



Announcement

October 5, 2018

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 David Albert, Georgia Docolas, Jennifer Lopes and Craig Sicotte to the Court as full time judges.

Judge Jennifer Lopes – will be sworn in on October 22, 2018. She will be assigned to the Fraser Region with Chambers in Surrey.

Judge Lopes received a Juris Doctor from the University of British Columbia in 1998. She has spent a majority of her career as an advocate in the courtroom working with clients from ethnically diverse backgrounds and people with mental health and addiction issues. She has worked as Crown counsel in a variety of roles including trial prosecutor, and early resolution/arraignment prosecutor. She regularly appeared in the Provincial and Supreme Courts of British Columbia and has made submissions before the Senate of Canada.

Judge David Albert – will be sworn in on October 25, 2018. He will be assigned to the Fraser Region with Chambers in Surrey.

Judge Albert received a bachelor of laws (LLB) from the University of Victoria in 1993. He started his career specializing in Aboriginal law working extensively with the Squamish Nation where he focused on criminal law, family law and civil litigation. From there he worked in Surrey as a federal prosecutor. He established his own law firm doing legal aid, duty counsel; drug related and impaired driving defence work. Judge Albert appeared regularly in Provincial Court and Supreme Court and in the Supreme Court of Canada on three occasions.

Judge Georgia Docolas – will be sworn in on October 25, 2018. She will be assigned to the Fraser Region with Chambers in Surrey.

Judge Docolas received an LLB from the University of Victoria in 1991. She started her career with Altman Kahn Zack focusing on federal work. She later became a Crown prosecutor in both the Provincial and Supreme Courts. She went on to open her own defence practice and has since been working regularly on major crime files.

Judge Craig Sicotte – will be sworn in on October 29, 2018. He will be assigned to the Fraser Region with Chambers in Surrey.

Judge Sicotte received an LLB from the University of Victoria in 1990. He began his law career as a junior on serious crime files at Bull, Houser & Tupper, before starting his own practice in Surrey. For the past 18 years he has focused on criminal law with clients from diverse ethnic backgrounds. In addition to his practice, Judge Sicotte established and managed legal aid offices in Surrey, Langley and New Westminster.

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.

Melissa Gillespie
A/Chief Judge
Provincial Court of British Columbia