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SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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SUPREME COURT JUSTICES

THE HONOURABLE CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERT J. BAUMAN

- Appointed to the Supreme Court June 20, 1996
- Appointed to the Court of Appeal February 20, 2008
- Appointed Chief Justice of the Supreme Court September 9, 2009

THE HONOURABLE ASSOCIATE CHIEF JUSTICE AUSTIN F. CULLEN

- Appointed to the Supreme Court March 21, 2001
- Appointed Associate Chief Justice of the Supreme Court December 31, 2011

THE HONOURABLE ASSOCIATE CHIEF JUSTICE ANNE W. MACKENZIE [▲]

- Appointed to the Provincial Court July 5, 1990
- Appointed to the Supreme Court June 20, 1996
- Appointed Associate Chief Justice of the Supreme Court April 23, 2010

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE BRUCE I. COHEN [▶]

- Appointed to the Supreme Court March 25, 1987

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE STEWART [▼]

- Appointed to the Supreme Court September 8, 1988

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE W. GLEN PARRETT [▶]

- Appointed to the Supreme Court February 16, 1990

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RANDALL S.K. WONG [▶]

- Appointed to the Provincial Court February 20, 1974
- Appointed to the County Court September 4, 1981
- Appointed to the Supreme Court July 1, 1990

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RONALD A. MCKINNON [▶]

- Appointed to the County Court December 5, 1985
- Appointed to the Supreme Court July 1, 1990

THE HONOURABLE MADAM JUSTICE MARY-ELLEN BOYD ▶

- Appointed to the County Court December 5, 1985
- Appointed to the Supreme Court July 1, 1990

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE VICTOR R. CURTIS ▶

- Appointed to the County Court March 11, 1986
- Appointed to the Supreme Court July 1, 1990

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE THOMAS J. MELNICK ▶

- Appointed to the County Court October 23, 1987
- Appointed to the Supreme Court July 1, 1990

THE HONOURABLE MADAM JUSTICE MARION J. ALLAN ▶

- Appointed to the County Court September 8, 1988
- Appointed to the Supreme Court July 1, 1990

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE IAN B. JOSEPHSON ▶

- Appointed to the Provincial Court February 1, 1975
- Appointed to the County Court October 4, 1989
- Appointed to the Supreme Court July 1, 1990

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE IAN C. MEIKLEM ▶

- Appointed to the Supreme Court October 11, 1991

THE HONOURABLE MADAM JUSTICE JACQUELINE L. DORGAN ▶

- Appointed to Supreme Court October 11, 1991

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RICHARD M.L. BLAIR ▶

- Appointed to the Supreme Court June 24, 1992

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SHABBITS ▼

- Appointed to the Supreme Court November 27, 1992

THE HONOURABLE MADAM JUSTICE M. MARVYN KOENIGSBERG ▶

- Appointed to the Supreme Court November 27, 1992

THE HONOURABLE MADAM JUSTICE WENDY G. BAKER

- Appointed to the Supreme Court May 28, 1993

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE R.D. WILSON ▼

- Appointed to the Supreme Court January 27, 1994

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE JON S. SIGURDSON ►

- Appointed to the Supreme Court January 27, 1994

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE L. PAUL WILLIAMSON ►

- Appointed to the Supreme Court January 27, 1994

THE HONOURABLE MADAM JUSTICE MARY A. HUMPHRIES

- Appointed to the Supreme Court January 27, 1994

THE HONOURABLE MADAM JUSTICE JANICE R. DILLON

- Appointed to the Supreme Court April 25, 1995

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SELWYN R. ROMILLY ►

- Appointed to the Provincial Court November 15, 1974
- Appointed to the Supreme Court November 15, 1995

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE BARRY M. DAVIES

- Appointed to the Supreme Court January 10, 1996

THE HONOURABLE MADAM JUSTICE DEBORAH KLOEGMAN

- Appointed to the Supreme Court February 13, 1996

THE HONOURABLE MADAM JUSTICE SUNNI STROMBERG-STEIN

- Appointed to the Provincial Court December 4, 1989
- Appointed to the Supreme Court February 16, 1996

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE FRANK W. COLE ►

- Appointed to Supreme Court March 19, 1996

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE WILLIAM G.E. GRIST

- Appointed Master of the Supreme Court January 1, 1990
- Appointed to the Supreme Court June 20, 1996

THE HONOURABLE MADAM JUSTICE NANCY MORRISON ▼

- Appointed to the Provincial Court December 5, 1972
- Appointed to the Supreme Court August 7, 1996

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE T. MARK McEWAN

- Appointed to the Supreme Court August 7, 1996

THE HONOURABLE MADAM JUSTICE ALISON J. BEAMES

- Appointed to the Supreme Court August 7, 1996

THE HONOURABLE MADAM JUSTICE LINDA A. LOO

- Appointed to the Supreme Court September 24, 1996

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE GRANT D. BURNYEAT ►

- Appointed to the Supreme Court December 19, 1996

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE MALCOLM D. MACAULAY

- Appointed to the Supreme Court March 4, 1997

THE HONOURABLE MADAM JUSTICE C. LYNN SMITH

- Appointed to the Supreme Court June 23, 1998

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE DOUGLAS A. HALFYARD ►

- Appointed to the Supreme Court June 30, 1999

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ROBERT E. POWERS

- Appointed District Registrar - 1984
- Appointed Master of the Supreme Court - November 20, 1989
- Appointed to the Supreme Court December 16, 1999

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ROBERT W. METZGER ▶

- Appointed to the Provincial Court April 21, 1980
- Appointed to the Supreme Court June 20, 2000

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE BROOKE ▼

- Appointed to the Supreme Court June 20, 2000

THE HONOURABLE MADAM JUSTICE HEATHER J. HOLMES

- Appointed to the Supreme Court March 21, 2001

THE HONOURABLE MADAM JUSTICE CAROL J. ROSS

- Appointed to the Supreme Court March 21, 2001

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE HARRY A. SLADE

- Appointed to the Supreme Court March 27, 2001

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE BRIAN M. JOYCE

- Appointed Master of the Supreme Court December 1, 1989
- Appointed to the Supreme Court April 4, 2001

THE HONOURABLE MADAM JUSTICE CATHERINE A. WEDGE

- Appointed to the Supreme Court April 4, 2001

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ROBERT CRAWFORD

- Appointed to the Supreme Court September 27, 2001

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RICHARD B.T. GOEPEL

- Appointed to the Supreme Court September 27, 2001

THE HONOURABLE MADAM JUSTICE VICTORIA GRAY

- Appointed to the Supreme Court September 27, 2001

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE GEOFFREY BARROW

- Appointed to the Supreme Court December 14, 2001

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE PETER J. ROGERS

- Appointed to the Supreme Court December 14, 2001

THE HONOURABLE MADAM JUSTICE BRENDA BROWN

- Appointed to the Supreme Court April 18, 2002

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE JOHN D. TRUSCOTT

- Appointed to the Supreme Court October 10, 2002

THE HONOURABLE MADAM JUSTICE LAURA B. GEROW

- Appointed to Supreme Court October 10, 2002

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE JAMES W. WILLIAMS

- Appointed to the Supreme Court October 10, 2002

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE DAVID M. MASUHARA

- Appointed to the Supreme Court October 11, 2002

THE HONOURABLE MADAM JUSTICE SANDRA K. BALLANCE

- Appointed to the Supreme Court December 11, 2002

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RICE ▼

- Appointed to the Supreme Court July 24, 2003

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE STEPHEN F. KELLEHER

- Appointed to the Supreme Court July 24, 2003

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE LANCE W. BERNARD

- Appointed to the Supreme Court July 24, 2003

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE WILLIAM EHRCKE

- Appointed to the Supreme Court October 28, 2003

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ROBERT JOHNSTON

- Appointed to the Supreme Court November 26, 2004

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ARNE H. SILVERMAN

- Appointed to the Supreme Court November 26, 2004

THE HONOURABLE MADAM JUSTICE BARBARA FISHER

- Appointed to the Supreme Court November 26, 2004

THE HONOURABLE MADAM JUSTICE ELIZABETH A. ARNOLD-BAILEY

- Appointed to the Provincial Court July 23, 1990
- Appointed to the Supreme Court April 14, 2005

THE HONOURABLE MADAM JUSTICE J. MIRIAM GROPPER

- Appointed to the Supreme Court April 14, 2005

THE HONOURABLE MADAM JUSTICE LORYL D. RUSSELL

- Appointed to the Supreme Court April 14, 2005

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE NATHAN H. SMITH

- Appointed to the Supreme Court May 19, 2005

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE JOEL R. GROVES

- Appointed Master of the Supreme Court May 4, 2000
- Appointed to the Supreme Court May 19, 2005

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE PETER D. LEASK

- Appointed to the Supreme Court November 22, 2005

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ELLIOTT M. MYERS

- Appointed to the Supreme Court November 22, 2005

THE HONOURABLE MADAM JUSTICE CATHERINE J. BRUCE

- Appointed to the Provincial Court May 29, 1998
- Appointed to the Supreme Court September 14, 2006

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE WILLIAM B. SMART

- Appointed to the Supreme Court December 15, 2006

THE HONOURABLE MADAM JUSTICE GAIL DICKSON

- Appointed to the Supreme Court December 15, 2006

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE J. KEITH BRACKEN

- Appointed to the Provincial Court February 14, 1991
- Appointed to the Supreme Court March 30, 2007

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE G. BRUCE BUTLER

- Appointed to the Supreme Court March 30, 2007

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE PAUL J. PEARLMAN

- Appointed to the Supreme Court January 31, 2008

THE HONOURABLE MADAM JUSTICE LAURI ANN FENLON

- Appointed to the Supreme Court January 31, 2008

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE GEOFFREY R.J. GAUL

- Appointed to the Supreme Court January 31, 2008

THE HONOURABLE MADAM JUSTICE SUSAN A. GRIFFIN

- Appointed to the Supreme Court February 20, 2008

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE J. CHRISTOPHER GRAUER

- Appointed to the Supreme Court April 11, 2008

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE JOHN E.D. SAVAGE

- Appointed to the Supreme Court May 5, 2008

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE PAUL W. WALKER

- Appointed to the Supreme Court June 18, 2008

THE HONOURABLE MADAM JUSTICE D. JANE DARDI

- Appointed to the Supreme Court June 18, 2008

THE HONOURABLE MADAM JUSTICE KATE KER

- Appointed to the Supreme Court June 18, 2008

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE NEILL BROWN

- Appointed to the Supreme Court July 30, 2008

THE HONOURABLE MADAM JUSTICE ELAINE J. ADAIR

- Appointed to the Supreme Court November 28, 2008

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ROBERT J. SEWELL

- Appointed to the Supreme Court January 22, 2009

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE JOHN S. HARVEY

- Appointed to the Supreme Court January 22, 2009

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE PETER G. VOITH

- Appointed to the Supreme Court January 22, 2009

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE FRITS VERHOEVEN

- Appointed to the Supreme Court January 22, 2009

THE HONOURABLE MADAM JUSTICE HOPE HYSLOP

- Appointed Master of the Supreme Court March 21, 2003
- Appointed to the Supreme Court May 15, 2009

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE BRUCE M. GREYELL

- Appointed to the Supreme Court May 15, 2009

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE TERENCE A. SCHULTES

- Appointed to the Supreme Court May 15, 2009

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ROBERT D. PUNNETT

- Appointed to the Supreme Court June 19, 2009

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE PETER M. WILLCOCK

- Appointed to the Supreme Court June 19, 2009

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE GREGORY T.W. BOWDEN

- Appointed to the Provincial Court May 14, 2004
- Appointed to the Supreme Court October 2, 2009

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE BRIAN D. MACKENZIE

- Appointed to the Provincial Court October 30, 1990
- Appointed to the Supreme Court October 23, 2009

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ANTHONY SAUNDERS

- Appointed to the Supreme Court November 26, 2009

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE S. DEV DLEY

- Appointed to the Provincial Court June 23, 2008
- Appointed to the Supreme Court March 19, 2010

THE HONOURABLE MADAM JUSTICE MIRIAM A. MAISONVILLE

- Appointed to the Supreme Court March 19, 2010

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE DAVID C. HARRIS

- Appointed to the Supreme Court March 19, 2010

THE HONOURABLE MADAM JUSTICE SHELLEY C. FITZPATRICK

- Appointed to the Supreme Court June 18, 2010

THE HONOURABLE MADAM JUSTICE JENNIFER A. POWER

- Appointed to the Supreme Court August 6, 2010

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE TREVOR C. ARMSTRONG

- Appointed to the Supreme Court October 1, 2010

THE HONOURABLE MADAM JUSTICE JEANNE E. WATCHUK

- Appointed to the Provincial Court October 3, 1994
- Appointed to the Supreme Court October 28, 2010

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE MURRAY B. BLOK

- Appointed District Registrar March 25, 2002
- Appointed to the Supreme Court October 28, 2010

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE D. ALLAN BETTON

- Appointed to the Provincial Court March 19, 2007
- Appointed to the Supreme Court June 24, 2011

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE KENNETH AFFLECK

- Appointed to the Supreme Court June 24, 2011

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE PATRICE ABRIOUX

- Appointed to the Supreme Court September 29, 2011

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RONALD S. TINDALE

- Appointed to the Provincial Court February 15, 2010
- Appointed to the Supreme Court October 20, 2011

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE GREGORY FITCH

- Appointed to the Supreme Court October 20, 2011

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ROBERT W. JENKINS

- Appointed to the Supreme Court December 31, 2011

▶ *SUPERNUMERARY*

▼ *RETIRED*

▲ *APPOINTED TO THE COURT OF APPEAL*

SUPREME COURT MASTERS

MASTER WILLIAM McCALLUM

- Appointed to the Supreme Court November 20, 1989

MASTER ALAN DONALDSON ▼

- Appointed to the Supreme Court November 20, 1989

MASTER DENNIS TOKAREK

- Appointed to the Supreme Court September 9, 1991

MASTER MICHAEL BISHOP

- Appointed to the Supreme Court September 9, 1991

MASTER DOUGLAS BAKER

- Appointed to the Supreme Court July 16, 1998

MASTER SHELAGH SCARTH

- Appointed to the Supreme Court November 6, 2000

MASTER PETER KEIGHLEY

- Appointed to the Supreme Court March 8, 2004

MASTER IAN W. CALDWELL

- Appointed to the Supreme Court April 18, 2005

MASTER GRANT TAYLOR

- Appointed to the Supreme Court July 29, 2005

MASTER BARBARA YOUNG

- Appointed to the Supreme Court December 6, 2006

MASTER CAROLYN P. BOUCK

- Appointed District Registrar April 2, 2002
- Appointed to the Supreme Court December 11, 2009

MASTER HEATHER MACNAUGHTON

- Appointed Master of the Supreme Court June 1, 2011

MASTER ROBERT MCDIARMID

- Appointed Master of the Supreme Court June 1, 2011

▼ *RETIRED*

SUPREME COURT REGISTRARS

KATHRYN SAINTY, REGISTRAR OF THE SUPREME COURT

- Date of Appointment - April 1, 2001

STUART R. CAMERON, DISTRICT REGISTRAR

- Date of Appointment - January 31, 2011

SUPREME COURT JUDICIAL STAFF

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE AND THE ASSOCIATE CHIEF JUSTICE	
Executive Assistant to Chief Justice Bauman	Linda Larson, Gail Woods
Executive Assistant to Associate Chief Justice MacKenzie	Mary Williams
Law Officers	Christine Joseph, Christine Judd, Jill Leacock, Heidi McBride, Anna Negrin
JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION	
Executive Director & Senior Counsel	Frank Kraemer, QC
Director, Human Resources and Support Services	Korry Bonhomme, Michelle McConnachie
Director, Information Technology and Finance	Kevin Arens
Director, Supreme Court Scheduling	Cindy Friesen
Assistant to Director, Supreme Court Scheduling and Assistant to Law Officers	Andrea Keen, Krystal Mason
Assistant to the Executive Director	Tammy McCullough
Judicial Assistant	Michelle Sam
Finance Clerk	Cheryl Steele
Website Administrator	Mary Falck
Judicial Administrative Assistant Practice Advisor	Tannes Gentner
Manager, Provincial Registrar's Program	Sheri Albert
JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS	
Vancouver	Adrien Amadeo-Vittone, Jenn Brooks, Melissa Cameron, Joy Eliasson, Diane Gooderham, Felipa Ibarrola, Joanne Ivans, Lorrie Jamieson, Wanda Lam, Crystal Laye, Beverlee Lea, Amy Mann, Evelyn Mathesius, Pat Miller, Laura Munday, Linda Peter, Terri Rockwell, Samantha Servis, Catherine Turner, Wanda Wilk, Benjamin Woolsey, Stephanie Wyer Rose, Michelle Yung

Chilliwack	Yvonne Samek
Cranbrook	Brenda Pocha
Kamloops	Beckie Allen, Jane Raggatt
Kelowna	Sharon LeBlanc, Lana Pardue
Nanaimo	Pat McKeeman, Patricia Robison
Nelson	Kathie Pereverzoff
New Westminster	Indy Benning, Jenn Brooks, Barb Gourlay, Bonnie Healy, Raji Johal, Carrie Wilke
Prince George	Susan Johns
Smithers	Donna Riel
Victoria	Karen Gurney, Cherry Luscombe, Bonnie Marcaccini, Victoria Osborne-Hughes

SUPREME COURT SCHEDULING

Vancouver	
Manager, Supreme Court Scheduling, Civil	Sue Smolen
Manager, Supreme Court Scheduling, Criminal	Mary Ellen Pearce
Team Leader & Supreme Court Scheduler	Rhona Ogston
Supreme Court Schedulers	Patricia Acthim, Allison Donnelly, Kim Gunn, Annie Hecimovic, Laura Hill, Christine Hutton, Jeanette McNabb
Data Entry Clerks	Shahla Ehtesham, Daniel Hoyles, Darlene Marasigan, Elsie Peralta, Erica Pizzacolla, Tariq Teja
Kamloops, Cranbrook, Golden, Revelstoke, Salmon Arm	
Manager, Supreme Court Scheduling	Dave McCoy
Supreme Court Schedulers	Beckie Allen, Doreen Czerkowski
Kelowna, Nelson, Penticton, Rossland, Vernon	
Manager, Supreme Court Scheduling	Barb Turik
Acting Manager, Supreme Court Scheduling	Janine Benson, Sandy Sanderson
Supreme Court Scheduler	Mandy Alexander
Data Entry Clerk	Wendy Bissonnette

<i>Nanaimo, Campbell River, Courtenay, Port Alberni and Powell River</i>	
Manager, Supreme Court Scheduling	Cheryl Turner
Supreme Court Scheduler	Michelle Schley
<i>New Westminster, Chilliwack</i>	
Manager, Supreme Court Scheduling	Tanya Andres
Supreme Court Schedulers	Leanne Griffith, Renuka Pumbhak, Debbie Soroka
Data Entry Clerks	Lynne Muckalt, Nancy Richardson,
<i>Prince George, Dawson Creek, Fort St. John, Quesnel, Williams Lake</i>	
Manager, Supreme Court Scheduling	Pamela Wallin
Supreme Court Scheduler	Kelly Parmar
Data Entry Clerk	Virginia Kaun
<i>Prince Rupert, Terrace</i>	
Manager, Supreme Court Scheduling	Crystal Foerster
<i>Smithers</i>	
Manager, Supreme Court Scheduling	Sharon Portsch
<i>Victoria, Duncan</i>	
Manager, Supreme Court Scheduling	Dianne Lezetc
Supreme Court Scheduler	Jennine Gates, Sandra Smith
<i>JUDGES LIBRARY</i>	
Librarian	Diane Lemieux
Library Technician	Connie Kang, Sarah Preston
<i>JUDGMENT OFFICE</i>	
Reserve Judgment Clerk	Andrea Keen, Krystal Mason
<i>SUPREME COURT USHERS</i>	
<i>Vancouver</i>	Lyle Bolton, Susan Brokenshire, Donna Cox, Gerry Cumming
<i>New Westminster</i>	Lynne Muckalt
<i>IT SERVICES (provided by Microserve Business Computer Services)</i>	
Service Delivery Manager	Mark Hujanen
Help Desk Lead Technician	David Chow, Simon Kim
Help Desk Technician	Eddie Chan, Michael Gou, William Huang, Jason Liu

JURISDICTION OF THE COURT

Superior Court

The Supreme Court of British Columbia is the province's superior trial court. It is a court of general and inherent jurisdiction which means that it has jurisdiction to hear and decide any matter that comes before it, unless a statute or rule limits that authority or grants exclusive jurisdiction to some other court or tribunal. The Courts inherent jurisdiction allows it to control its own processes and the procedures before it so as to ensure fairness and to prevent abuses of process. The Supreme Court hears both civil and criminal cases as well as appeals from Provincial Court and reviews decisions of administrative tribunals.

Supreme Court Registries and Locations

The Supreme Court is a circuit court in which all the judges and masters travel throughout the province to preside over cases. The Supreme Court sits in seven judicial districts and has resident judges in Vancouver, Chilliwack, Cranbrook, Kamloops, Kelowna, Nanaimo, Nelson, New Westminster, Prince George, Prince Rupert, Smithers and Victoria. The Supreme Court also sits in the following additional locations where there is no resident judge or master: Campbell River, Courtenay, Dawson Creek, Duncan, Fort St. John, Golden, Penticton, Port Alberni, Powell River, Quesnel, Revelstoke, Rossland, Salmon Arm, Terrace, Vernon and Williams Lake.

Judicial Members of the Supreme Court

The Supreme Court currently consists of the 106 judges: the Chief Justice, the Associate Chief Justice, 84 regularly sitting justices and 20 supernumerary justices. There are currently 2 vacancies: one is in Vancouver and the other is in Victoria.

Judicial Appointments

Judicial appointments are made by the Governor-in-Council on the recommendation of the federal Minister of Justice. The Commissioner for Federal Judicial Affairs oversees the appointment process on behalf of the Minister of Justice.

Supreme Court judges are appointed to hold office until their mandatory retirement age of 75 and can only be removed from office for cause. The Canadian Judicial Council, a body comprised of the Chief Justices and Associate Chief Justices of the superior courts in each province and territory and presided over by the Chief Justice of Canada is responsible for investigating and responding to complaints about judicial conduct. As has been the case for some time, the federal government promptly fills judicial vacancies in British Columbia as they arise.

Supreme Court Masters

The Supreme Court has 11 masters who are resident in Vancouver, Victoria, New Westminster, Kamloops and Kelowna. There is currently one vacant master position in Vancouver.

Masters are judicial officers appointed by the provincial government by Order in Council after receiving recommendations from an ad hoc committee consisting of the Chief Justice, the Deputy Attorney General, the President of the Law Society of British Columbia and the President of the B.C. Branch of the Canadian Bar Association. Masters preside in civil chambers and registrar hearings and hear and determine a wide variety of applications in chambers.

Registrars

The Supreme Court has one Registrar and one District Registrar who are located in Vancouver.

Registrars are appointed pursuant to s. 12 of the *Supreme Court Act* and are under the general direction of the Chief Justice. They hear a wide variety of matters including reviews of lawyers' accounts, bankruptcy discharge applications and bankruptcy taxations, assessments of bills of costs, subpoenas to debtor, passing of accounts, references of various types and settling orders.

The Registrar of the Supreme Court, in addition to carrying out the above noted duties, is also responsible for overseeing the Provinces' deputy district registrars who work in the registry and is a liaison between the court and the Court Services Branch in relation to registrar's issues. The Registrar is also a member of the Attorney General's Rules Revision Committee and other court and public committees as directed by the Chief Justice.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE

We live, as they say, in interesting times and nowhere is that adage more apt than in the courthouses throughout the province. I am pleased to have an opportunity to report on the activities and initiatives of the Court in 2011.

Justice System Funding

In 2011, the justice system as a whole and the courts, in particular received more public attention than has typically been the case. In addition to specific concerns about particular proceedings, there has been a growing public awareness of the financial pressures that the courts are facing. In a speech that I gave in November, I stated that the ability of the courts to perform their role of neutral decision-makers was being significantly challenged because of funding cutbacks. Financial constraints have reduced the number of court clerks, registry staff and sheriffs available to operate the justice system. This affects the level of service that the public requires and has led to delays in processing court orders, scheduling hearings and conducting hearings. The Executive Branch is dealing with serious financial pressures; however, it is my view that a properly resourced judicial system is the foundation upon which our democratic society is built.

Public Confidence in the Justice System

When citizens understand the judicial process and the unique, diverse and important roles that each participant plays, they have greater confidence in the outcome - the decisions that the judges of the court make each day. When people come to courthouses to watch trials, they hear witnesses give evidence and lawyers ask questions and make arguments about what happened and what the consequences should be. They hear the judge explain his or her reasons for the decision. While they may not always agree with the judge's decision, they will have a better understanding of why the judge made the decision. Public trust and confidence in the judicial system is only possible when the public understands the judicial system. I, along with my judicial colleagues, continue to be actively engaged in initiatives and programs which aim to contribute to the public's understanding of the judicial system.

We have worked with a large and diverse network of community organizations including Access ProBono, the Arbitrator's Association, British Columbia Council of Administrative Tribunals, British Columbia Courthouse Library Society, British Columbia Institute of Technology, Camosun College, Canadian Bar Association, Canadian Institute for the Administration of Justice, Continuing Legal Education Society of British Columbia, Federation of Law Societies of Canada, Inns of Court Program, Justice Education Society, Justice Institute of British Columbia, Law Foundation of British Columbia, Law Society of British Columbia, Legal Services Society, Thompson Rivers University Faculty of Law, Trial Lawyers' Association of British Columbia, National Judicial Institute, Vancouver Foundation, University of British Columbia, University of Victoria and a number of other community organizations that provide legal information and legal education events to members of the public.

Criminal Pre-Trial Conference Pilot Project

In 2010, in response to concerns about the growing length and complexity of criminal proceedings, the Court introduced a project of active case management for complex criminal proceedings in the four busiest criminal registries (i.e., Vancouver, New Westminster, Chilliwack and Kamloops). The goal of the Criminal Pre-Trial Conference Pilot Project was to determine whether active case management early in the trial process resulted in a more efficient proceeding. An evaluation of the pilot project was undertaken in 2011 by the Court's Criminal Pre-Trial Conference Pilot Project Sub-Committee. The evaluation which involved significant consultations with the provincial and federal Crown, defence counsel and the Court including the scheduling staff concluded that active case management was having a positive impact the conduct of criminal trials and recommended that the project be extended to the rest of the Court's registries. The Court is working to complete the expansion of this project to the rest of province by the end of 2012.

eCourt Developments

The promise of an electronic court is that it increases access to justice by enhancing the efficiency of the litigation process in the courthouse, in the registry and beyond. The Court and the Court Services Branch of the Ministry of Justice have been working together to develop and implement an electronic court for a number of years. This work is complex and requires significant changes to the conduct of civil litigation. Although there is still much work to be done to realize the promise, a number of important developments have occurred in the last year.

eHearings

In 2011, the court conducted its first fully electronic proceeding. This is an exciting development for the Court and one which the Court and the Court Services Branch of the Ministry of Justice have been working towards for a number of years. The first ehearing involved a petition proceeding where all of the evidence was documentary. It was part of a pilot project which will involve a variety of different types of hearings. It is anticipated that the next ehearing will involve witnesses which will add a new layer of complexity to the ehearing process. Lessons learned from the first ehearing will inform the policies and procedures the Court and Court Services Branch adopt as we work to increase the court system's capacity to accommodate the increased use of technology in all types of hearings.

Electronic Exhibit Management

The Court and Court Services Branch are also is investigating options for the electronic management and storage of exhibits. Currently, the systems used to record, manage and safeguard exhibits are time-consuming and labour intensive and essentially paper based. Again, the promise of technology with respect to exhibit management is improved accuracy in terms of accepting, tracking and storing exhibits; however, there is much work to be done in order to achieve that promise.

Public Access

Court Record Access Policy

The Court has devoted considerable energies recently to the issue of public access to the court including court records and courthouses. The Court published the *Court Records Access Policy* which provides direction for public access to the court file, audio recordings of court proceedings and exhibits. In light of recent case law developments including the decisions of the Supreme Court of Canada in *Canadian Broadcasting Corp. v. Canada (Attorney General)*, 2011 SCC 2 and *Canadian Broadcasting Corp. v. The Queen*, 2011 SCC 3, the Court has been considering the issue of whether any current access policies require modification. A judicial working group has been working on this issue and I anticipate that their final report will be presented to the Court later this year.

Social Media

The Court is not immune from the explosive growth of social media and the dramatic changes in the way citizens learn about events including the speed at which information can be disseminated globally. Our Court, like many others across the country, is working to develop a social media policy that recognizes that the phenomenon of social media is not transient while at the same time respecting the right of litigants to have a fair trial and their expectations of personal privacy. We have been consulting widely on this issue and anticipate being able to issue a policy before the end of the year.

Supreme Court Civil and Family Rules

Although the *Supreme Court Civil Rules* and the *Supreme Court Family Rules* came into effect in July 2010, 2011 was the first full year for the “new” *Rules*. From the Court’s perspective, the implementation of the *Rules* has had considerable impact on the work of the Court. The greatest direct impact is caused by trial management conferences and the requirements that a TMC is mandatory in every civil and family case and that TMCs must be conducted by judges. The collective amount of judicial time devoted to TMCs is significant. In 2011, we scheduled the following conferences¹:

Conference Type	Number	Hours
Case Planning Conferences	2064	1056
Judicial Case Conferences	2862	2935
Trial Management Conferences	3347	1389

¹ Given the 2011 was the first full year when civil and family proceedings operated under the new *Rules*, comparable statistics for previous years are not available. We will continue to gather this type of data as we go forward.

The *Rules* require that the trial management conference be scheduled before the trial judge “where practicable”. Unfortunately, it has not been possible from a scheduling perspective to achieve that and more often than not, TMCs are not conducted by the trial judge.

Some of my judicial colleagues as well as many members of the bar question whether, as is currently required under the *Rules*, a TMC is warranted in every civil and family case. Given the judicial resources directed to this process, the Court is scrutinizing this procedural requirement and considering whether any changes could or should be made.

The *Rules* also have an impact on the length of time parties have to wait for long chambers hearing dates and trial dates. We have modified our booking policies for long chambers applications. Previously, parties were able to schedule matters 3 months ahead. Because of an increasing demand for long chambers hearing dates, we have removed the 3 month limit and are currently booking hearings into 2013. The Court will continue to accommodate applications involving urgency or hardship. The lack of availability of early dates for non-urgent applications and trials is of concern to the Court and we are reviewing what might be done to ameliorate this issue.

The impetus for *Rules* reform was a desire for the court process to be more accessible, less costly, more efficient and less time-consuming. It is too early to determine whether those goals have been achieved by the new *Rules*. As time goes on, the Rules Revision Committee, the bar, and the judiciary will all participate in the assessment of whether or not the Rules reform has achieved its intended goals.

The Work of the Court

New Filings

In 2011 there were:

- 49,023 new civil filings;
- 13,177 new family filings
- 1,368 new criminal filings

The new criminal filings have been restated for the period from 2002 to 2011 to correct methodological errors that were identified after the release of the *2010 Annual Report*. (see *Figure 1 and Figure 2*).

Trials

In 2011, the Court heard 1023 trials throughout the province which is a small decline from 2010 (see *Figure 10*).

In 2011, 52 trials were bumped which is a significant increase from 2010 when 24 scheduled trials were bumped (see *Figure 4*).

The charts in Appendix A show that the Vancouver is the busiest of the Court's registries. In 2011, 7,143 trials were scheduled and 364 trials were heard in Vancouver, representing over one third of the trial work in the province for 2011 (see *Figure 3 and Figure 5*). The next four busiest registries (i.e., New Westminster, Victoria, Chilliwack and Kamloops) together had only 20 more trials than Vancouver. The remaining 23 registries together had 278 trials (see *Figure 8, Figure 9 and Figure 10*).

Long Chambers Applications

The Court also heard 1835 long chambers applications in 2011. This is slightly fewer applications than the 1869 applications heard in 2010 (see *Figure 6*).

In 2011, 108 scheduled long chambers applications were bumped. This is a significant increase from 2010 when 50 long chambers applications were bumped (see *Figure 6*). More expansive information as to trials heard and bumped by location is set out in Figures 8, 9, and 10.

Bumping Rates

The bumping problem is being experienced throughout the province; however, it is particularly acute in Vancouver where approximately 35% of trials and 65% of long chambers applications are scheduled. In 2011, 8 trials and 58 long chambers applications were bumped in Vancouver compared to 2010 when 3 trials and 20 long chambers applications were bumped (see *Figure 5 and 7*).

The scheduling challenges that the Court is facing is the result, in part, of the significant amount of judicial time dedicated to case planning conferences and trial management conferences which means that less judicial time is available for other hearings. We have attempted to ameliorate the situation by opening up the hearing date calendar. We continue to closely monitor this serious situation and are continuing to address it.

Supreme Court Practice Directions and Administrative Notices

The following Practice Directions and Administrative Notices were issued this year:

- ***PD-29: Model Companies Creditors' Arrangement Act Initial Order*** requires the use of a standard form of order for initial orders made pursuant to the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act (CCAA)*. A standard form of order has been required since 2006 and this Practice Direction was issued to update certain terms of the standard order in light of legislative amendments and case law developments since 2006.

- **PD - 30:** *Model Receivership Order* requires the use of a standard form of order for receivership orders made pursuant to the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act* and to section 39 of the *Law and Equity Act*. As with the Model CCAA Initial Order, the model Receivership Order has been in place since 2007 and this Practice Direction was issued to update certain terms of the standard order in light of legislative amendments and case law developments since 2007.
- **PD - 31:** *Model Seizure and Safekeeping of Evidence Orders* requires the use of a standard form of order for seizure and safekeeping of evidence orders which are commonly referred to as “Anton Piller Orders”.
- **PD - 32:** *Registrars - Manner of Address for Registrars* describes the correct manner of address for registrars and district registrars.
- **AN-8:** *Pre-Hearing Conferences in Registrars’ Matters* describes the procedures for pre-hearing conferences in respect of proceedings before a registrar of the court.
- **AN-9:** *Bankruptcy Proceedings before the Registrar* describes the procedures for hearings before a Registrar in Bankruptcy.

Acknowledgements

In closing, I wish to thank the court clerks, the registry staff and the sheriffs who work in courthouses across the provinces. It is through their efforts that the Court ensures that its orders are enforced, its processes are respected and that the administration of justice in this province is orderly and effective. Quite simply, the Court cannot function without them.

I would also like to acknowledge the work and contributions of the Court’s judicial administrative and support staff including the judicial administrative assistants, scheduling staff, the law officers, the judicial law clerks and the IT staff. The Court benefits greatly from the professionalism of our support staff and we are grateful for their hard work and dedication to the work of the Court.

Finally, I would also like express my gratitude to my judicial colleagues - the judges, masters and registrars of the Court. As always, they provide me with generous support and invaluable advice to assist in the administration of the Court.

CHANGES IN THE COURT'S COMPLEMENT

As is often the case, 2011 was a busy year for new appointments to and retirements from the Supreme Court. The Court saw the elevation of Associate Chief Justice MacKenzie and the appointment of Associate Chief Justice Cullen. The Court also welcomed the appointment of six justices, two masters and one district registrar. The Court also saw the retirement of a number of colleagues.

APPOINTMENTS

THE HONOURABLE ASSOCIATE CHIEF JUSTICE AUSTIN F. CULLEN

The Honourable Associate Chief Justice Austin F. Cullen was appointed Associate Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of British Columbia on December 31, 2011 following the appointment of Associate Chief Justice MacKenzie to the Court of Appeal.

Associate Chief Justice Cullen received a Bachelor of Law degree from the University of British Columbia in 1975 and was called to the Bar of British Columbia in 1976. Associate Chief Justice Cullen practiced in Vancouver as Crown counsel as well as with the firm of Doust & Smith. He was appointed Deputy Regional Crown Counsel in Vancouver in 1987, Regional Crown Counsel for the Fraser region in 1991, and Regional Crown Counsel for Vancouver in 1997. He was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1996. In 1999, Mr. Justice Cullen was appointed Assistant Deputy Attorney General, Criminal Justice Branch. Associate Chief Justice Cullen was appointed to the Supreme Court in 2001. Associate Chief Justice Cullen was a long serving member of the Supreme Court's Criminal Law Committee and the Executive Committee of the Court. Associate Chief Justice Cullen participated regularly in the Court's annual education programs, trial advocacy and Continuing Legal Education programs.

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE D. ALLAN BETTON

Mr. Justice Betton was appointed to the Supreme Court at Kelowna on June 24, 2011 to fill the vacancy created when the Honourable Mr. Justice Brooke elected to become a supernumerary judge.

Mr. Justice Betton received a Bachelor of Laws from the University of British Columbia in 1985 and was admitted to the Bar of British Columbia in 1986. Mr. Justice Betton practised as an associate and partner with Nixon Wenger from 1986 to 2007. His main area of practice was general litigation including commercial, criminal, personal injury and bankruptcy. Mr. Justice Betton was appointed to the Provincial Court of British Columbia in 2007 and served as the Administrative Judge for an area for the Okanagan District and was an elected member of the British Columbia Provincial Court Judges Association and served on the Association's Compensation Committee. At the time of his appointment, Mr. Justice Betton was sitting in Vernon.

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE KENNETH N. AFFLECK

Mr. Justice Affleck was appointed to the Supreme Court of British Columbia at Vancouver on June 24, 2011 to fill the vacancy created when the Honourable Mr. Justice F. W. Cole elected to become a supernumerary judge.

Mr. Justice Affleck received a Bachelor of Laws from the University of British Columbia in 1973 and was admitted to the Bar of British Columbia in 1974. His main area of practice was general litigation, primary commercial, tort and business law. At the time of his appointment, Mr. Justice Affleck was a partner with Affleck Hira Burgoyne. Mr. Justice Affleck had also practised with Macaulay McColl (1982-2011) and Drost Coultas and Stanfield (1974-1982). Mr. Justice Affleck was the Chair and Fellow of the British Columbia branch of the American College of Trial Lawyers (2004), an instructor on Advocacy with the University of British Columbia (Allan McEachern Lectures) and a board member of the Canadian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (2007). Mr. Justice Affleck was also engaged in numerous non-legal activities including the Bard on The Beach Theatre Society (1994-2010), the St. Jude's Anglican Home Society (1980-1990) and the John Howard Society of British Columbia (1982-1986). Mr. Justice Affleck was appointed Queen's Counsel in 2000.

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE PATRICE ABRIOUX

Mr. Justice Abrioux was appointed to the Supreme Court of British Columbia at Vancouver on September 30, 2011 to fill the vacancy created when the Honourable Mr. Justice J.S. Sigurdson elected to become a supernumerary judge.

Mr. Justice Abrioux received a Bachelor of Laws from McGill University in 1980 and was admitted to the British Columbia Bar in 1981. His main area of practice was general litigation including personal injury, negligence claims, insurance law, commercial law and real estate. At the time of his appointment, Mr. Justice Abrioux was a partner at Quinlan Abrioux. He had previously practised at Fraser, Quinlan and Abrioux (1993-1998), Ferguson Gifford (1987 to 1993) and Fraser Gifford (formerly Fraser Hyndman) (1981 to 1987). Mr. Justice Abrioux was a member of the B.C. Law Reform Commission and of the Insurance Section of B.C. Branch of the Canadian Bar Association, a lecturer for the British Columbia Continuing Legal Education and Canadian Defence Lawyers Association. Mr. Justice Abrioux was also involved in numerous non-legal endeavours including La Fédération des francophones de la Colombie-Britannique (1996-2011), La Fondation André Piolat, and St. George's School Foundation (1999-2010).

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RONALD TINDALE

Mr. Justice Tindale was appointed to the Supreme Court of British Columbia at Prince George on October 20, 2011 to fill the vacancy created when the Honourable Mr. Justice Eric G. Chamberlist elected to become a supernumerary judge.

Mr. Justice Tindale received a Bachelor of Laws from Queen's University in 1988 and was admitted to the Bar of British Columbia in 1989. Mr. Justice Tindale was appointed to the

Provincial Court of British Columbia in 2010. At the time of his appointment to that court, Mr. Justice Tindale was practicing in Prince George with Dick Byl Corporation. His main practice areas were family and criminal law. Mr. Justice Tindale also practiced with Traxler Haines (1992 to 2005), as Crown counsel with the Criminal Justice Branch (1990 to 1992) and Heather Sadler Jenkins (1989-1990). Mr. Justice Tindale was an elected bencher for the Law Society of British Columbia (2006 to 2010).

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE GREGORY J. FITCH

Mr. Justice Fitch was appointed to the Supreme Court of British Columbia at Vancouver on October 20, 2011 to fill the vacancy created when the Honourable Mr. Justice Rice resigned.

Mr. Justice Fitch received a Bachelor of Laws from Queen's University in 1985 and was admitted to the Law Society of Upper Canada in 1987 and to the Bar of British Columbia in 1994. Throughout his career, Mr. Justice Fitch was Crown counsel with the Ministry of the Attorney General, first in Ontario and then in British Columbia. Mr. Justice Fitch practiced with the Criminal Justice Branch and served in a number of capacities including as Director, Criminal Appeals and Special Prosecutions (2001-2011). His main areas of practice were criminal law and constitutional litigation. Mr. Justice Fitch was Chair of the Canadian Bar Association's Supreme Court of Canada Liaison Committee. He sits on the Board of Directors and Management Board of the International Society for the Reform of the Criminal Law. He served as Chair of the National Joint Committee of Senior Criminal Justice Officials (Pacific Region) and has been a faculty member of the Federation of Law Societies' National Criminal Law Program since 2002. Mr. Justice Fitch was an editor or co-editor of several publications, including the *Working Manual of Criminal Law* (Carswell). Mr. Justice Fitch was appointed Queen's Counsel in 2005.

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ROBERT W. JENKINS

Mr. Justice Jenkins was appointed to the Supreme Court of British Columbia on December 31, 2011 to fill the vacancy created when the Honourable Associate Chief Justice Cullen was appointed Associate Chief Justice. Mr. Justice Jenkins has been assigned to sit in New Westminster.

Mr. Justice Jenkins received a Bachelor of Laws from the University of British Columbia in 1972 and was admitted to the Bar of British Columbia in 1973. At the time of his appointment, Mr. Justice Jenkins was a partner at Jenkins Marzban Logan. His main practice area was construction law although he was also a noted mediator and arbitrator. Mr. Justice Jenkins had also practiced construction law at Russell & DuMoulin (now Fasken Martineau) (1986 to 1994), Campney Murphy (1983 to 1985) and Buell Ellis (1972 to 1983). Mr. Justice Jenkins was a Fellow of the Canadian College of Construction Lawyers as well as a member of several committees of the Canadian Bar Association. Mr. Jenkins was a certified arbitrator and mediator with the American Arbitration Association and he was involved as a coordinator and lecturer with the Law Society of British Columbia's Bar Admission Program and co-authored course materials. Mr. Justice Jenkins was a member of numerous associations, a frequent lecturer and an author of several published articles and papers.

MASTER HEATHER MACNAUGHTON

Master MacNaughton was appointed Master of the Supreme Court in Vancouver on June 1, 2011. Master MacNaughton received a Bachelor of Laws from Osgoode in 1982 and was admitted to the Law Society of Upper Canada in 1984. Master MacNaughton practiced civil litigation and employment law. In 1995, Master MacNaughton was appointed a Vice-Chair of the Ontario Board of Inquiry (Human Rights). She subsequently served as the Chair of that Board and number of others until she was appointed Chair of the B.C. Human Rights Tribunal in 2000. Master MacNaughton is the Chair of the Education Committee for the BC Council of Administrative Tribunals and is involved in training administrative tribunal members across Canada in hearing skills, evidence and decision writing. Master MacNaughton is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Canadian Institute for the Administration of Justice and a member of the Board of Governors of the BC Division of Commissionaires Canada. Master MacNaughton received a Master of Laws from the Osgoode in 1998.

MASTER ROBERT MCDIARMID

Master McDiarmid was appointed Master of the Supreme Court in Kamloops commencing June 1, 2011. He received a Bachelor of Laws from the University of British Columbia in 1975 and was called to the Bar of British Columbia in 1976. Master McDiarmid practiced in Kamloops primarily in the area of commercial litigation including construction law and employment law. He was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1996. Master McDiarmid was an elected bencher of the Law Society of British Columbia in 1998 and served as its President in 2006. Master McDiarmid was also an active member of the BC Branch of the Canadian Bar Association serving as one of the chairs of the CBABC fall conferences. Master McDiarmid was a member of the advisory committee assisting in the formation of Thompson Rivers University Law School.

DISTRICT REGISTRAR STUART CAMERON

District Registrar Cameron was appointed on January 31, 2011 to Vancouver. District Registrar Cameron received a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Windsor in 1980 and was called to the Bar of British Columbia in 1981. District Registrar Cameron initially practiced at Guild Yule and maintained a general insurance defence practice. In 1990 he joined the Lawyers Insurance Fund as claims counsel where he managed and defended negligence claims brought against solicitors. He also provided loss prevention advice to the profession. In 2004, District Registrar Cameron became the Director of Professional Regulation for the Law Society of British Columbia and from 2009 until his appointment he also served as spokesperson for the Law Society on discipline and professional conduct matters.

ELEVATIONS

THE HONOURABLE MADAM JUSTICE ANNE W. MACKENZIE

On December 31, 2011, the Honourable Madam Justice MacKenzie was appointed to the Court of Appeal to fill the vacancy created when the Honourable Mr. Justice Lowry elected to become

a supernumerary judge. Madam Justice MacKenzie received a Bachelor of Law degree from the University of British Columbia in 1977 and was called to the Bar of British Columbia in 1978. Madam Justice MacKenzie was appointed to the Provincial Court in 1990 and to the Supreme Court in 1996. Madam Justice MacKenzie was appointed Associate Chief Justice in 2010. Madam Justice MacKenzie was long serving member of the Criminal Law Committee and the Executive Committee.

RETIREMENTS

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE T. RICHARD BROOKE

Mr. Justice Brooke obtained a Bachelor of Laws from the University of British Columbia in 1969 and was called to the bar in 1970. He practised in Penticton where his work involved ad hoc prosecutions and was, for a time, the city solicitor. He also developed expertise in mediation and negotiation. Mr. Justice Brooke was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1989. Mr. Justice Brooke was appointed to the Supreme Court in 2000 and retired on January 1, 2011.

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ALLAN M. STEWART

Mr. Justice Stewart received a Bachelor of Laws from the University of British Columbia in 1968 and was called to the Bar in 1969. In 1974 he joined the newly formed Crown Counsel Office of the Ministry of the Attorney General where he developed his expertise in criminal law. Mr. Justice Stewart was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1983. Mr. Justice Stewart was appointed to the Supreme Court in 1988 and was a long serving member of the Criminal Law Committee. Mr. Justice Stewart retired on August 1, 2011.

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ERIC RICE

Mr. Justice Rice received a Bachelor of Laws from Dalhousie Law School in 1971 and a Masters of Laws from the London School of Economics. Mr. Justice Rice practiced in the area of civil litigation. Mr. Justice Rice was appointed to the Supreme Court in 2003 and retired on August 1, 2011.

THE HONOURABLE MADAM JUSTICE MORRISON

Madam Justice Morrison received a Bachelor of Laws from Osgoode Hall in 1961 and was admitted to the Law Society of Upper Canada in 1963, the Law Society of Saskatchewan in 1966 and the Law Society of British Columbia in 1970. Madam Justice Morrison was appointed to the Provincial Court of British Columbia in December 5, 1972 and served on that court until May 15, 1981. Madam Justice Morrison was appointed to the Supreme Court in 1996 and retired on August 30, 2011.

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE R. D. WILSON

Mr. Justice Wilson received a Bachelor of Laws from the University of British Columbia in 1968 and was called to the bar in 1969 after articling at Crease, Harmon. Mr. Justice Wilson was appointed Master of the Supreme Court in 1990 and was appointed to the Supreme Court in 1994. Mr. Justice Wilson retired on December 28, 2011.

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE S. JAMES SHABBITS

Mr. Justice Shabbits received a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Saskatchewan in 1965 and was called to the bar in Saskatchewan in 1966 and the bar in British Columbia in 1970. Mr. Justice Shabbits' practice involved civil and criminal litigation as well as ad hoc prosecution work. Mr. Justice Shabbits was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1990 and was appointed to the Supreme Court in 1992. Mr. Justice Shabbits retired on December 31, 2011.

MASTER ALAN DONALDSON

Master Donaldson received a Bachelor of Law from the University of British Columbia in 1968 and was admitted to the Bar of British Columbia in 1969. Master Donaldson practiced civil litigation in Victoria and Kelowna. Master Donaldson was one of the first appointments to the newly created position of Master of the Supreme Court in 1989. Master Donaldson retired on December 31, 2011.

REPORT OF THE CIVIL LAW COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Justice Myers (*Chair*)
Mr. Justice Bowden
Mr. Justice Davies
Madam Justice Gray
Madam Justice Griffin
Mr. Justice Goepel
Mr. Justice McEwan
Mr. Justice Smith
Mr. Justice Walker
Mr. Justice Willcock
Master Bouck
Jill Leacock, *Law Officer (Secretary)*

During 2011, the Committee dealt with several issues arising from the implementation of the new *Supreme Court Civil Rules* and other aspects of civil practice.

Matters considered by the Committee over the course of the year included the following:

- discussion of the approach taken by members of the court to the conduct of Case Planning Conferences and Trial Management Conferences
- adoption of the model Anton Piller order
- development of guidelines for telephone attendances on foreclosure applications
- discussion of proposed guidelines for telephone attendances in chambers matters generally

A member of the Committee participated in a subcommittee established to review the impact of the document filing standards.

Another member of the Committee participated in a subcommittee established to consider a proposal of the Law Society of BC for an expanded role in court for articulated students and paralegals.

Members of the Committee continue the practice of preparing case alerts which serve to keep members of the court informed of important case law in the area of civil practice.

REPORT OF THE COURTHOUSE FACILITIES COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Justice Macaulay (*Chair*)

Mr. Justice Barrow

Mr. Justice Grist

Mr. Justice McEwan

Mr. Justice Powers

Mr. Justice Williams

Frank Kraemer, Q.C., *Executive Director & Senior Counsel, Judicial Administration*

The Courthouse Facilities Committee was constituted in 2006 as a standing committee of the Court. The composition of the Committee is intended to reflect regional representation.

In 2011, the Committee concluded its work on the Court's response to proposals from the Court Services Branch of the Ministry of the Attorney General respecting Courthouse security. Specifically, a new high security Courtroom was completed in each of the Courthouses in Vancouver and New Westminster. All of the other proposed projects involving perimeter security and enhanced security in select Courtrooms where criminal matters are routinely heard were abandoned due to lack of funding.

Early in 2011, the Committee was advised of the Ministry's intention to undertake the development of a long term capital plan in relation to Courthouse Facilities. Frank Kraemer participated in many meetings of the Ministry's working group developing the draft plan. In the early Fall, the Committee received the Ministry of the Attorney General Facility and Planning Report of June 14, 2011. A Sub-Committee was struck to review the Report and draft a response for the Committee's consideration.

After receipt of the Sub-Committee's Report, the Committee endorsed several recommendations which were then forwarded to the Chief Justice for his consideration.

Finally, in October, the Criminal Code was amended to allow for 13 or 14 jurors to sit on a criminal trial if the presiding Judge considers 'it advisable in the interest of justice'. The committee considered the need to modify jury facilities in order to accommodate larger juries. It concluded that facilities in several locations needed to be modified on an urgent basis and that over the near future all criminal jury facilities will need to be modified. This is a piece of work that will continue to occupy the committee's time in the coming year.

REPORT OF THE CRIMINAL LAW COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Justice Smart (*Chair*)
Associate Chief Justice Cullen
Madam Justice Bruce
Madam Justice Dickson
Mr. Justice Ehrcke
Mr. Justice Gaul
Madam Justice Holmes
Madam Justice Ker
Madam Justice Koenigsberg
Mr. Justice Leask
Mr. Justice Schultes
Mr. Justice Silverman
Madam Justice Stromberg-Stein
Mr. Justice Williams
Heidi McBride, *Law Officer (Secretary)*

There were a few changes in the composition of the Criminal Law Committee in 2010. Associate Chief Justice MacKenzie resigned from the Committee upon her elevation to the Court of Appeal. Associate Chief Justice MacKenzie was a long serving member of the Committee and her many contributions to the Committee's work will be missed. Associate Chief Justice Cullen resigned from the position of Chair upon his appointment as Associate Chief Justice. Mr. Justice Smart assumed the role of Chair.

In 2011, the Criminal Law Sub-Committee chaired by Madam Justice Holmes continued its work in the area of the management of criminal proceedings through the pilot Criminal Pre-Trial Conference Pilot Project. In 2011 an evaluation of the project was undertaken involving consultations with the bar, the Attorney General's Criminal Justice Branch, the Public Prosecution Service of Canada, the profession, judges who conducted pre-trials conferences in the pilot and judges who conducted trials that had been pre-trialed as part of the project. The Evaluation Report recommended the expansion of the project to all Supreme Court Registries in the province. The Criminal Law-Sub-Committee is now working on expanding the project and anticipates that this work will be completed by the end of 2012. The Evaluation Report is available on the court's website:

http://www.courts.gov.bc.ca/supreme_court/about_the_supreme_court/Criminal%20Pre-Trial%20Conference%20Pilot%20Project%20Evaluation%20Report%20-%20January%2018,%202012.pdf

The Criminal Law Committee continued to provide the court with assistance with respect to various matters that arose during 2011 including providing representatives for the Publication Ban Working Group, the Vancouver Law Court Users' Committee, the Paralegal Working Group and the Working Group on Court Communication Technology Working Group which is considering the development of a policy for the use of electronic devices in the courtrooms. The Criminal Law Committee, also through Madam Justice Holmes, provided summaries of new criminal legislation as it came into force including provisions for mega trials, jury changes and the appointment of case management judges.

The Committee and its members continue to be active in educational and training activities including organizing and presenting criminal law topics for NJI conferences, Law at Lunch presentations and through ongoing versions of updates to the court on current issues in criminal law. Members of the Committee are also involved in speaking to lawyers, high school students, law students, visiting judges and various other groups through the Justice Education Society, the Inns of Court program, the Continuing Legal Education Society, the B.C. Civil Liberties Association and other similar organizations.

REPORT OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Justice Schultes (*Chair*)
Madam Justice Ballance
Mr. Justice Betton
Madam Justice Fenlon
Madam Justice Fisher
Madam Justice Gropper
Mr. Justice Harvey
Madam Justice Ross
Mr. Justice Sewell
Mr. Justice Silverman
Mr. Justice Smart
Madam Justice Smith
Mr. Justice Voith
Madam Justice Watchuk
Master Bouck
Master Keighley
Heidi McBride, *Law Officer (Secretary)*

The function of the committee is to organize and present continuing education programs to keep the members of the court current on substantive law, the skills of judging and the social context within which judging takes place. The committee delivers its programs at judicial education conferences held in May and November of each year, presented in partnership with the National Judicial Institute, and at regular lunchtime seminars that are accessed by judges from across the province by telephone or video. The members of the court continue to demonstrate a high degree of engagement in these programs.

In 2011 conference sessions were presented on such diverse topics as the effective conduct of criminal jury trials, the limits of judicial independence and the importance of balancing the principle of open courts with the privacy interests of litigants. Presenters included distinguished lawyers, judges and legal academics from across North America, as well as experienced members of this court. The committee particularly appreciated the enormous contribution of former chair Mr. Justice Kelleher, whose wise leadership was instrumental to the success of the judicial education programs that the committee presented this year.

The committee welcomed new members in 2011: , Mr. Justice Betton, Madam Justice Fenlon, Mr. Justice Harvey, , Mr. Justice Sewell, Mr. Justice Silverman, Madam Justice Watchuk, and Master Bouck. It also bid a grateful farewell to Madam Justice Beames, Mr. Justice Butler, Mr. Justice Groves and Madam Justice Holmes, all of whose dedication and creativity will be missed.

REPORT OF THE FAMILY LAW COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Madam Justice Hyslop (*Chair*)
Mr. Justice Butler
Mr. Justice Cole
Mr. Justice Harvey
Madam Justice Loo
Mr. Justice Pearlman
Master Baker
Jill Leacock, *Law Officer (Secretary)*

The Family Law Committee continues to provide family law alerts to the court. The alerts are prepared by members of the committee on a two-month rotating basis.

Mr. Justice Butler continues to provide the committee with a summary of the new British Columbia cases under the *Hague* Convention. The committee is also working to develop an inventory of available services in various communities for those involved in family law disputes.

The committee continues to be concerned about the forms mandated under the *Supreme Court Family Rules* and anticipates that in 2012, its work will focus on the changes in family law occasioned by the passage of the *Family Law Act* which replaces the *Family Relations Act*.

REPORT OF THE LAW CLERKS COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Madam Justice L. Smith (*Chair*)
Madam Justice Arnold-Bailey
Mr. Justice Barrow
Madam Justice Dillon
Mr. Justice Pearlman
Jill Leacock, *Law Officer*
Heidi McBride, *Law Officer*

The Committee sent a representative to the University of British Columbia Faculty of Law and the University of Victoria Faculty of Law to discuss the clerking program with students. In March 2012, the Committee interviewed 32 candidates and selected 17 who will begin their clerkships in September 2013.

In September 2011, eighteen law clerks began their clerkships. Continuing with the pattern established in 2009, thirteen law clerks are assigned to Vancouver, three law clerks are assigned to New Westminster and two law clerks are assigned to Victoria. Our clerks are graduates of the University of British Columbia, University of Victoria, University of Calgary, University of Toronto, University of Ottawa, Queen's, McGill and Dalhousie University.

2011/12 Supreme Court Judicial Law Clerks	
<i>Vancouver</i>	Shannon Beckett Jennifer Blood, Tim Bottomer, Scott Boucher, Andrew Burgess, Mike Hamata, Gavin Hoekstra, Geoff Huggett, Emma Irving, Eric Little, Ryley Mennie, Kate Phipps, Courtenay Simmons
<i>New Westminster</i>	Brian Bird, David Jiang, Flora Stikker
<i>Victoria</i>	Monique Dull, Sarah Runyon

Each law clerk is assigned to a complement of five to seven judges for whom they undertake legal research and editing and proofreading Reasons for Judgment.

The Committee wishes to extend its gratitude and appreciation to the court's law clerks for the assistance that they provide to the judges and masters of the Court. The enthusiasm, commitment and dedication they bring to their work and to the work of the Court is invaluable and the members of the Court benefit greatly from the presence of the law clerks.

REPORT OF THE JOINT COURTS TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

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In 2011, the Committee continued to review various technology initiatives. They included the Integrated Electronic Courts project, updating for circulation a survey of the judiciary in regard to technology needs and requirements, the Court of Appeal eFiling project, SCSS/CEIS interface development and Judicial Module tools. The Committee also finalized its terms of reference. The Committee notes that the positive adoption of technology by the judiciary continues in various areas.

REPORT OF THE JUDGES LIBRARY COMMITTEE

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The Library continues to find ways to keep expenses within budget and resources available to all users. One such way has been the adoption of electronic products available online, including statutes and regulations, and web based programs such as BC Laws, CanLII, and QP LegalEze which offer up-to-date consolidations and historical information.

The Library still receives annual print copies of the Acts of the Parliament of Canada as well as the Statutes of British Columbia.

One of our most used criminal texts, the five volume 2nd edition of *Criminal Pleadings & Practice in Canada / by E.G. Ewaschuk*, is now purchased by twenty-one judges, in a DVD or online format. HeinOnline, a program described as the world's largest image-based legal research database provides more than 1,600 law and law-related periodicals in pdf format. Along with your search results, Hein's Scholar Check will give you a list of articles that cite the article or document you are reading. In a news release dated February 17, 2012, CanLII stated "There are now one million Canadian court and tribunal decisions freely available over the internet" <http://www.canlii.org/en/blog/index.php?archives/64-One-million-cases.html>. Where once "case digests" and "tables of content" were photocopied from the individual paper parts, now the same part is available weeks in advance in an e-digest format with direct links to the full judgment. Courthouse Libraries BC has introduced the Reading Room, an online library that BC lawyers can access for free. Recent catalogue searches on the UBC website have shown us listings available in electronic reproduction only, via the World Wide Web, with access restricted to institutions with a site license as in the following example of Early English Books Online Ebook Collection and the Law--Great Britain--Early works to 1800.

As always, the majority (85%) of the Library budget is consumed by expenses paid to the top three legal publishers for bound books, loose-leaf services, law reports and journals, and standing orders. Funding is always constrained and careful consideration must always be given to requests for library purchases. In 2011, the Library acquired 95 new publications.

One area of significant change concerns loose-leaf subscriptions. Carswell this year initiated a "Contents Only Policy" that disallows the practice of annually replacing the entire contents of

selected loose-leaf titles without subscription. For budgeting purposes, it is difficult to gauge the number and price of annual updates.

The judicial members of the Library Committee thank the staff for their continued commitment to the operation of the Judges' Library.

REPORT OF THE RULES REVISION COMMITTEE

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Mandate of the Committee

The Rules Revision Committee (“Committee”) is a committee of the Attorney General. The Committee has an advisory role, assisting the Attorney General in making recommendations to the Lieutenant Governor in Council for rule changes.

The *Court Rules Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 80 provides that the Lieutenant Governor in Council has the power to make rules governing the conduct of litigation in the Supreme Court. After the Committee makes recommendations to the Attorney General regarding proposed amendments, the Attorney General consults with the Chief Justice as is required by the *Court Rules Act* before presenting the amendments to Cabinet. With the exception of some stand-alone amendments, proposed rule amendments are typically presented to Cabinet in a package each spring. Upon Cabinet approval, the amendments are enacted by Order-in-Council and are usually effective July 1st. The text of the Rules is available on the Court’s website at www.courts.gov.bc.ca.

Composition of the Committee

The Attorney General appoints the members of the Committee by ministerial order, after consultation with the Chief Justice and the Chair. The Committee includes judges, masters, members of the bar, legislative counsel and a representative of Court Services Branch. The members of the bar are chosen for their expertise in civil or family litigation and also broadly

represent larger and smaller centres of the Province. In July of 2011, Marguerite Church stepped down from the Committee on her appointment to the Provincial Court.

“New” Supreme Court Rules

New Supreme Court Civil and Family Rules came into effect on July 1, 2010. The Committee is continuing to monitor the new Rules, but recognizes their operation must be observed for some period of time before any further major changes are considered. Particular issues regarding the implementation and interpretation of the new Rules have been the subject of judicial decisions and that process will undoubtedly continue.

The Committee welcomes comments from the Court, members of the bar and the public related to its work.

REPORT OF THE JUDICIAL ACCESS POLICY WORKING COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Heidi McBride, *Supreme Court Law Officer*
Gene Jamieson, Q. C., *Legal Officer, Provincial Court*
Kathryn Thomson, *Legal Policy Consultant*

The Committee is a joint committee consisting of representatives from all three courts and Ministry of Justice, Court Services Branch members. The Committee develops draft policies and interacts with the various court committees, seeking guidance and approval for draft policies relating to access to court records, specifically those in electronic format. The Chief Justices and Chief Judge are consulted before a policy is adopted. In addition to policy work, the Committee also reviews access applications for those seeking bulk access to court record information. In 2011, the work of the Committee continued to involve a diverse number of issues which are described below.

Access to Documents and Court Record Information

The Committee continued to deal with the list of documents available to be viewed through Court Services Online (CSO). The judiciary is responsible for setting the policy in this area.

As well, the Committee has been reviewing a number of requests for bulk access to the courts' information and trying to balance the principle of facilitating the conduct of civil proceedings and improving access to court record information where the public interest is served with the commercial aspect of the requests.

Access Policies

The Supreme Court and Provincial Court have both prepared and disseminated access policies. The Court of Appeal is currently working on its access policy.

SOIRA Orders

The Supreme Court and Provincial Court confirmed that SOIRA orders (orders made pursuant to the *Sex Offender Information Registration Act*) are available from the Court file at the registry counter.

Court Record

The Committee also worked on a definition of “court record” in anticipation of a change to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Sealing Orders

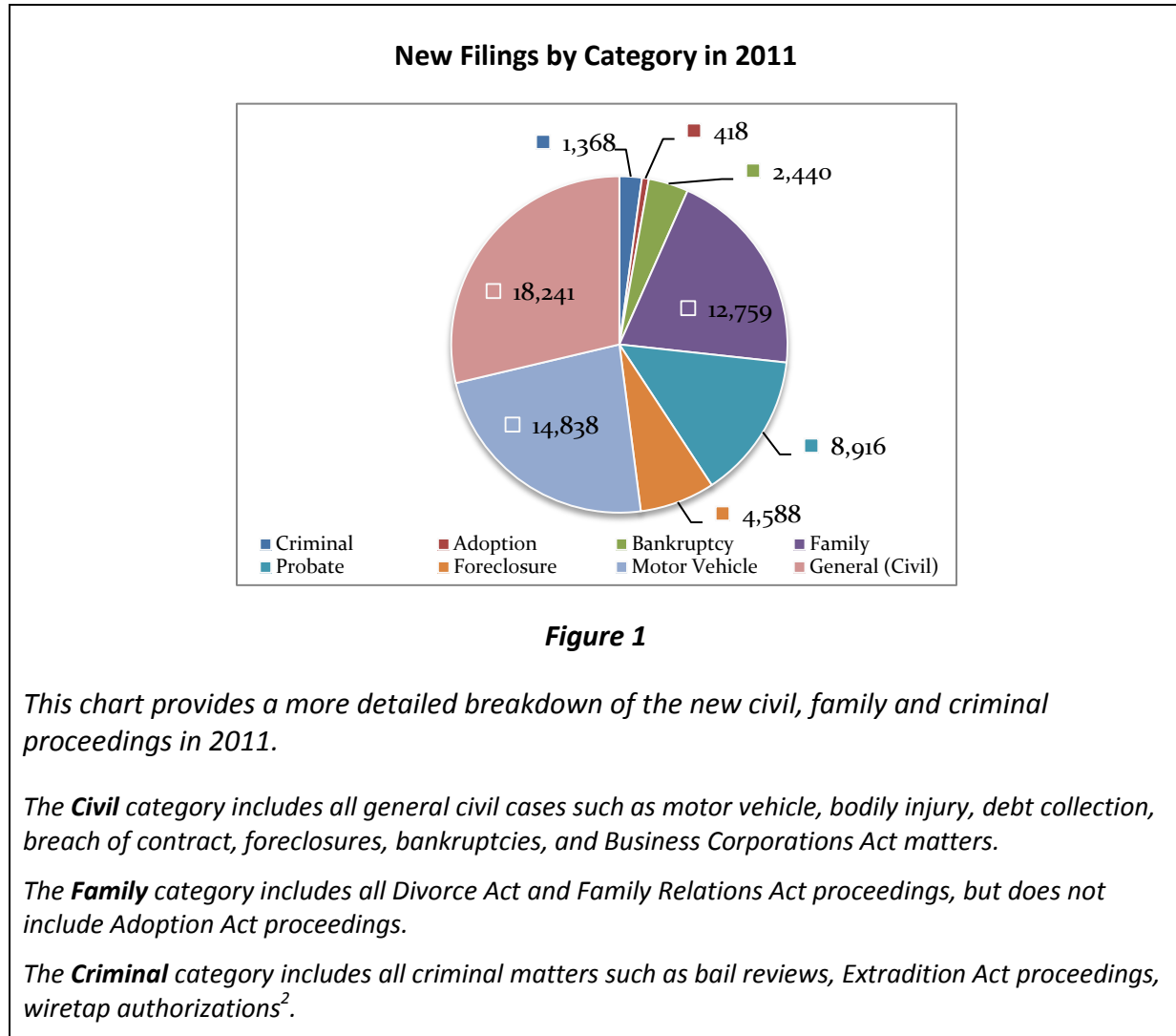
Another issue raised to the Committee was the procedure to follow when there is an application to seal documents or a file. The process in the Supreme Court currently has many of the documents being available online before the application is brought. The Committee is discussing options with the judiciary. The consensus was that this issue should be brought to the attention of members of the bar so that they can properly deal with their sealing applications.

Access Applications

During the year the Committee received, considered and granted a number of applications from a variety of government agencies and departments for access to court records for fulfilling their statutory mandate. There were also applications to access information for research purposes. Such a request is encouraged where there is no collection of individual identifiers. The Committee also had occasion to withdraw its permission for access for failure of an organization to comply with access conditions.

APPENDIX A - COURT INFORMATION

The charts, graphs and tables in this section provide statistical information regarding the filings in the Supreme Court in respect of new proceedings, trials and long chambers applications.



² The Criminal filings have been restated for 2002-2011 because of methodological errors involved inconsistencies in determining when a matter should be counted as a new Supreme Court criminal filing and identifying the date when proceedings commenced in the Provincial Court were properly considered Supreme Court proceedings. For the period 2002 - 2011 and going forward, a new criminal filing in the Supreme Court occurs when an indictment is filed in the Supreme Court, an appeal is filed in the Supreme Court or a file is transferred from another registry.

New Criminal, Family and Civil Filings from 2002-2011

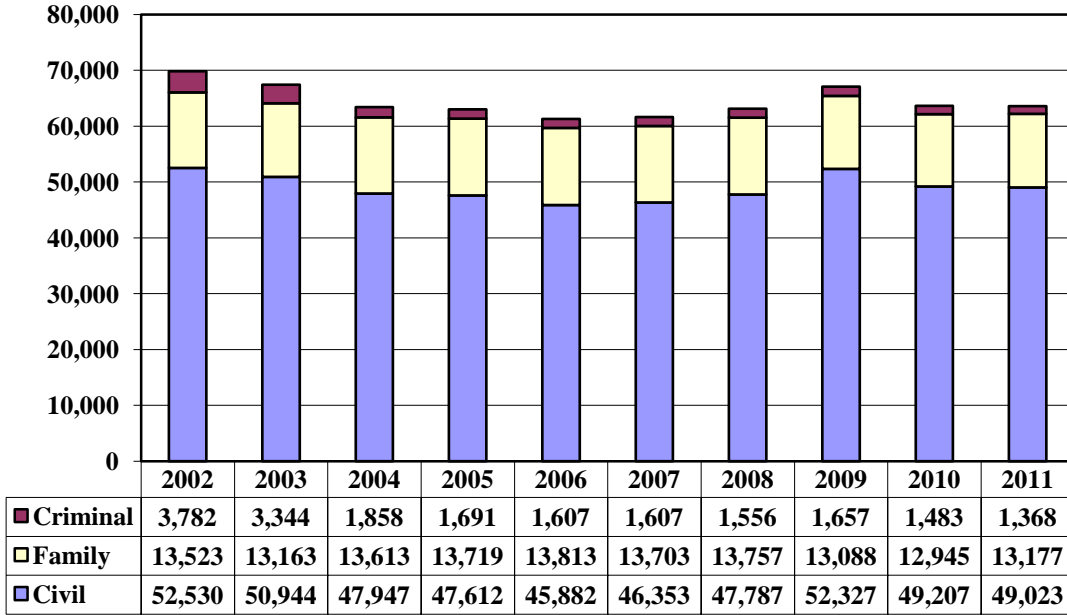


Figure 2

The **Civil** category includes all general civil cases (e.g., motor vehicle, bodily injury, debt collection, breach of contract, foreclosures, bankruptcies, probate, judicial review and appeals).

The **Family** category includes all Divorce Act and Family Relations Act proceeding. For this table, it also includes Adoption Act proceedings.

With respect to **Criminal** category, it should be noted that amendments to the Offence Act which took effect on July 1, 2003 resulted in applications to extend the time for filing an appeal of deemed convictions for traffic and by-law offences (e.g., speeding tickets and parking tickets) being removed from the Supreme Court. The removal of these applications accounts in large part for the decline in the total number of criminal filings beginning in 2003; however, the legislative change had little impact on the substantive criminal work of the Court.

Trials and Long Chambers Scheduled in Vancouver from 2002-2011

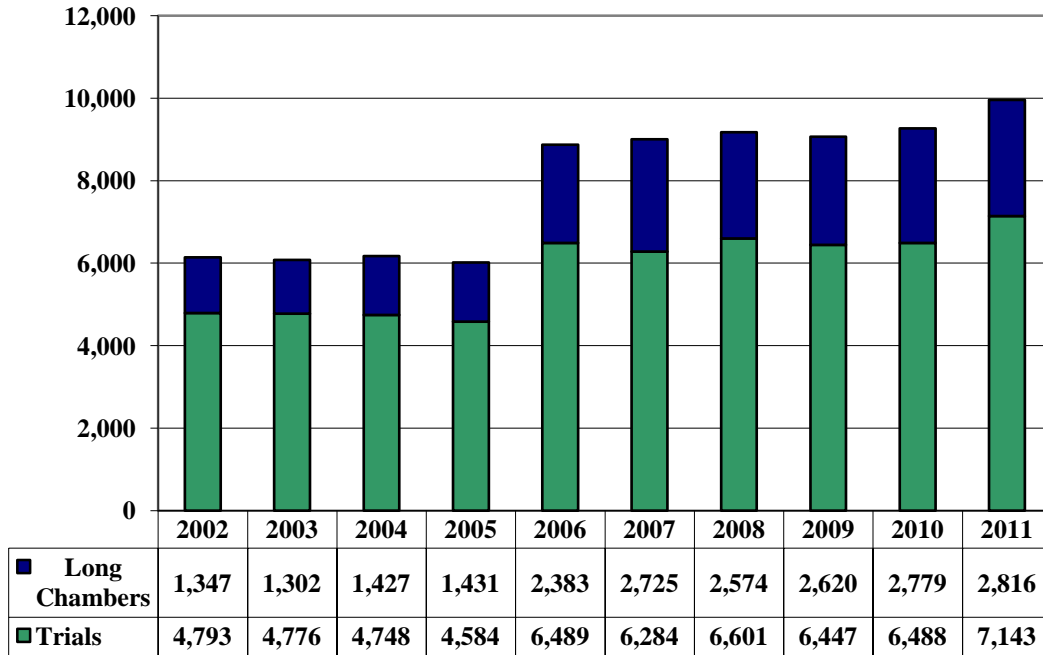
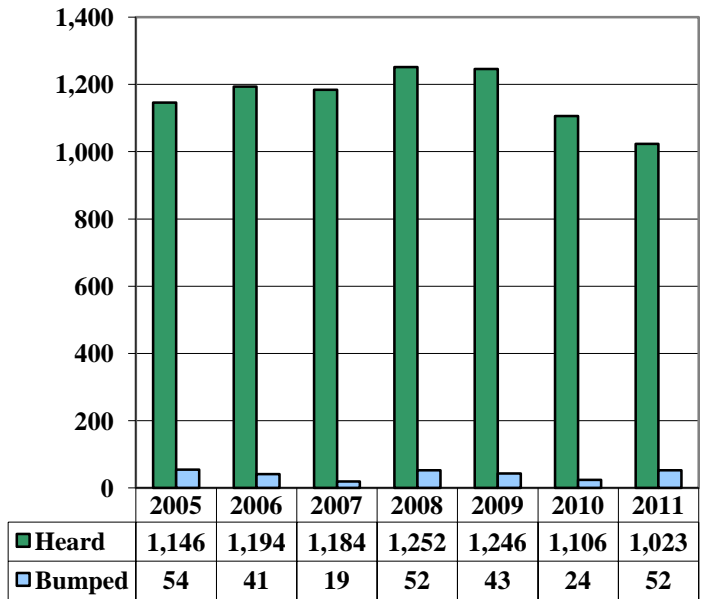


Figure 3

This chart shows the number of civil (including family) trials and long chambers applications (applications with time estimates in excess of 2 hours) scheduled in Vancouver from 2002 to 2011.

Trials Heard and Bumped in BC from 2005-2011



This chart shows the number of civil (including family) and criminal trials heard and bumped in BC from 2005 to 2011. A trial is considered bumped if it is not commenced or rescheduled within one week of the originally scheduled hearing date.

Figure 4

Trials Heard and Bumped in Vancouver from 2002 to 2011

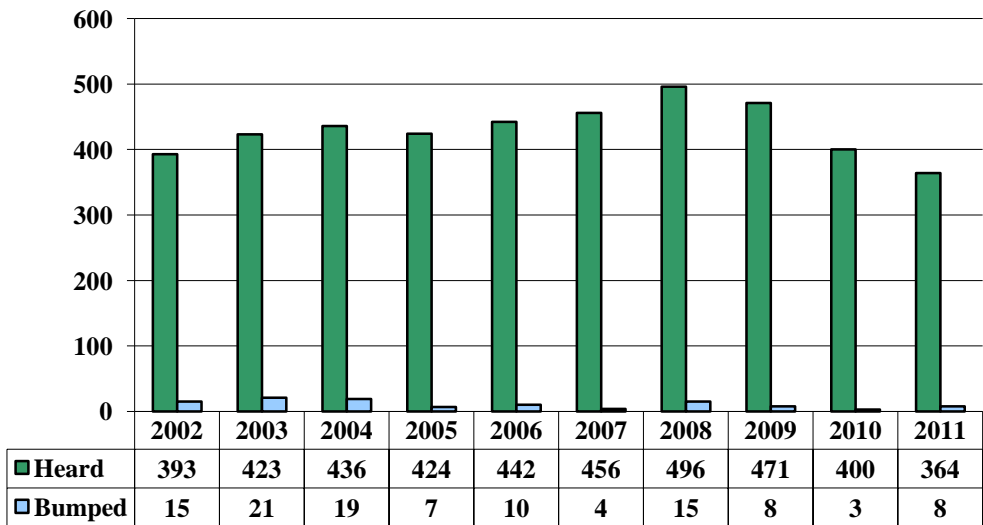
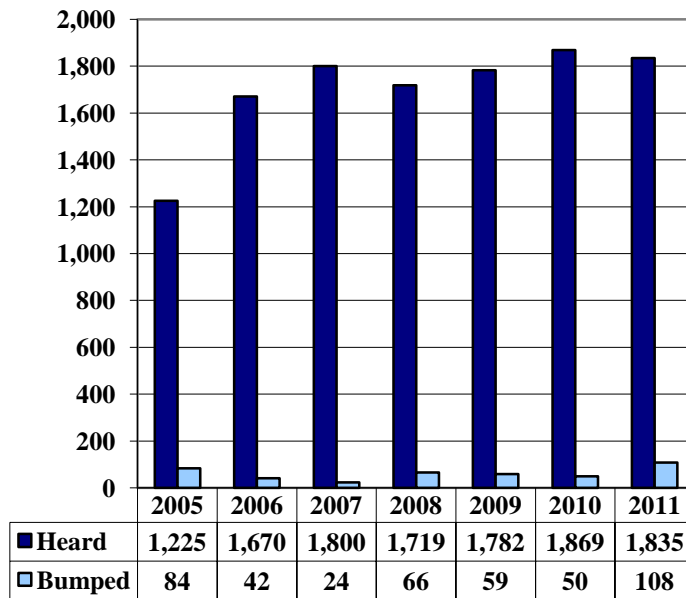


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This chart shows the number of civil (including family) and criminal trials heard and bumped in Vancouver from 2002 to 2011.

Long Chambers Application Heard and Bumped in BC from 2005-2011



This chart shows the number of civil (including family) long chambers applications heard and bumped in BC from 2005 to 2011. A chambers application is considered bumped if it is not commenced or rescheduled within one week of the originally scheduled hearing date.

Figure 6

Long Chambers Application Heard and Bumped in Vancouver from 2002-2011

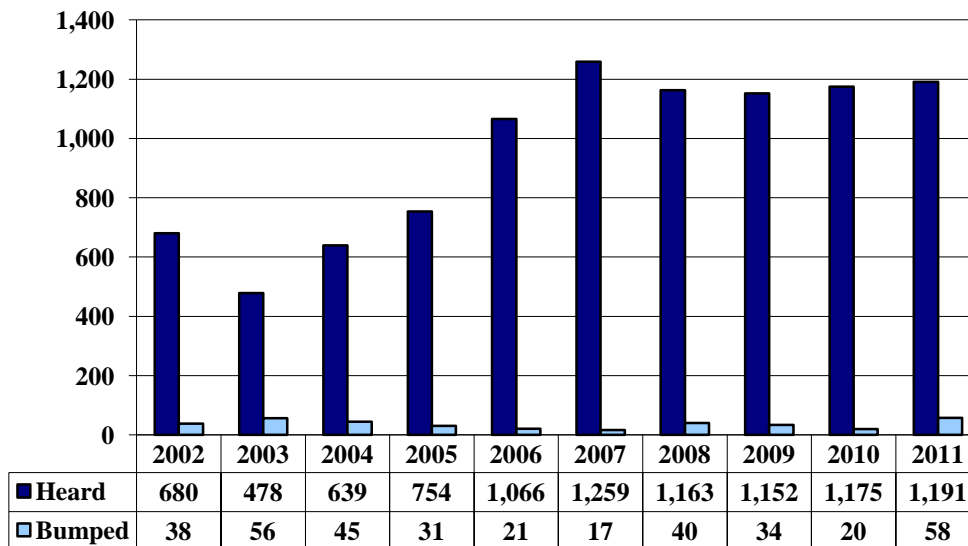


Figure 7

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Civil, Family and Criminal Trials Heard By Location in 2011

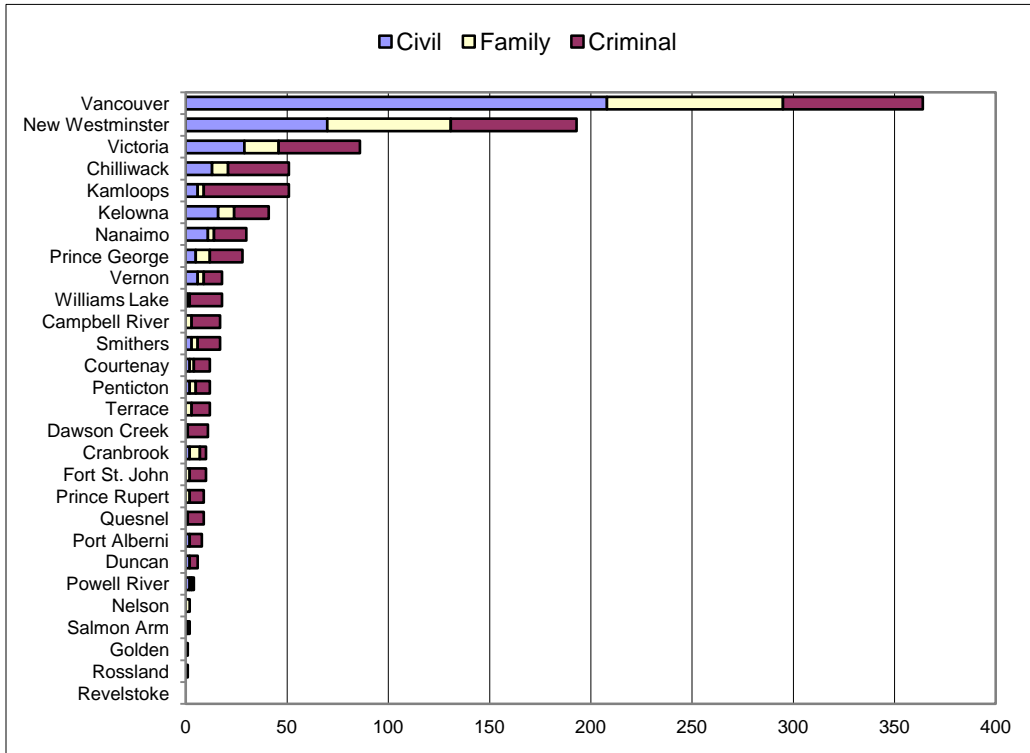


Figure 8

This graph shows the number of civil, family, and criminal trials heard in each Supreme Court registry in descending order in 2011.

Trials Heard By Location in 2011

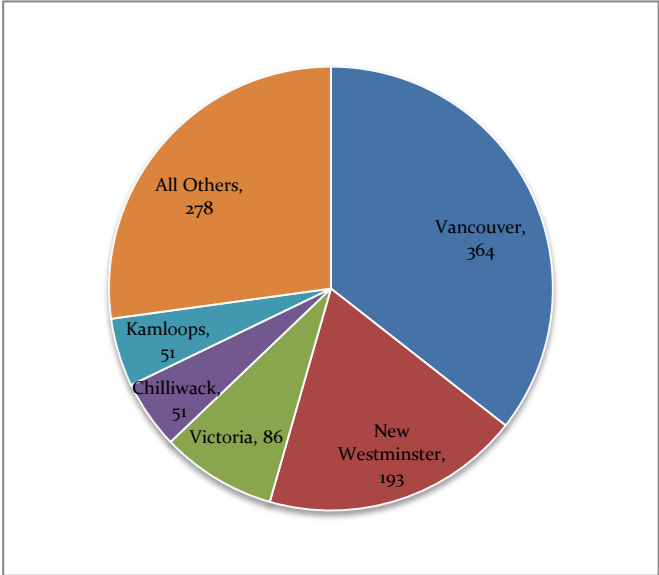


Figure 9

This chart is an alternate representation of the data in Figure 8 where the data for registries other than Vancouver, New Westminster, Victoria, Chilliwack and Kamloops has been aggregated.

Trials Heard and Bumped by Location and by Category in 2011								
	Heard				Bumped			
	Civil	Family	Criminal	Total	Civil	Family	Criminal	Total
Vancouver	208	87	69	364	7	1		8
New Westminster	70	61	62	193	9			9
Victoria	29	17	40	86	5	2		7
Chilliwack	13	8	30	51	1	2		3
Kamloops	6	3	42	51	5			5
Kelowna	16	8	17	41	1			1
Nanaimo	11	3	16	30	2			2
Prince George	5	7	16	28	1	1		2
Vernon	6	3	9	18	2			2
Williams Lake	1	1	16	18	2			2
Campbell River		3	14	17	2			2
Smithers	3	3	11	17	1	2		3
Courtenay	2	2	8	12				0
Penticton	2	3	7	12				0
Terrace		3	9	12				0
Dawson Creek		1	10	11				0
Cranbrook	2	5	3	10				0
Fort St. John		2	8	10		2		2
Prince Rupert		2	7	9				0
Quesnel		1	8	9		1		1
Port Alberni	2		6	8	2			2
Duncan	2		4	6				0
Powell River	2	1	1	4		1		1
Nelson		2		2				0
Salmon Arm	1		1	2				0
Golden	1			1				0
Rosland			1	1				0
Revelstoke				0				0
TOTAL	382	226	415	1023	40	12	0	52

Figure 10

This tablet shows the number of civil, family, and criminal trials conducted in each location and the number of scheduled trials which were bumped. A trial is classified as being bumped if it is not commenced or rescheduled within one week of the originally scheduled hearing date.