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Government of Canada announces judicial appointments in the province of Alberta

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Ottawa, ON

Department of Justice Canada

The Honourable Jody Wilson-Raybould, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, today announced the following appointments:

The Honourable Michelle G. Crighton, a judge of the Alberta Court of Queen's Bench in Edmonton, is appointed a judge of the Alberta Court of Appeal in Edmonton to replace Mr. Justice J. Watson, who elected supernumerary status effective January 1, 2016. She is also appointed a judge of the Court of Appeal for the Northwest Territories and a judge of the Court of Appeal of Nunavut.

The Honourable Jo'Anne Streckf, a judge of the Alberta Court of Queen's Bench in Calgary, is appointed a judge of the Alberta Court of Appeal in Calgary to replace Mr. Justice P. Martin, who elected supernumerary status effective September 1, 2016. She is also appointed a judge of the Court of Appeal for the Northwest Territories and a judge of the Court of Appeal of Nunavut.

Kevin P. Feehan, Q.C., a partner with Dentons Canada LLP in Edmonton, is appointed a judge of the Alberta Court of Queen's Bench in Edmonton to replace Madam Justice B.A. Browne, who elected supernumerary status effective January 25, 2016.

James T. Eamon, Q.C., a partner with Gowling Canada (formerly Gowling Henderson Lafleur LLP) in Calgary, is appointed a judge of the Alberta Court of Queen's Bench in Calgary to replace Madam Justice B.E. Romaine, who elected supernumerary status effective January 1, 2016.

Jolaine Antonio, appellate counsel with Alberta Justice in Calgary, is appointed a judge of the Alberta Court of Queen's Bench in Calgary to replace Madam Justice R.E. Nation, who elected supernumerary status effective July 1, 2016.

George Fraser, a prosecutor with Alberta Justice in Edmonton, is appointed a judge of the Alberta Court of Queen's Bench in Edmonton to replace Madam Justice D.C. Read, who elected supernumerary status effective March 1, 2016.

Bonnie Bokenfohr, interim executive director for the Edmonton Police Commission, is appointed a judge of the Alberta Court of Queen's Bench in Edmonton to replace Mr. Justice D. Lee, who elected supernumerary status effective September 6, 2016.

These appointments are effective immediately.

THE HONOURABLE MICHELLE G. CRIGHTON

Ottawa, Ontario – October 20, 2016

Education

Bachelor of Laws, University of Alberta (1984)

Professional Experience

2007 – Present

Judge of the Court of Queen’s Bench of Alberta in Edmonton

1985 - 2007

Associate and then Partner with McLennan Ross LLP in Edmonton

1985

Admitted to the Bar of Alberta

THE HONOURABLE JO'ANNE STREKAF

Ottawa, Ontario – October 20, 2016

Education

Bachelor of Laws, Queen's University (1980)
Master of Laws, Cambridge University (1986)

Professional Experience

2007 – Present

Judge of the Alberta Court of Queen's Bench in Calgary

1981 – 2007

Associate and then Partner with Bennett Jones LLP in Calgary

1981

Admitted to the Bar of Alberta

KEVIN P. FEEHAN, Q.C.

Ottawa, Ontario – October 20, 2016

Education

Bachelor of Laws, University of Alberta (1978)

Professional Experience

1980 – Present

Associate and then Partner with Fraser Milner Casgrain LLP, now Dentons Canada LLP, in Edmonton

1979

Admitted to the Bar of Alberta

2007

Admitted to the Bar of the Northwest Territories

JAMES T. EAMON, Q.C.

Ottawa, Ontario – October 20, 2016

Education

Bachelor of Laws, University of Toronto (1984)
Master of Laws, Cambridge University (1985)
Mediation Skills Training Certificate Course (2013)

Professional Experience

1993 – Present

Partner with Gowling Canada (formerly Gowling Henderson Lafleur LLP) in Calgary

1987 – 1993

Associate with Code Hunter LLP

1986

Admitted to the Bar of Alberta

JOLAINE ANTONIO

Ottawa, Ontario – October 20, 2016

Education

Bachelor of Laws, Dalhousie University (1994)

Professional Experience

2008 – Present

Appellate Counsel with Alberta Justice in Calgary

2005 – 2008

Crown Counsel, Public Prosecution Service of Canada

1997 – 2002

Crown Prosecutor with Alberta Justice

1995 – 1997 and 2002 - 2005

Counsel and Crown Prosecutor with Department of Justice Canada

1995

Admitted to the Bar of Alberta

1996

Admitted to the Bar of British Columbia

1997

Admitted to the Bar of the Northwest Territories

GEORGE FRASER

Ottawa, Ontario – October 20, 2016

Education

Bachelor of Laws, University of Alberta (1996)

Professional Experience

1998 – Present

Crown Prosecutor with Alberta Justice in Edmonton

1997

Admitted to the Bar of Alberta

BONNIE BOKENFOHR

Ottawa, Ontario – October 20, 2016

Education

Bachelor of Laws (with Distinction), University of Alberta (2001)

Professional Experience

2013 - Present

Interim Executive Director, Edmonton Police Commission

2010 - 2013

Associate with Field LLP in Edmonton

2006 - 2010

Director, Legal Services and Risk Management Branch, Edmonton Police Service

2004 - 2006

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Coordinator and Legal Advisor,
Edmonton Police Service

2003 - 2004

Associate with Reynolds Mirth Richards and Farmer LLP in Edmonton

2003

Admitted to the Bar of Alberta