

Announcement

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## Appointment of Judges to the Provincial Court of British Columbia

It is my great pleasure and privilege to announce that the Lieutenant Governor in Council has signed Orders in Council appointing to the Court Jeremy Guild, George Leven and Kristen Mundstock as full time judges.

Judge Jeremy Guild – will be sworn in on March 12, 2018. He will be assigned to the Interior Region.

Judge Guild holds law credentials from the University of Canterbury in New Zealand and the University of British Columbia. In addition to his private practice work in criminal, civil and family law, he served as duty counsel for the Drug Treatment Court of Vancouver, prosecutor for the Department of Justice in Burnaby, and was a lawyer with the Legal Services Society in Burnaby and Vancouver. He has also presented at and contributed to numerous conferences and training workshops on innovative approaches for drug treatment courts and restorative justice.

Judge Kristen Mundstock - will be sworn in on March 12, 2018. She will be assigned to the Fraser Region.

Judge Mundstock received an LL.B from Queen's University in 1993 and joined the firm Patten, MacDonald and Crabtree as an articled student. Now a managing partner at Patten Thornton, she has gained experience in many areas, including criminal law, estates, human rights law and more. Most recently she has focused on family law and civil litigation, and has appeared in Provincial Court, the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeal. She has held the positions of secretary and president with the Chilliwack & District Bar Association and has worked and volunteered with numerous charities in her community.

Judge George Leven – will be sworn in on March 27, 2018. He will be assigned to the Northern Region.

Judge Leven received an LL.B from the University of Alberta in 1993. After joining the Prince George firm Hope Heinrich as an articled student and progressing to partner, he launched his own practice in 2003. During his career, he has gained experience in the areas of ICBC defence, family law, federal prosecutions and criminal defence. He has also contributed to supporting people involved in the criminal justice system through board memberships with the Prince George Activator Society and the Northern John Howard Society.

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.

Thomas J. Crabtree Chief Judge Provincial Court of British Columbia