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INFORMATION SERVICE OFFERS BACKGROUND ON COURTS AND JUSTICE SYSTEM

Online media will provide information on B.C. Provincial Court, judicial officers' roles, and justice system initiatives

VANCOUVER, B.C. – A new [information service](#) will provide short news notes about B.C.'s Provincial Court and the people who work in it, highlighting the wide range of activities that judges and other court officers do beyond the doors of the courtroom. It will also feature justice system resources and services available to help British Columbians involved in court proceedings.

Provided through the B.C. Provincial Court website www.ProvincialCourt.bc.ca relaunched last month, the service uses the website's RSS feature, and re-activates the Court's Twitter social media feed @BCProvCourt. It adds to the website's focus on ensuring that the public can understand the role of the Court and get easy-to-use information about how the Court works.

Thomas J. Crabtree, Chief Judge of the Provincial Court, said, "This new information feed reflects our intention to make the Court as transparent as possible. The more that people understand about the Court and our officers, the more they can have confidence in their justice system."

The service, which will focus on informal news notes, will post short items weekly or as they become available. They will include topics such as:

- Less well-known aspects of judicial duties
- Alternatives to courts and resources for people involved in court proceedings
- Reforms and new initiatives in the justice system
- Links to significant recent decisions

Chief Judge Crabtree invites everyone interested in learning more about B.C.'s Provincial Court to visit the Court's website at www.ProvincialCourt.bc.ca, explore the resources there, complete a survey on the website, and join the RSS feed or Twitter feed @BCProvCourt.

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