



July 8, 2009

New Judge appointed to Calgary Provincial Court

Edmonton... John Randolph Shaw has been appointed as a Calgary Family and Youth Provincial Court Judge, effective July 8.

Shaw graduated from the University of Wales law school in 1981. His practice areas include general law and appearances as appellate counsel in both civil and criminal matters. He is also a former sitting Justice of the Peace in Calgary. He has been a volunteer for the University of Calgary intensive trial advocacy workshop and founding and current member of the Sarcee West Youth Justice Committee.

"I congratulate Judge Shaw on his new position," said Alison Redford, Minister of Justice and Attorney General. "I am confident his scope of education, experience and knowledge will serve the judiciary well."

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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