



News Release

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The Government of Canada announces judicial appointments in the province of British Columbia

October 20, 2016

Ottawa, ON

Department of Justice Canada

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

Heather MacNaughton, a Master of the Supreme Court of British Columbia in Vancouver, is appointed a judge of the Supreme Court of British Columbia in Vancouver to replace Madam Justice G.M. Dickson, who was elevated to the Court of Appeal on July 28, 2015.

Catherine Murray, Q.C., a Crown Counsel with British Columbia Prosecution Service in Victoria, is appointed a judge of the Supreme Court of British Columbia in Vancouver to replace Mr. Justice G.J. Fitch, who was elevated to the Court of Appeal effective September 1, 2015.

Joyce M. DeWitt-Van Oosten, Q.C., an Assistant Deputy Attorney General with the Ministry of Justice in Victoria, is appointed a judge of the Supreme Court of British Columbia in Vancouver to replace Madam Justice B.J. Brown, who was transferred by the Chief Justice effective September 11, 2015.

These appointments are effective immediately.

HEATHER MACNAUGHTON

Ottawa, Ontario – October 20, 2016

Education

Bachelor of Laws (1982) and Master of Laws, York University (1988)

Professional Experience

2011 – Present

Master, Supreme Court of British Columbia in Vancouver

2010 – 2011

Heather M. MacNaughton and Associates

2000 - 2010

Chair of British Columbia Human Rights Tribunal

1995 - 2000

Chair and Vice-Chair, Ontario Human Rights Board of Inquiry and
Chair and Vice-Chair of Ontario Pay Equity Hearings Tribunal

1984 – 1995

Associate and then Partner with Lang Michener Lawrence & Shaw

1984

Admitted to the Bar of Ontario

2010

Admitted to the Bar of British Columbia

CATHERINE MURRAY, Q.C.

Ottawa, Ontario – October 20, 2016

Education

Bachelor of Laws, University of British Columbia (1984)

Professional Experience

1997 – Present

Senior Crown Counsel, British Columbia Prosecution Service in Victoria

1987 – 1997

Crown Counsel, British Columbia Prosecution Service

1986 – 1987

Lawyer with Robertson Peck in Vancouver

1985 – 1986

Lawyer with Ramsay Thompson Lampman in Nanaimo

1985

Admitted to the Bar of British Columbia

JOYCE DEWITT-VAN OOSTEN, Q.C.

Ottawa, Ontario – October 20, 2016

Education

Bachelor of Laws, University of Alberta (1991)

Professional Experience

2012 – Present

Assistant Deputy Attorney General, Criminal Justice Branch, British Columbia Ministry of Justice in Victoria

2006 - 2012

Deputy Director, Prosecution Support, British Columbia Ministry of Justice

2001 - 2006

Crown and Appellate Counsel, British Columbia Ministry of Justice

1994 – 2001

Crown Counsel, British Columbia Ministry of Justice

1993

Admitted to the Bar of British Columbia