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New judge appointed to the Provincial Court

Edmonton... Harry M. Van Harten, LLB, has been appointed to Provincial Court, Calgary Criminal, effective December 13.

“Mr. Van Harten is a welcome addition to the Provincial Court Bench,” said Alison Redford, Minister of Justice and Attorney General. “He is well respected by the legal community and I am confident he will serve his new role well.”

Van Harten was admitted to the Alberta Bar in 1987. He specializes in youth and adult criminal law as well as child protection law. Van Harten has volunteered as an instructor for the Legal Education Society of Alberta, the University of Calgary’s Student Legal Assistance Program and at the Elizabeth Fry Society in Calgary. He is currently a senior partner at Van Harten Foster Iovinelli Joshi in Calgary.

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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