

Announcement

8 November 2018

Court Administration

Associate Chief Judges

I am pleased to announce that **Associate Chief Judge Judge Susan Wishart** has graciously agreed to continue in her role as Associate Chief Judge. Judge Wishart was appointed to the Provincial Court of British Columbia in March of 2009, serving Victoria, Duncan and the Western Communities. In November of 2014 she was elected president of the Provincial Court Judges' Association and in that capacity served as a member of Judicial Council for the year 2015.

In May of 2016 Judge Wishart was appointed Associate Chief Judge and appointed to Judicial Council commencing in July of 2016. As Associate Chief Judge, she serves on various committees including access to justice initiatives, court technology, and business intelligence. She has participated in changes to the Small Claims Rules and the Court's planning to accommodate the implementation of the Civil Resolution Tribunal in 2017. She is also involved with the specialized courts across the province including First Nations Courts, Downtown Community Court and Drug Treatment Court in Vancouver, and Victoria Integrated Court.

Judge Paul Dohm has been appointed an Associate Chief Judge of the Court. The appointment takes effect 8 November 2018 and will be for a term of two years.

Judge Dohm graduated from the University of British Columbia with an LLB in 1989. He articled with Richard Peck, Q.C. and was called to the Bar in 1990. From May 1991 to May 1992 he held the position of legal counsel to Commissioner of Industrial Relations Council. He went on to be an associate lawyer at Siddall & Cashman where he remained for a year before joining Crown Counsel in October of 1993. Judge Dohm was Crown counsel in Vancouver and Administrative Crown Counsel in Nelson before returning to the Lower Mainland and working as a major crime prosecutor. He was appointed to the Provincial Court in December 2005.

I very much look forward to working with Associate Chief Judge Wishart and Associate Chief Judge Dohm.

Regional Administrative Judges

All five Regional Administrative Judges have agreed to continue serving the court in this capacity:

Judge Michael Brecknell (Northern)

Judge Robert Hamilton (Fraser)

Judge John Milne (Vancouver)

Judge Carmen Rogers (Vancouver Island)

Judge Meg Shaw (Interior)

On behalf of the Court I wish to congratulate Judge Dohm on his appointment as Associate Chief Judge and to express my gratitude to Judges Wishart, Brecknell, Hamilton, Milne, Rogers and Shaw for their willingness to continue in their current roles.

Melissa Gillespie Chief Judge Provincial Court of British Columbia