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New judge named to the Provincial Court of Alberta

Edmonton... Derek Gordon Redman Q.C., has been appointed to the Lethbridge Provincial Court, effective November 19.

Redman graduated law school from Queen's University in 1981. He was appointed as Queen's Counsel in 2000. Prior to his judicial appointment he practiced civil litigation with an emphasis on employment and labour related matters.

Redman has been actively involved in Lethbridge community affairs for many years. In 2000, he was awarded the City of Lethbridge Citizen of the Year award and in 2005 received the prestigious Alberta Centennial Medal. He has a strong interest in public legal education and in an effort to help people learn more about the rights of employees and employers wrote books for both young adults and business managers on employment law matters.

"I welcome Judge Redman to his new position," said Minister of Justice and Attorney General Ron Stevens. "Judge Redman's outstanding dedication to his community, as well as his professional expertise, make him a perfect candidate to serve the people of Lethbridge."

The Alberta Judicial Council screens all candidates for Provincial Court appointments and forwards a list of recommended applicants to the Provincial Court Nominating Committee.

The committee then interviews candidates from the list provided by the Judicial Council and in turn recommends to the Minister of Justice the names of those appointees felt to be of the highest calibre.

The Provincial Court Nominating Committee was established in 1999 and is made up of 11 members appointed by the Minister of Justice. It has representatives from the Alberta Provincial Court, the Law Society of Alberta, the Canadian Bar Association (Alberta Branch), other members from the legal profession, and the public.

Judicial appointments are approved by Order in Council.

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