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New judge appointed to the Provincial Court

Edmonton... Gregory Steven Maxwell, LLB, has been appointed to the Provincial Court of Alberta (Southern Region), to be based in Lethbridge, effective April 1.

"I'm pleased to appoint someone of Mr. Maxwell's extensive legal background and community service," said Verlyn Olson, Minister of Justice and Attorney General. "I am confident his experience in the Crown's office and as a sole practitioner has well prepared him for his duties as a judge of the Provincial Court of Alberta."

Maxwell was admitted to the Alberta Bar in 1987. He was an associate at Huckvale Wilde Law Office for two years where he performed ad hoc prosecutions for the Crown office. In 1992, Maxwell accepted a position as a Crown prosecutor in the Lethbridge Crown's office. Two years later, he went into private practice as a sole practitioner, specializing primarily in criminal law, with a small amount of civil litigation. In 2003, he again became a Crown prosecutor in the Lethbridge Crown office before being appointed Assistant Chief Crown Prosecutor there in 2009. Maxwell taught business law at Lethbridge College and is an active community volunteer as a coach and Vice-President with Magrath Minor Hockey, a board member with Lethbridge Minor Hockey Association, and formerly a coach mentor for Hockey Alberta.

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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