



JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF BC

Call for French Speaking Applications for Judicial Appointment as Judges and Judicial Justices of the Provincial Court of BC

The Judicial Council of BC encourages applications for appointment as a judge or judicial justice of the Provincial Court of British Columbia from individuals whose first official language is French or who are, without further training, able to read and understand court material, converse with counsel, conduct hearings and write decisions in French. After appointment, the Court offers these successful applicants continuing education in the French language.

Applications for Appointment as a Judge

Judges make decisions in all areas in which the court has jurisdiction. Candidates for appointment as a judge must have at least ten years experience in the practice of law (working as a lawyer) or a range of related experience. The Judicial Council has established this and other [criteria](#) that include a wide range of skills or competencies. For more information on judicial appointments, see section 6 of the [Provincial Court Act](#) and the Court's "[Appointment of Judges](#)" webpage.

To apply, please submit an online application through the Provincial Court website:
<https://www.provincialcourt.bc.ca/about-the-court/judicial-officers/judges-court#AP>

Applications for Appointment as a Judicial Justice

Judicial justices are judicial officers who exercise authority under various provincial and federal laws. They are assigned a variety of duties by the Chief Judge. Some judicial justices preside in courtrooms throughout the province, hearing traffic matters and ticketable offences under provincial laws, as well as municipal bylaw matters. They may also conduct small claims payment hearings. Others are assigned judicial duties at the Justice Centre, where they consider search warrant applications and hear applications for detention or bail. For more information on judicial justices' work, see section 30.2 of the *Provincial Court Act* and the Chief Judge's current assignment of duties to judicial justices (<http://www.provincialcourt.bc.ca/downloads/Practice%20Directions/NP%2016%20Assignment%20of%20Duties%20to%20Judicial%20Justices.pdf>).

Candidates for appointment as a judicial justice must have at least 5 years active practice as a lawyer in Canada (those with less legal practice experience may be considered if they have a range of related experience). The Judicial Council has established this and other [criteria](#) that include a wide range of skills or competencies. For more information on judicial justice appointments, see section 30.2 of the [Provincial Court Act](#) and the Court's "[Appointment of Judicial Justices](#)" webpage.

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Further information about the appointment process is also available in the [Judicial Council's Annual Reports](#) and the [Provincial Court's Annual Reports](#).

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