



## Announcement

February 20, 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 Steven Point and Shannon Keyes as judges of the Provincial Court of British Columbia.

**Judge Steven Point** – will be sworn in on March 3, 2014, and assigned to the Fraser Region with resident Chambers situated in Abbotsford.

Judge Steven Point was first appointed to the Provincial Court in 1999, but took a leave of absence in 2005 when he was appointed chief commissioner of the British Columbia Treaty Process. He retired from the bench in October 2007 when he was appointed as British Columbia's Lieutenant Governor, a position he held until 2012. Judge Steven Point also served as chair of the advisory committee on the safety and security of vulnerable women between December 2012 and May 2013.

From 1975 to 1999, Judge Steven Point served as chief of the Skowkale First Nation. While serving as chief, he attended the University of British Columbia, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Laws degree in 1985. He practiced criminal law and native law as a partner at Point and Shirley Law Firm between 1986 and 1989. He then worked for Citizenship and Immigration Canada for 10 years before being appointed to the Provincial Court in 1999.

**Judge Shannon Keyes** – will be sworn in on February 25, 2014 and assigned to the Northern Region with resident Chambers situated in Prince George.

Judge Shannon Keyes has been practicing law for 26 years. She was first called to the bar in 1986 after earning her Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of Victoria in 1985. Judge Shannon Keyes was an associate at Rubin-Haws and Associate, Barristers and Solicitors between 1987 and 1988, and began her own practice in 1991. She joined Cobbett and Cotton Barristers and Solicitors in September 1994 as an associate, and six years later joined the Criminal Justice Branch as Crown counsel, a position she's held until her appointment to the bench.

Outside of her law career, Judge Shannon Keyes has been a co-owner of an organic farm and co-owner of a property maintenance and renovation business. She is also an avid cross-country skier, and has volunteered as a coach for the Caledonia Nordic Ski Club and coached the Rocky Mountain Rangers Army Cadets biathlon team.

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