

Strong Communities

October 22, 2008

New judges appointed to the Provincial Court of Alberta

Edmonton... The Minister of Justice and Attorney General has appointed four new judges to the Provincial Court of Alberta.

Brian Hougestol has been appointed to Grande Prairie Provincial Court, Stephanie Cleary Q.C., to Fort McMurray Provincial Court, Sylvia Oishi Q.C., to Lethbridge Provincial Court and Bart Rosborough Q.C. to Red Deer Provincial Court.

“These four individuals will be able to provide an exceptional service to Albertans and our province’s judicial system,” said Alison Redford, Minister of Justice and Attorney General. “I look forward to working with them to make our communities stronger and increase Albertan’s access to justice.”

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 and recommends the names of those appointees felt to be of the highest calibre to the Minister of Justice.

The Provincial Court Nominating Committee was established in 1999. Its 11 members are appointed by the Minister of Justice and represent the Alberta Provincial Court, the Law Society of Alberta, the Canadian Bar Association (Alberta Branch), other members from the legal profession, and the public. The Judicial Council has representatives from the Alberta Provincial Court, Court of Queen’s Bench, Court of Appeal and the Law Society of Alberta. It also includes two people appointed by the Minister of Justice.

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Attachment: Appointees’ biographies

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Biographies:

Brian Robert Hougestol

Brian Robert Hougestol graduated from the University of Calgary law school in 1982. After graduation he concentrated on criminal defense and criminal prosecution ranging from minor summary conviction matters to drug conspiracy and murder. In 1993, he joined the firm Dobko Logan Innes & Hougestol and shifted his focus to civil litigation and solicitor's work. He was president of the Grande Prairie Bar Association and the John Howard Society of Alberta. His judicial appointment is effective November 3.

Stephanie Ann Cleary, Q.C.

Stephanie Ann Cleary, Q.C. received her law degree from Dalhousie University in 1989. She joined Alberta Justice as a prosecutor in 1999. Since 2006, she has been Acting Chief Crown Prosecutor for the Judicial District of Medicine Hat. Her experience includes several years as a Senior Crown Attorney in Nova Scotia and two years private practice in Alberta defending criminal matters, with a focus on Legal Aid work. She has been an active member of her community, a founding member of the local Mental Health/Court Liaison Committee and was instrumental in setting up a Specialized Domestic Violence Court in Medicine Hat. She was appointed Queen's Counsel in 2007. Her judicial appointment is effective October 22.

Sylvia Lori Oishi, Q.C.

Sylvia Lori Oishi, Q.C. graduated from the University of Alberta law school in 1985. Working as a Crown Prosecutor in Lethbridge since 1998, she has focused on criminal law. In 2004, she planned, developed and implemented a specialized Domestic Violence Court in Lethbridge to address the specific needs of victims, offenders and families. She received the YWCA Women of Distinction award for social advocacy and has been president of Lethbridge Family Services. She was appointed Queen's Counsel in 2007. Her judicial appointment is effective October 22.

Bart Rosborough, Q.C.

Bart Rosborough graduated from the University of Alberta law school in 1979. He became a Crown Prosecutor in Edmonton in 1980 and for the next ten years, focused on criminal prosecutions. In 2000, he became Chief Crown Prosecutor, overseeing 70 professional staff, eight Provincial Prosecutors and 65 support staff. As recipient of the Alberta Centennial Medal in 2005, he was recognized for his outstanding service to the people and province of Alberta. He is a past director of the Zebra Child Protection Centre. He was appointed Queen's Counsel in 2000. His judicial appointment is effective October 22.

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