in a number of professional associations and is currently the co-chair of the Canadian Bar Association's Criminal Justice Section. Judge Stewart has co-authored and presented a number of scholarly papers through the International Society for Reform of the Criminal Law.

Judge Patrick Doherty - will be sworn in on April 23, 2015 and assigned to the Fraser Region with resident Chambers situation in Surrey.

Judge Doherty attended law school at the University of British Columbia and graduated in 1987. Prior to law school, he graduated from the University of Western Ontario with his Bachelor of Arts. He was called to the bar in 1988 and practiced criminal, civil and administrative law as both a prosecutor and defence counsel over the course of his 25 year legal career. Judge Doherty spent three of those years as Crown Counsel in Bermuda. He has chaired the Vancouver Canadian Bar Association criminal subsection and has lectured for the UBC Law Advocacy Program. Judge Doherty also participated in educating a number of delegations from China and Vietnam on Canada's legal system.

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Chief Judge
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