



Announcement

November 30, 2015

Appointment of Four Judges

It is my distinct pleasure and privilege to announce that the Lieutenant Governor in Council has signed Orders in Council appointing Deanne Gaffar, Robert Brown, Judith Doulis and Alexander Wolf as judges of the Provincial Court of British Columbia.

Judge Deanne Gaffar – will be sworn in on December 4, 2015 and assigned to the Fraser Region with resident Chambers situated in Surrey.

The legal career of Judge Gaffar includes extensive experience as defense counsel in criminal cases. She has gained expertise in administrative tribunals for mental health and human rights and served as counsel for professional regulatory colleges. Since graduating from the UBC with a law degree in 1993, Ms. Gaffar has conducted complex cases involving criminal charges and became a part-time instructor with the UBC Faculty of Law. Through the UBC Liu Institute for Global Issues, she has provided judicial training for the International Criminal Court (The Hague).

Judge Robert G. P. Brown – will be sworn in on December 7, 2015 and assigned to the Interior Region with resident Chambers situated in Rossland.

For more than 20 years, Judge Brown has gained significant experience as an agent for the Public Prosecution Service of Canada. He earned a law degree from the University of British Columbia (UBC) in 1979 and maintains professional membership in the British Columbia Law Society and the Alberta Law Society. As a partner at Thompson, LeRose & Brown in Trail, B.C. since 1994, he also has extensive experience in family law, defense counsel and general civil litigation.

Judge Judith Thorne Doulis – will be sworn in on December 7, 2015 and assigned to the Northern Region with resident Chambers situated in Prince George.

Since her call to the bar in 1998, after receiving a law degree from the University of British Columbia (UBC), Judge Doulis has earned experience in family law, civil litigation, criminal law and human rights law and worked for the Community Legal Assistance Society in Vancouver and in private practice. She has been both an Administrative Crown Counsel and Environmental Crown Counsel. Ms. Doulis has demonstrated a strong commitment to continued professional development, both as an instructor and as a participant.

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Judge Alexander M. D. Wolf – will be sworn in on December 7, 2015 and will initially be assigned sitting duties out of the Office of the Chief Judge.

Judge Wolf has legal experience in Canada, India, the Philippines and Fiji. Since receiving his law degree from Dalhousie University in 1993, he has been called to the bar in Ontario, Yukon, Northwest Territories, B.C. and Fiji. Mr. Wolf has gained expertise as a Crown Prosecutor, defence counsel, poverty lawyer, legal aid lawyer and sole practitioner. His legal career includes residential school cases for the Justice Department and management of the Vancouver Aboriginal Law Centre, which deals with Aboriginal, family and poverty law issues. Since 2004, he has concentrated on his private practice in North Vancouver.

We congratulate our newest colleagues on their appointment and welcome them to the Provincial Court of British Columbia.

Thomas J. Crabtree
Chief Judge
Provincial Court of British Columbia