



Announcement

June 13, 2016

Appointment of Three Judges

It is my distinct pleasure and privilege to announce that the Lieutenant Governor in Council has signed Orders in Council appointing Jennifer Barrett, Robert Gunnell and Wilfred Klinger as judges of the Provincial Court of British Columbia.

Judge Jennifer Barrett – will be sworn in on June 20, 2016 and assigned to the Vancouver Island Region with resident Chambers situated in Victoria, BC.

Judge Barrett has more than 27 years of legal experience in a solo or small firm environment and has primarily practiced in child protection and family law. She is trained in mediation, arbitration, collaborative family law, family violence and identification. She earned her law degree from the University of Windsor (Ontario) and is an active volunteer with numerous legal and non-legal organizations. Judge Barrett will serve primarily on Vancouver Island.

Judge Robert Gunnell – will be sworn in on June 27, 2016 and assigned to the Fraser Region with Chambers situated in Chilliwack, BC.

Judge Gunnell has been a practitioner in Maple Ridge for nearly 25 years with a focus on criminal law and hired as an Ad Hoc Crown on many occasions. After receiving an LL.B. from the University of Southampton (UK), he moved back to B.C. and began practicing with Fraser Valley law firms. He is an active member of the Employment and Assistance Tribunal, the New Westminster Bar Association and Criminal Justice Sections. He also donates time to community organizations and consulting for children, youth and adults suspected of living with brain-based disabilities. Judge Gunnell will serve primarily in the Fraser Region.

Judge Wilfred Klinger – will be sworn in on June 13, 2016 and assigned to the Interior Region.

Judge Klinger is being reappointed for a one-year term as a senior judge. He obtained his law degree from the University of Saskatchewan in 1968 and was appointed a judge in 1979. Most recently Judge Klinger was a judge on the Senior Judges Program since 2009. He has completed the seven-year term in June 2016. Upon his reappointment Judge Klinger will continue to sit primarily in the Interior Region.

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

Thomas J. Crabtree
Chief Judge
Provincial Court of British Columbia