



JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF BC
NOTICE TO THE PROFESSION AND PUBLIC

**Call for Applications for Judicial Appointments as
Part Time Judicial Justice of the Provincial Court of BC**

The Judicial Council of B.C. is looking for applicants from diverse backgrounds who have had a minimum of 5 years active practice as a lawyer in Canada (those with less legal practice experience may be considered if they have a range of related experience), who are interested in part time adjudication work as a Judicial Justice of the Provincial Court. This judicial work will be performed at various locations throughout the province. Judicial Council encourages applications from individuals who reflect the diversity of British Columbia.

British Columbia's judicial justices are judicial officers who exercise authority under various provincial and federal laws. They are assigned a variety of duties by the Chief Judge. Some judicial justices preside in courtrooms throughout the province, hearing traffic matters and ticketable offences under provincial laws, as well as municipal bylaw matters. They may also conduct small claims payment hearings. Others are assigned judicial duties at the Justice Centre, where they consider search warrant and other judicial authorization applications and hear applications for detention or bail.

For more information on judicial justices' work, see section 30.2 of the *Provincial Court Act* and the Chief Judge's current assignment of duties to judicial justices (<http://www.provincialcourt.bc.ca/downloads/Practice%20Directions/NP%2016%20Assignment%20of%20Duties%20to%20Judicial%20Justices.pdf>).

Qualifications: A minimum of five years having been an active practicing lawyer in Canada (those with less legal practice experience may be considered if they have a range of related experience). Must be eligible for appointment as a justice of the peace for British Columbia. Experience in criminal law and adjudication, dispute resolution, or other forms of decision-making on a professional level an asset but not essential. Demonstrated ability to deal effectively and professionally with people of diverse backgrounds in adversarial and stressful situations. Must be prepared to work shifts as part of an up to a 24 hour operation, including weekends and statutory holidays. Position may require travel. Professional references and criminal record check are required. See more here:

<http://www.provincialcourt.bc.ca/downloads/applications/Criteria%20for%20appt%20JJs.pdf>.

Short-listed applicants will be required to attend an interview with the Judicial Council either remotely by Microsoft Teams or in person at the Office of the Chief Judge. If approved by the Council, candidates will be eligible to be recommended to the Lieutenant Governor in Council for appointment as a judicial justice at any time within a three-year period following the interview, though no such appointment can be assured. After appointment, judicial justices receive training before embarking on their assignments.

This position is a judicial appointment within the Provincial Court of B.C. and, currently, appointments will be on a part time basis for one fixed term of 10 years pursuant to the *Provincial Court Act*, section 30.2. Remuneration will be on a per diem basis as fixed by the Judicial Compensation Commission in accordance with the *Judicial Compensation Act* (currently \$848.91 per day). There is a Judicial Compensation Commission process currently underway. Part time judicial justices may continue to practice law (other than criminal law) and devote a mutually agreed amount of time to the Court. Further information regarding the appointment process and the Court may be found at <http://www.provincialcourt.bc.ca/about-the-court/judicial-officers/judicial-justices>.

To apply, please submit an online application through the Provincial Court website: <http://www.provincialcourt.bc.ca/about-the-court/judicial-officers/appointment-judicial-justices>.

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