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Two new judges appointed to the Provincial Court

Edmonton ... Two new judges have been appointed to the Provincial Court of Alberta.

Marilena Maria Carminati, Q.C., has been appointed to Edmonton Provincial Court, Criminal and Mark Thomas Carrington Tyndale to Calgary Provincial Court, Criminal, both effective January 4, 2010.

“I welcome these two individuals to their new positions,” said Alison Redford, Minister of Justice and Attorney General. “I am confident they will provide very strong leadership.”

Marilena Carminati graduated from the University of Alberta law school in 1987. After graduation, she practiced criminal law for approximately 11 years at Pringle, Brimacombe & Sanderman, now Brimacombe & Sanderman. For the past eight years, Carminati has handled a full range of prosecutions as a Crown Prosecutor with Alberta Justice. In 2006, she was appointed Queen’s Counsel. Carminati sat on the board of the Edmonton Bar Association for a number of years and was president in 2002-2003.

Mark Tyndale graduated from the University of Western Ontario in 1983. After practicing in the fields of criminal, family and personal injury for a number of years, he participated in launching the firm Lord Flemming, now Lord Russell Tyndale Hoare, in 1986. Tyndale’s focus for the past 25 years has been criminal defence work. He has served as an executive member of the Canadian Bar Association and the Calgary Defence Lawyers Association. He has worked since 2001 to establish a treatment court for convicted criminals with addictions and is currently the chair of the board of directors of the Calgary Drug Treatment Court.

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. The 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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