



## Announcement

October 26, 2014

## Appointment of Two Judges

It is my distinct pleasure and privilege to announce that the Lieutenant Governor in Council has signed Orders in Council appointing Richard Browning and Barbara Flewelling as judges of the Provincial Court of British Columbia.

**Judge Richard Browning** – will be sworn in on October 31, 2014, and assigned to the Fraser Region with resident Chambers situated in Chilliwack.

Judge Richard Browning was first called to the bar in 1990 after earning his law degree from the University of British Columbia in 1989. Judge Browning has worked as a sole practitioner for the past 22 years. For most of his career, he has practiced in the Provincial Court System and has served as both counsel for the defence and Crown counsel. Judge Browning has been a member of the Provincial Court Scheduling Project Working Group, a director of the Justice Education society and is a former chair of Legal Aid Committee of the Canadian Bar Association, BC Branch. Outside of his legal career, Judge Browning has coached soccer and lacrosse in New Westminster and served on the board of the Fraser Burrard Restorative Justice Society.

**Judge Barbara Flewelling** – will be sworn in on December 5, 2014 and assigned to the Vancouver Island Region with resident Chambers situated in Campbell River.

Judge Barbara Flewelling has been a practicing lawyer for the past 19 years. Before she was called to the bar in 1995, Judge Flewelling had a 15 year career in the insurance industry. She has recently served as past chair of the Automobile Insurance Committee of the Canadian Bar Association, BC Branch and was previously on the board of governors of the Trial Lawyers Association of B.C. Over the course of her law career, Judge Flewelling has been an advocate for improved relationships between lawyers and judges, and was instrumental in organizing seminars promoting healthy living for lawyers. Outside of her professional life, she helped with the organization of performances by the Welsh Men's Choir, the Courtenay Chamber Music Society and the Prince George Symphony.

The appointment of Judge Browning will facilitate the transfer of a Judge from the Fraser Region to the Vancouver Island Region.

Please join me in congratulating our newest colleagues on their appointments and welcoming them to the Provincial Court of British Columbia.

Thomas J. Crabtree  
Chief Judge  
Provincial Court of British Columbia