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## Appointment of Five Judges

It is my distinct pleasure and privilege to announce that the Lieutenant Governor in Council has signed Orders in Council appointing Valliammai Chettiar, Kathryn Ferris, Christine Lowe, Jay Solomon and Danny Sudeyko as judges of the Provincial Court of British Columbia.

**Judge Valliammai (Valli) Chettiar** – will be sworn in on July 31, 2015 and assigned to the Fraser Region with resident Chambers situated in Surrey, BC.

Judge Chettiar graduated with her law degree from the University of British Columbia in 1992 and was called to the bar in 1993. Judge Chettiar has 20 years of legal experience in a number of areas of the law including: administration; civil litigation; mediation and arbitration; securities taxation; wills; estates and trusts; and real estate. She has practiced as a sole practitioner, partner of a national law firm, general counsel and in-house corporate counsel for both public and private corporations. Ms. Chettiar recently served as vice-chair of the Property Assessment and Appeal Board and mediator/arbitrator for the Surface Rights Board.

**Judge Kathryn Ferriss** – will be sworn in on July 31, 2015 and assigned to the Fraser Region with resident Chambers situated in Surrey, BC.

Judge Ferriss attended the University of British Columbia law school and graduated with her bachelor of laws in 1986. She was called to the bar in 1987 and has dedicated the majority of her 24 year legal career to representing legal aid clients in all types of family and child protection matters. Ms. Ferriss recently implemented and managed the first expanded family duty counsel in B.C., providing family law advice to litigants at both the Supreme and provincial courts.

**Judge Christine Lowe** – will be sworn in on August 4, 2015 and assigned to the Vancouver Island Region with resident Chambers situated in Victoria, BC.

Judge Lowe attended law school at the University of British Columbia and graduated in 1988. Prior to law school, she graduated from Simon Fraser University with her bachelor of arts in criminology. While she was in law school, Ms. Lowe worked as a correctional officer at a women's prison. She was called to the bar in 1989 and has worked in a variety of roles with the Criminal Justice Branch for 23 years. Recently, as deputy regional Crown counsel, she was responsible for oversight of all criminal cases on southern Vancouver Island and supervised over 50 lawyers and administrative support staff.

**Judge Jay Solomon** – will be sworn in on August 7, 2015 and assigned to the Fraser Region with resident Chambers situated in Abbotsford, BC.

Judge Solomon obtained his law degree from McGill University in 1986 and then pursued his masters degree in criminology from Simon Fraser University, graduating in 1988. After being called to the bar in 1990, Mr. Solomon went on to establish his own mixed litigation practice with an emphasis on criminal defence and personal injury. For 20 years, he has served on the board of directors for the Lower Mainland Purpose Society for Youth and Families – a non-profit society that provides an alternative high school, day care and programs for families in need of social services.

**Judge Danny Sudeyko** – will be sworn in on August 17, 2015 and will initially be assigned sitting duties out of the Office of the Chief Judge.

Judge Sudeyko graduated from the University of Victoria with his bachelor of laws in 1987. Prior to law school, he graduated from the University of British Columbia with his bachelor of social work and his bachelor of arts from Simon Fraser University. He was called to the bar in 1988 and entered private practice soon after. For almost 25 years, he has represented youth in care in criminal matters at all levels of the courts. He was recently given an award from the Squamish and Tselil Waututh Nations for his participation in the First Nations court in North Vancouver. For over 12 years, Mr. Sudeyko served the Legal Services Society in the North Shore/Coastal region, providing legal services to those in need.

We congratulate our newest colleagues on their appointments and welcome them to the Provincial Court of British Columbia.

Thomas J. Crabtree  
Chief Judge  
Provincial Court of British Columbia