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New assistant chief judge named for Edmonton

Edmonton... Judge James K. Wheatley has been named the new assistant chief judge for the Provincial Court Criminal Division in Edmonton effective May 15.

Judge Wheatley graduated with a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Alberta in 1971, was appointed as Queen's Counsel in 2000 and as Provincial Court Judge of Criminal Division, Edmonton in March 2003. Prior to being appointed as a judge, he had over 30 years of private practice experience focused primarily on criminal, corporate and family law.

"I want to congratulate Judge Wheatley in his new position and thank him for the years of outstanding service he has already dedicated to the justice system in Alberta," said Justice Minister Alison Redford. "His wide range of knowledge and professional experience will mean Albertans will continue to benefit from his exceptional leadership."

Judge Wheatley takes over from Assistant Chief Judge Allan Lefever, who was designated as deputy chief judge of the Provincial Court of Alberta on February 4. The deputy chief judge of the Provincial Court of Alberta is a newly created position to help Alberta's court system become the most innovative and progressive in Canada.

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