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New judge appointed to the Provincial Court

Edmonton... Paul Gale Pharo, Q.C., has been appointed to Provincial Court, Lethbridge, effective December 6.

“I’m pleased to welcome Mr. Pharo to his new position,” said Alison Redford, Minister of Justice and Attorney General. “His years of experience serving the community will be an asset to the Provincial Court Bench.”

Pharo graduated with a Bachelor of Laws from Dalhousie Law School in 1979. He has practiced general law, including family, criminal, civil litigation, real estate and wills and estates with the Stringam Denecky Law Firm in Lethbridge since 1980. His recent community work includes serving as the founding Chairman of the Board of Economic Development Lethbridge, President of the Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce, President of the Lethbridge Bar Association, and serving on the Senate of the University of Lethbridge. Pharo is also the incoming President of the Rotary Club 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 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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