



Announcement

July 26, 2016

Appointment of Two Judges

It is my distinct pleasure and privilege to announce that the Lieutenant Governor in Council has signed Orders in Council appointing Karen L. Whonnock, Q.C. and Robin P. McQuillan as judges of the Provincial Court of British Columbia.

Judge Karen Whonnock – will be sworn in on August 8, 2016 and assigned to the Northern Region with resident Chambers situated in Williams Lake, BC.

Judge Whonnock received her law degree from the University of Toronto in 1999, a Master's in law from Osgoode Hall at York University in 2003 and is currently a candidate for a doctorate in social sciences at Royal Roads University. A member of the Wet'suwet'en First Nations, she has been an associate judge of the Colville Tribal Court, has worked for the Legal Services Society and has been a sole practitioner in Terrace. She has published on Indigenous women, matrimonial real property and aboriginal courts.

Judge Robin McQuillan – will be sworn in on August 15, 2016 and will initially be assigned sitting duties out of the Office of the Chief Judge.

Judge McQuillan received a law degree from the University of British Columbia in 1989. Since 1998, he has been a sole practitioner focused on child and family protection cases. For more than 15 years, he has volunteered as a family advice lawyer with the Western Canada Society to Access Justice and has been a Robson Square Family Duty counsel roster lawyer since 2002. McQuillan has been a contributing author for Family Practice Manual.

I congratulate these new colleagues on their appointments and welcome them to the Provincial Court of British Columbia.

Thomas J. Crabtree
Chief Judge
Provincial Court of British Columbia