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New assistant chief judge named for Calgary

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Judge Victor Thomas Tousignant has been named the new assistant chief judge for the Provincial Court of Alberta Family and Youth Division in Calgary. Judge Tousignant will take over from Acting Assistant Chief Judge Edward R.R. Carruthers effective October 1.

Judge Tousignant graduated law school from the University of Calgary in 1982. He was appointed to the Provincial Court of Alberta in 2004. Prior to his judicial appointment he practiced criminal, civil and family law.

Tousignant was recently decorated by the Ambassador of France with the prestigious French National Order of Merit, an award rarely granted to non-French citizens. He earned this recognition for contributing to France and French culture through community service work.

“I want to thank Judge Carruthers for his outstanding service as Assistant Chief Judge,” said Justice Minister Ron Stevens. “I also welcome Judge Tousignant to the position and I am confident that his combination of education, professional experience and dedication to the community will greatly benefit the people of Alberta.”

Judge Carruthers has practiced law in Alberta for 29 years. He will continue to serve in Calgary’s Family and Youth Court, as he has done since July 1996.

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