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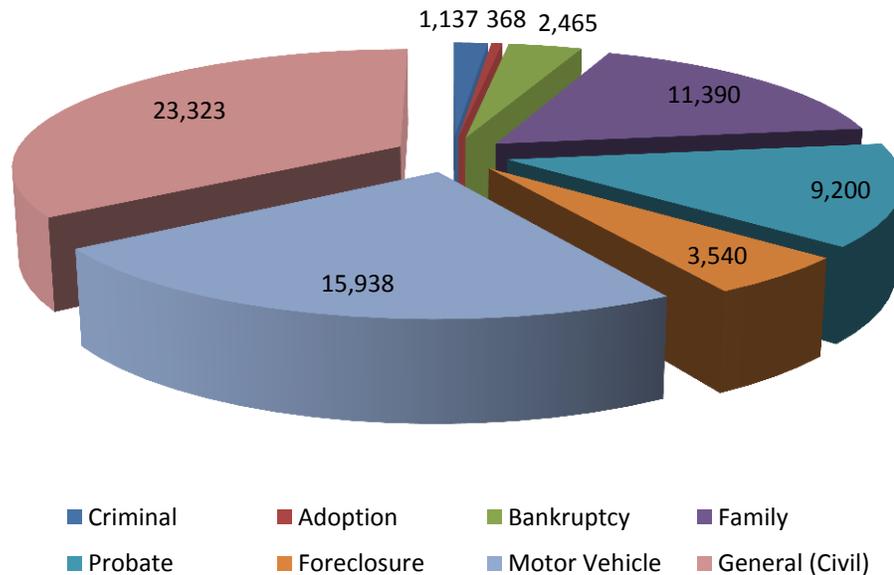
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REPORT OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE AND THE ASSOCIATE CHIEF JUSTICE

THE WORK OF THE COURT

New Filings

The work of the Court continues to be diverse, demanding and dynamic. In 2014, the Court saw some changes in the commencement of new proceedings. New filings in civil proceedings were essentially the same; however, new filings in family and criminal proceedings declined by 5% and 12% respectively.



For more detailed information about new filings in 2014, please refer to Figure 1 in Appendix A.

Scheduling Trials and Long Chambers Applications

In 2012, the court experienced a spike in the number of scheduled trials and scheduled long chambers applications that were bumped both in Vancouver and in the rest of the province. A matter is considered bumped if it is not commenced or rescheduled within one week of the originally scheduled hearing date because of inadequate judicial resources (e.g., available

judges, courtrooms, etc.) Recognizing the disruption and expense experienced by litigants and counsel by bumping scheduled matters, the Court reduced the number of trials and long chambers applications that it scheduled. Scheduling fewer matters served to reduce the number of matters bumped in 2013 and 2014. In 2014, 4.7% of scheduled trials and 5.0% of long chambers applications in Vancouver were bumped. Elsewhere in the province, the bumping rates for 2014 were 5.8% for trials, and 7.4% for long chambers applications. For both Vancouver and the rest of the province, the bumping rates for trials and long chambers applications have remained essentially unchanged from 2013 and have reverted to the 2011 bumping rates. For more detailed information, please refer to *Figures 6-9* in Appendix A.

As noted above, in order to reduce the number of scheduled matters bumped, the number of matters booked was reduced. The reduction of available dates involved civil proceedings. Because of the urgency of most family proceedings, trials and long chambers applications are given greater scheduling priority. In 2014, dates for a five-day family trial were generally available within 4 to 6 months. For a five-day civil trial; however, the wait for available dates was approximately 18 months. Regardless of the subject matter of the proceeding, where there are urgent circumstances, hearing dates are made available as soon as possible.

Conferences

The increase in the number of conferences in recent years (e.g., case planning conferences, judicial case conferences, trial management conferences, etc.) has had a significant impact on the work of the Court both in the number of conferences scheduled and the judicial time allocated to conferences. In 2014, 7154 conferences were held in civil and family proceedings which represented a small decrease of approximately 2% from the number in 2013.

Conferences in 2014 required 4567 hours of judicial (judges and masters) time.

The Court welcomed amendments to the *Supreme Court Rules* in 2012 to permit masters to conduct trial management conferences. Masters are particularly skilled at conducting trial management conferences, making orders to assist the parties to focus trials and serve the objects of the Rules effectively. This in turn assists the Court in scheduling sufficient trial time and managing its workload. Having masters conduct trial management conferences provides the Court with greater flexibility to schedule judges' time for trials and long chambers applications which fall outside the jurisdiction of a master.

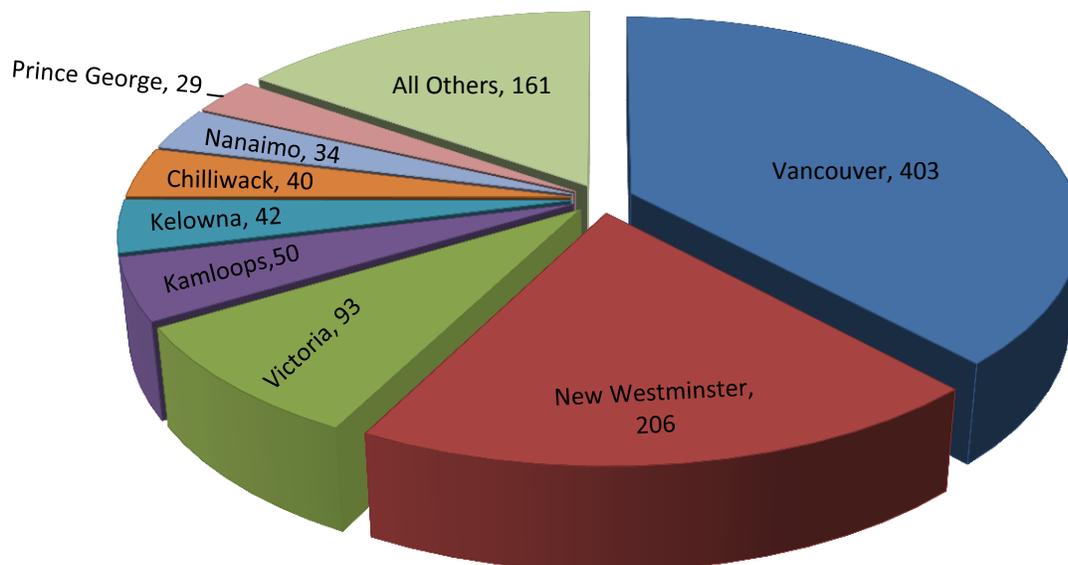
Please refer to *Figure 3* in Appendix A for more detailed information.

Distribution of Trial Work

The subject matter distribution of trials heard in 2014 breaks down into three general areas, with approximately 42% civil, 22% family and 37% criminal. There has been little change in this distribution over the last few years.

As has been the case for a number of years, the Lower Mainland (Vancouver, New Westminister and Chilliwack) continues to be the highest volume region in the province in respect of trial work. In the Lower Mainland region there were 649 trials in 2014. In the Southern Interior (Cranbrook, Golden, Kamloops, Kelowna, Nelson, Penticton, Revelstoke, Rossland, Salmon Arm, and Vernon) there were 155 trials. On Vancouver Island (Campbell River, Courtenay, Duncan, Nanaimo, Port Alberni, Powell River, and Victoria) there were 163 trials. In the Northern Interior region (Dawson Creek, Fort St. John, Prince George Prince Rupert, Quesnel, Smithers, Terrace, and Williams Lake) there were 91 trials.

The Lower Mainland region accounts for 61% of Supreme Court trials, the Southern Interior accounts for 15%, Vancouver Island accounts for approximately 15% and the Northern Interior accounts for almost 9%.



For more detailed information about scheduled and bumped trials, please refer to Figure 10 in Appendix A.

Published Reasons for Judgment

At the conclusion of a trial or a hearing of an application, the judge, master or registrar must make a decision on the relevant issues. The decision is announced and explained in reasons for judgment. Reasons for judgment may be delivered immediately after the hearing ends or the judge, master or registrar can reserve judgment and take some time to – days, weeks, or even months – to consider the matter before issuing the judgment. Regardless of when the judge, master or registrar gives his or her decision, it can be given in a written form or it can be given orally. Some, but not all decisions and judgments made by the judges, masters and registrars are published on the Court’s website. In 2014, the Supreme Court published 2229 reasons for judgment on its website. As can be seen from the chart below, this is an increase of approximately 6% from the number of reasons for judgments published in 2013 and is part of an upward trend that has seen an increase of approximately 15% since 2011.

The only reasons for judgments included in this count are those published on the court’s website between 2011 and 2014. The Court does not publish all decisions and judgments made by the judges, masters and registrars of the Court.

The judgments that **are counted** in this table are:

1. published written reasons for judgment and
2. transcribed oral reasons for judgment which the issuing judge, master or registrar has directed be published.

The judgments that **are not counted** are:

1. oral reasons for judgment that were not transcribed
2. oral reasons that were transcribed, but not published and
3. reasons for judgment that are sealed
4. reasons for judgment that are subject to a publication ban

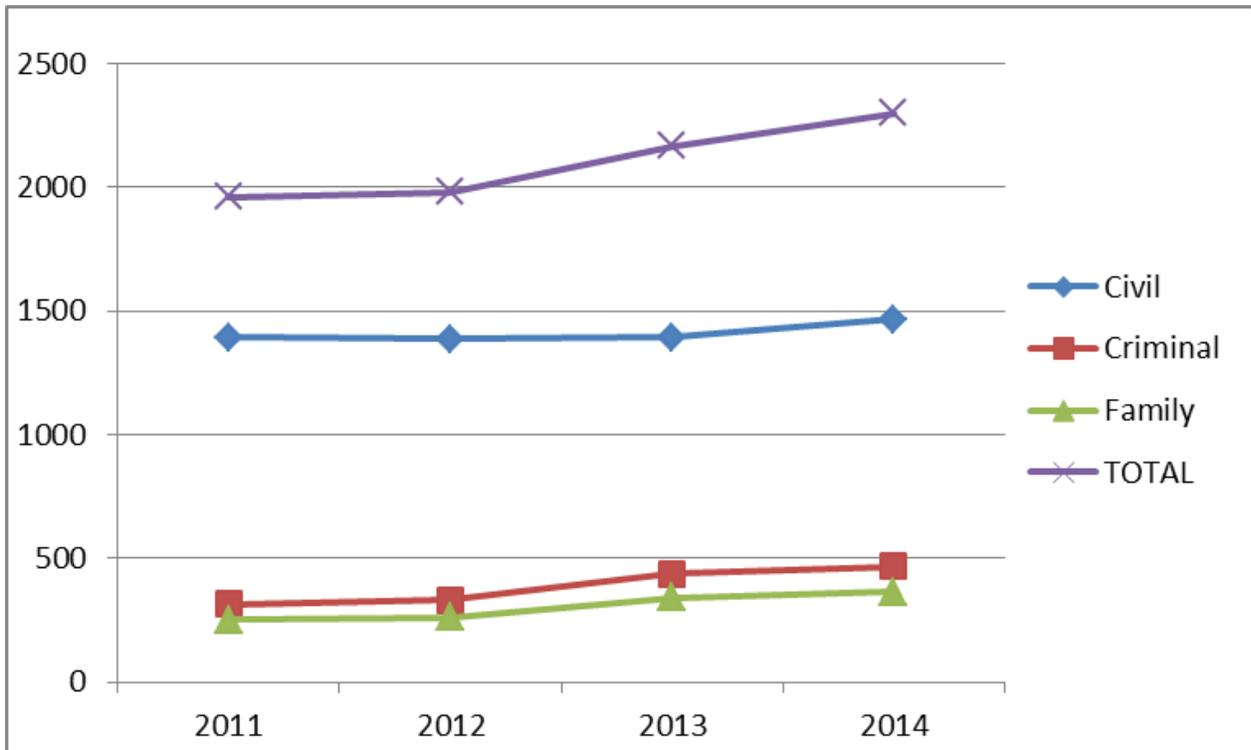
The following table provides the number of published reasons for judgment by subject (civil, criminal and family), type (written or transcribed oral) and year.

	2011	2012	2013	2014
Civil – Oral	274	267	260	285
Civil - Written	1120	1120	1133	1181
Civil – Total	1394	1387	1393	1466
Criminal - Oral	198	188	312	348
Criminal - Written	116	144	123	120
Criminal Total	314	332	435	468
Family - Oral	41	29	54	66
Family - Written	211	231	285	299
Family Total	252	260	339	365
PUBLISHED TOTAL	1960	1979	2167	2299

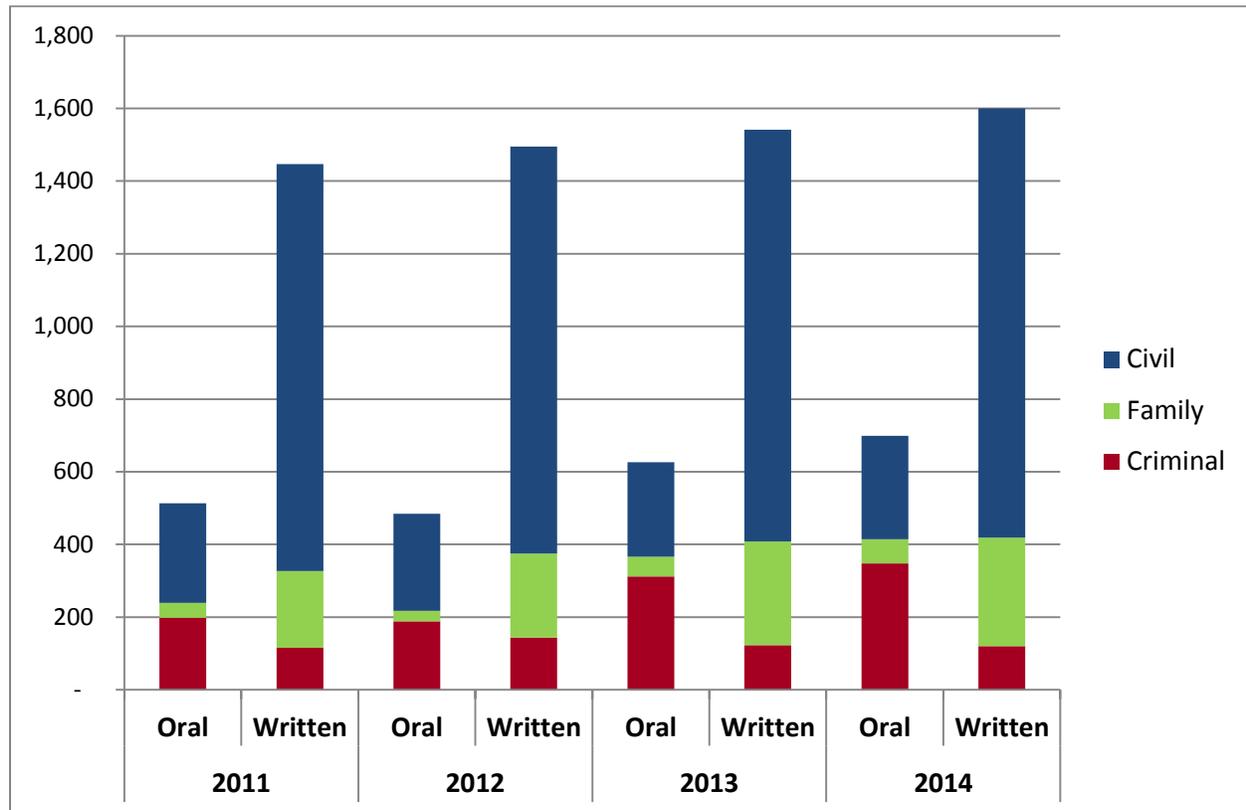
In previous years, we have identified some of the factors that contribute to the increasing complexity of the court’s workload (e.g., new and expanded legislative and regulatory provisions (e.g., new Criminal Code offences, new *Family Law Act*, etc.), the introduction of various case management techniques into the judicial process (e.g., case planning conferences, trial management conferences, pre-trial conferences, etc.), the increasing complexity and length of chambers practice, and the growing numbers of litigants who are self-represented). These factors and more continue to have an important impact on the work of the Court. The increase in the number of published judgments is another factor that can be considered in the analysis of the court’s changing workload. Unlike qualitative factors previously identified, the number of published judgments is one factor that can be counted.

Only some, not all decisions and judgments made by the judges, masters and registrars are published on the Court’s website. As noted above, published judgments do not represent the entirety of the work of a judge, master or registrar nor all of the judgments issued by judges, masters and registrars. What the data does show is that since 2011, the number of judgments published on the website has increased by about 15% in all three categories of proceedings (i.e., civil, criminal and family).

This following chart illustrates the total published reasons for judgment by subject from 2011-2014.



The data also shows that there have been annual variations in the distribution of written reasons for judgment and oral reasons for judgment in all three categories of proceedings since 2011. The following graph illustrates the distribution of published written reasons for judgment and published transcribed oral reasons for judgment by subject matter from 2011-2014.



JUDICIAL VACANCIES

In 2014, the Court welcomed two new justices, a new master, a new Registrar and a new District Registrar. Currently, the Court has one judicial vacancy. A full complement of judges, masters and registrars has obvious consequences for the Court's ability to complete the work of the Court. The timely appointment of new justices, masters and registrars allows the Court to complete its work in a timely manner.

FAMILY PILOT PROJECT

The Family Law Pilot project was implemented September 2, 2014 with a roster of 9 judges in Vancouver and 4 in New Westminster assigned to a fixed rotation in family law, generally for a term of six months. The pilot project will run for a period of two years during which all judges resident in the Vancouver and New Westminster registries will be assigned to the rotation. At

the conclusion of the two year pilot period, the project will be assessed to see if it will be continued in Vancouver and New Westminster and perhaps expanded to other registries.

Family law is unique: it consists of a large docket of cases within the Supreme Court (22% of new filings in 2014) and is the area in which we have the most self-represented litigants. With the introduction of the *Family Law Act* and because most of the bench does not come from the family bar, the pilot project's goal is to build expertise in family law within the judiciary. Judges on the roster meet together regularly to discuss issues of common interest and benefit from collaborative learning. These meetings are led by 4 team leaders (2 in Vancouver and 2 in New Westminster). It is anticipated that developing greater expertise in family law within the judiciary will benefit litigants, particularly self-represented litigants, and may also serve to shorten the timeframe for release of reserved judgments in family cases. Legal counsel dedicated to the family law project has been hired to serve as a resource to the project.

COMPLEX CRIMINAL TRIALS

In November 2014, the Associate Chief Justice hosted the Canadian Institute for the Administration of Justice (CIAJ) and a roundtable on the management of complex criminal trials. The roundtable was attended by representatives of key organizations and institutional players in the criminal justice system judges from all three levels of court in British Columbia, defence counsel, federal and provincial prosecutors and representatives from police agencies (RCMP, Vancouver Police, and Delta Police), Legal Services Society and various Ministry of Justice branches (court administration, sheriffs, corrections, and victim services). The purpose of the roundtable was to examine complex criminal cases from the perspective of a number of different actors in the criminal justice sector and to consider what actions could be undertaken in respect of the processes and procedures that exist over the lifecycle of a criminal matter. Participants discussed how to effectively and efficiently manage complex criminal proceedings in a manner that respects the independence and autonomy of the various participants in the system. The final report of the roundtable is available on the CIAJ website: <http://www.ciaj-icaj.ca/>.

SUPREME COURT PRACTICE DIRECTIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE NOTICES

The Court issued one Practice Direction and one Administrative Notice in 2014:

[PD - 44 - Requirement for Appearance List](#)

This Practice Direction sets out the requirement for parties appearing before the court on certain matters to provide the court clerk with an appearance list in order to assist court clerks to accurately record appearances.

[AN - 11 - Bankruptcy Proceedings before a Registrar in Bankruptcy](#)

This Administrative Notice sets out the procedures to be followed in all hearings set before a Registrar in Bankruptcy and it includes a number of standard forms of order.

EXTRA JUDICIAL ACTIVITIES

In addition to the normal workload of hearing cases and applications, deciding issues, writing and issuing reasons for judgment, attending to judicial functions out of the courtroom (e.g., desk order divorces and electronic orders) and presiding at numerous case conferences before and after regular court hours (e.g., judicial case conferences, case planning conferences, settlement conferences, judicial management conferences, pre-trial conferences, trial scheduling conferences and trial management conferences), members of the Court participate in a wide variety of other activities in in their communities.

Members of the Court speak regularly to high school law and social justice classes when groups of students attend to watch court as part of courthouse visits and tours arranged by the Justice Education Society, the Canadian Bar Association and others. Members of the Court also attend at high schools to meet and talk with students. These visits are often done in association with Law Week activities organized by the Canadian Bar Association, but they occur at other times of the year too. Members of the Court welcome opportunities to meet high school students and to contribute to a greater understanding of the justice system and its role in Canadian society.

In 2014, the judges, masters and registrars of the Court continued to be involved in a wide range of local, provincial, federal and international organizations including:

Access ProBono	Canadian Superior Courts Judges Association
Advocates' Club	Federation of Law Societies of Canada National Criminal Law Program
Arbitrators Association	Gale Cup Moot Program
L'Association des juristes d'expression française de la Colombie-Britannique	Inns of Court Program
British Columbia Council of Administrative Tribunals	International Society for the Reform of the Criminal Law
British Columbia Civil Liberties Association	Justice Education Society
British Columbia Model Insolvency Order Committee	Justice Institute of British Columbia
British Columbia Institute of Technology	Law Foundation of British Columbia
British Columbia Law Schools Moot Program	Law Society of British Columbia
Canadian Association of Insolvency and Restructuring Professionals National Conference	Legal Services Society
Canadian Bar Association	National Judicial Institute
Canadian Institute for the Administration of Justice	People's Law School
Canadian Institute for Advanced Legal Studies	Sopinka Cup Moot Program
Canadian Judicial Council National Committee on Jury Instructions	Thompson Rivers University Faculty of Law
Canadian Judicial Council - Family Law Subcommittee	Trial Lawyers' Association of British Columbia
Continuing Legal Education Society of British Columbia	Vancouver Foundation
	Vancouver Institute
	Victoria Foundation
	University of British Columbia Peter A. Allard School of Law
	University of Victoria Faculty of Law

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

In closing, we wish to express our gratitude to the people who work in courthouses across the province. The administration of justice in British Columbia relies heavily on the professionalism and dedication of the public servants including court clerks, registry staff, sheriffs and other Court Services Branch employees who work diligently on behalf of the judiciary and the citizens of British Columbia.

We would also like to express our thanks for the contributions of the Court's support staff including the judicial administrative assistants, judicial law clerks, scheduling staff, judicial administration and library staff, IT staff and legal counsel. The ability of the Court to function effectively is due, in large measure, to the professionalism of our support staff. We are grateful for their hard work and dedication to the work of the Court.

Finally, we would also like express our appreciation for our judicial colleagues: the judges, masters and registrars of the Court who provide advice and support to us as we fulfill our roles in respect of the administration of the Court.

Christopher E. Hinkson
Chief Justice

Austin F. Cullen
Associate Chief Justice

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. This means that the Supreme Court 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 Supreme Court's inherent jurisdiction allows it to control its own processes and procedures in order to ensure fairness and to prevent abuses of process. The Supreme Court hears civil (including family) and criminal cases, as well as appeals from Provincial Court. The Supreme Court also reviews the decisions of certain administrative tribunals, including the Labour Relations Board, Workers Compensation Appeal Tribunal, the British Columbia Human Rights Tribunal and residential tenancies arbitration decisions.

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 other locations where there is no resident judge or master as required including: 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.

Justices of the Supreme Court

As of December 31, 2014, the Supreme Court had 111 justices: the Chief Justice, the Associate Chief Justice, 89 justices and 20 supernumerary justices.

Supreme Court Masters

The Supreme Court has 13 masters who are resident in Vancouver, Victoria, New Westminster, Kamloops and Kelowna. Masters sit in all of the registries throughout the province on a regular basis.

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. They hear and determine a wide variety of applications in chambers on

a wide variety of matters ranging from interim orders in family proceedings to interlocutory applications in civil proceedings (e.g., production of documents) and foreclosure proceedings. Supreme Court masters also have the jurisdiction of registrars and preside as registrars throughout the province as required.

Registrars

The Supreme Court has one registrar and one district registrar who are resident in Vancouver although they regularly sit in other registries throughout the province.

Registrars are appointed pursuant to s. 13 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 province's deputy district registrars who work in the court registries across the province. The registrar serves as a liaison between the Court and the Court Services Branch in relation to registrars' 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.

CHANGES IN THE COURT'S COMPLEMENT

In 2014, the Court welcomed the appointment of two new justices, one master, one registrar and one district registrar. The Court also celebrated the elevation of one of its members to the Court of Appeal and witnessed the retirement of three colleagues.

APPOINTMENTS

The Honourable Madam Justice Emily M. Burke

Madam Justice Burke was appointed to the Supreme Court at Vancouver on May 13, 2014, to fill a position created by *An Act to Amend the Judges Act* (S.C. 2008).

Madam Justice Burke received a Bachelor of Laws from Dalhousie University in 1981 and was admitted to the bar of British Columbia in 1982. Madam Justice Burke practised with Lawson Lundell from 1982 to 1984 and with Alexander Holburn Beaudin & Lang from 1986 to 1990. Madam Justice Burke was a lawyer with the Labour Relations Board from 1984 to 1986. From 1990 to 1999, Madam Justice Burke was a vice-chair of the Labour Relations Board of British Columbia and in 1996 she served as a Registrar of the Labour Relations Board. From 1995 to 2014, Madam Justice Burke practised as a mediator and arbitrator, providing dispute resolution services in both the public and private sector.

Madam Justice Burke acquired her designation as a fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators in 2011 and was a part-time member of the Public Service Labour Relations Board in 2013.

Madam Justice Burke held various positions with the Arbitrators' Association of British Columbia and the British Columbia Council of Administrative Tribunals. Madam Justice Burke was a member of the Joint Advisory Committee for the Collective Agreement Arbitration Bureau from 2004 and a member of the National Academy of Arbitrators from 2006. Madam Justice Burke was also a member of the International Bar Association.

Madam Justice Burke has been a frequent speaker in a variety of venues, both locally and internationally.

The Honourable Madam Justice Martha M. Devlin

Madam Justice Devlin was appointed to the Supreme Court of British Columbia on December 12, 2014 to fill the vacancy created when Mr. Justice John E. D. Savage was appointed to the Court of Appeal for British Columbia.

Madam Justice Devlin received a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Toronto in 1983 and a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Alberta in 1993. Madam Justice Devlin was admitted to the bar of British Columbia in 1994. Madam Justice Devlin practised criminal law with the Public Prosecution Service of Canada since her call to the bar. Madam Justice Devlin was appointed Queen's Counsel in 2009. At the time of her appointment, Madam Justice Devlin was Senior General Counsel for the British Columbia region.

Madam Justice Devlin was the Principal of the National Training Academy for Crown Counsel and a member of the Drug Treatment Court of Vancouver Community Advisory Committee from 2001 to 2011. Madam Justice Devlin was a lecturer at Continuing Legal Education (CLE) seminars, a frequent speaker at provincial, national and international criminal law conferences, and was an annual volunteer facilitator at the CLE Advocacy Skills Workshop.

Master Sandra Harper

Master Harper was appointed to the Supreme Court at Vancouver effective August 5, 2014.

Master Harper obtained a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Victoria in 1982 and after articling at Freeman and Company in Vancouver was called to the bar of British Columbia in 1983. Master Harper practised at McConnan, Bion, O'Connor and Peterson in Victoria and at the time of her appointment, was counsel at Harper & Company. Master Harper's practice areas included civil litigation, personal injury litigation, government liability and family law.

Master Harper volunteered with a number of organizations including the Victoria Women's Transition House Society and the Victoria Foundation. Master Harper also served as a governor of the University of Victoria and was active with the Canadian Bar Association - BC Branch at the local and provincial level.

Registrar Stuart Cameron

Registrar Cameron was appointed Registrar of the Supreme Court on July 2, 2014.

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. Registrar Cameron initially practised 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, 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. Registrar Cameron was appointed as a district registrar in Vancouver in 2011.

District Registrar Scott Nielsen

Registrar Nielsen was appointed District Registrar of the Supreme Court on July 14, 2014.

Registrar Nielsen received a Bachelor of Law from the University of Victoria in 1986 and was called to the Bar of British Columbia in 1987. Registrar Nielsen practised as in-house counsel with the Workers Compensation Board of British Columbia where his practice primarily involved litigation with a wide variety of subject matter including subrogated personal injury claims; class actions; collections; bankruptcy; judicial review; constitutional matters involving the division of powers and Charter issues; human rights defence; abuse of public office claims; labour law; occupational health and safety matters involving injunctive relief and contempt proceedings; coroner's inquests; and a variety of enforcement proceedings. At the time of his appointment, Registrar Nielsen was Acting General Counsel. Registrar Nielsen was an organizer of and regular speaker at the annual legal conference for Workers' Compensation Boards from across Canada. Registrar Nielsen was also an active volunteer in his community serving for many years as a soccer and baseball coach.

ELEVATIONS

The Honourable Mr. Justice John D. E. Savage

Mr. Justice Savage was appointed to the Court of Appeal of British Columbia and the Court of Appeal of Yukon on December 12, 2014 to fill the vacancy created when Madam Justice Neilson elected to become a supernumerary judge.

Mr. Justice Savage was appointed to the Supreme Court of British Columbia in 2008. Mr. Justice Savage received a Bachelor of Laws from the University of British Columbia in 1977 and was admitted to the bar of British Columbia in 1978. At the time of his appointment to the Supreme Court, Mr. Justice Savage was a partner at Crease Harman & Company where he practised in the areas of administrative law and real property assessment. Mr. Justice Savage also served as a member of a number of administrative tribunals.

Mr. Justice Savage was a member of the Supreme Court's Civil Law Committee.

RETIREMENTS

The Honourable Mr. Justice Douglas Halfyard

Mr. Justice Halfyard received a Bachelor of Laws from the University of British Columbia in 1972 and was admitted to the bar of British Columbia in 1973. Mr. Justice Halfyard practised criminal law and civil litigation. Mr. Justice Halfyard was appointed to the Supreme Court in 1999 in Prince Rupert and later transferred to Nanaimo. Mr. Justice Halfyard retired on July 14, 2014.

The Honourable Madam Justice Deborah Kloege

Madam Justice Kloege received a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Alberta in 1980 and was called to the bar of British Columbia in 1981. Madam Justice Kloege practised in the area of civil litigation primarily at the firm of Ladner Downs (a predecessor law firm to Borden Ladner Gervais). Madam Justice Kloege was appointed to the Supreme Court in 1996 and retired on December 31, 2014.

Registrar Kathy Sainty

Registrar Sainty received a Bachelor of Law from the University of British Columbia in 1985 and was called to the bar of British Columbia in 1986. Registrar Sainty practised in the area of family and civil litigation. Registrar Sainty was appointed District Registrar in 2001 and was appointed Registrar of the Supreme Court in 2011. Registrar Sainty retired on June 30, 2014.

CIVIL LAW COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Justice Walker (*Chair*)

Madam Justice Beames

Mr. Justice Bowden

Mr. Justice Davies

Madam Justice Gray

Madam Justice Griffin

Mr. Justice McEwan

Mr. Justice Savage

Mr. Justice Sewell

Mr. Justice Smith

Mr. Justice Voith

Master Bouck

Master Caldwell

Jill Leacock, *Legal Counsel*

The role of the Civil Law Committee is to consider developments in civil procedure and substantive law and to provide input from time to time to the Chief Justices and other members of the Court. In addition, the committee provides comment to the Rules Revision Committee from time to time.

During 2014, the Civil Law Committee considered a variety of issues including:

1. recommendations for changes to the Trial Management Conference rules;
2. adoption of additional model insolvency orders as part of an ongoing coordinated approach with other Canadian courts to standardize orders issued under federal insolvency legislation;
3. the manner in which sealed bids are dealt with in foreclosure proceedings;
4. the desirability of standardizing orders for production of clinical records; and
5. guidelines for telephone and video appearances.

The committee made recommendation to the RRC that the implied undertaking as to confidentiality of documents produced on discovery be codified in the Rules of Court. The committee also raised for the consideration of the RRC, the Rules implications, if any, of

examinations for discovery being conducted when the official reporter is at a location remote from the person being examined. As well, throughout 2014, the committee continued its practice of providing the Court with updates discussing recent significant appellate decisions.

COURTHOUSE FACILITIES COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Justice Williams (*Chair*)

Mr. Justice Dley

Mr. Justice Greyell

Mr. Justice Grist

Mr. Justice Johnston

Mr. Justice McEwan

Mr. Justice Punnett

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.

Since the Committee's last Report Justices Barrow, Macaulay (Chair) and Powers have left the Committee and Justices Dley, Greyell, Johnston and Punnett have joined it. Mr. Justice Williams assumed the position of Chair.

In 2014, the Committee focused its work in four areas. First, the Committee reviewed, considered and provided feedback to the Ministry of Justice on its draft of the Planning and Design Guidelines for Courthouses in British Columbia. This document details the guidelines for the design of renovations and new construction of Courthouses including Courtrooms and Judicial working space as well as space for Sheriffs, Registry Staff, lawyers and the public.

Secondly, flowing out of the Committee's work on the draft Guidelines as just discussed, the Committee sought from the Ministry and its consultants information and a presentation on acoustics and sound in Courtrooms. Of particular interest was the ability to amplify for the Judge, jury and others the voices of soft-spoken witnesses as well as concerns about the suppression of ambient noise within a Courtroom.

Thirdly, a sub-Committee of the Committee participated in discussions with Ministry Officials and members of the Provincial Court in reviewing, considering and providing input on proposals for a new Courthouse facility for the Fraser Valley. Work continues on this proposed project and the Committee expects to continue its involvement as this project moves forward.

Finally, towards the end of the year, as a result of the violence in Ottawa and in particular the security threat posed by the invasion of Parliament, the Committee was asked to consider what if anything might need to be done to ensure the safety and security of all who work in or attend Courthouses. After discussion, the Committee recommended to the Chief Justice that as a first step, the Ministry be asked to have the Sheriffs undertake a full scale security audit of all the Courthouses in the Province. Once the audits are completed, the Committee will consider whether further recommendations are warranted.

CRIMINAL LAW COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Madam Justice Ker (*Chair*)
Associate Chief Justice Cullen
Madam Justice Arnold-Bailey
Madam Justice Bruce
Mr. Justice Dley
Mr. Justice Ehrcke
Mr. Justice Gaul
Madam Justice Holmes
Madam Justice Koenigsberg
Mr. Justice Leask
Madam Justice Maisonville
Mr. Justice Silverman
Madam Justice Wedge
Heidi McBride, *Legal Counsel*

The Criminal Law Committee continued to provide the court with assistance with respect to various matters that arose during 2014 including providing representation to the Publication Ban Working Group, the Vancouver Law Court Users' Committee, the Paralegal Working Group, the Working Group on Court Communication Technology Working Group, a committee considering the issue of cameras in courtrooms, the Committee on Access to Justice and a committee reviewing the *Court Record Access Policy*.

The Criminal Law Committee, through Madam Justice Holmes, provided summaries of new criminal legislation as it came into force including *An Act to amend the Criminal Code and the Corrections and Conditional Release Act (restrictions on offenders)* and a preview of the proposed *Victims' Bill of Rights*.

Mr. Justice Ehrcke continued to provide updates and summaries of important criminal law decisions from the Supreme Court of Canada and the British Columbia Court of Appeal.

Currently, the Committee and its members are developing protocols on two related items: (i) pre-marking or pre-numbering exhibits in advance of the commencement of the trial where a large number of exhibits are expected and (ii) a media exhibit access protocol which is designed to make exhibits available to the media in a way that minimizes the impact of the process on

the court clerk and registry staff. A protocol was developed in *R. v. Lilgert* (Queen of the North trial) and *R. v. Sipes*. This is an ongoing project for the Committee.

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 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 Canadian Bar Association Criminal Law Section, the Trial Lawyers Association, the B.C. Civil Liberties Association and other similar organizations.

Membership on the Committee did not change save for the resignation of Koenigsberg J. from the Committee in January 2014. Madam Justice Koenigsberg provided invaluable contributions to the Committee over her years of membership on it.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Madam Justice Fisher (*Chair*)

Mr. Justice Abrioux

Mr. Justice Betton

Mr. Justice Blok

Madam Justice Bruce

Madam Justice Dardi

Madam Justice Dickson

Madam Justice Fenlon

Mr. Justice Grauer

Mr. Justice Harvey

Mr. Justice Sewell

Mr. Justice Silverman

Mr. Justice Voith

Madam Justice Watchuk

Master MacNaughton

Master Muir

Master Scarth

Heidi McBride, *Legal Counsel*

The function of the Education Committee is to organize and present continuing education programs to keep the members of the Court current on substantive law as well as judicial skills, social context, philosophical and ethical issues, and current challenges.

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 in Vancouver, which are also accessed from across the province by telephone or video. The members of the Court continue to demonstrate a high degree of engagement in these programs and the members of the committee continue to work diligently in preparing the programs.

The May 2014 conference sessions addressed judicial settlement, family law topics, judgement writing, sentencing, and the *Wills, Estate and Succession Act*. Presenters included distinguished academics and judges from across Canada and experienced members of the Court.

The November 2014 conference addressed a variety of topics. The first day was attended by members of the Court of Appeal for British Columbia jointly with members of this Court. The topics included substance abuse issues, aboriginal law and judicial ethics. Topics addressed on the second day included various aspects related to access to justice and the first instalment of a video production, *Anatomy of a Criminal Trial*, which was presented along with panel discussions about the issues raised in the video. The presenters included academics and judges from across Canada as well as members of the Court.

FAMILY LAW COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Madam Justice Hyslop (*Chair*)

Mr. Justice Butler

Mr. Justice Cole

Mr. Justice Groves

Mr. Justice Harvey

Madam Justice Loo

Mr. Justice Pearlman

Master Baker

Master MacNaughton

Jill Leacock, *Legal Counsel*

In 2014, the Family Law Committee worked with the Workload Committee to develop a proposal for a fixed term rotation in family law. The proposal was approved by the Court at its *en banc* meeting in May 2014, and the family law rotation started in the Vancouver and New Westminster registries in September of 2014. The project will continue for two years, with the Vancouver and New Westminster resident judges each rotating through a family law assignment for a term of 6 months. The expectation is that a consistent assignment to family law work including chambers, conferences and trials, will allow judges to build more expertise in family law, and enable these cases to be dealt with in a timely and effective way.

In the coming year, legal counsel may be engaged to work with judges assigned to the family law rotation and with the committee as the jurisprudence under the *Family Law Act* continues to develop.

A subcommittee of committee is looking at the technology and equipment requirements for court orders to be produced in the courtroom which the Provincial Court is starting to do. The committee also considered whether there should be special facilities to interview children. There was discussion as to whether the interview of the child should be recorded separate from court room hearings. This issue will come up for further discussion when the committee receives an opinion as to whether there must be a record of the interview of the child.

Liaison with government to improve the way in which Inter-jurisdictional Support Orders are dealt with was begun in 2013 and continued in 2014. The expectation is that these orders will be screened before they come to court and that an advocate may be engaged to assist the court in dealing with them.

The members of the committee continue to provide updates to the judges and masters of the court as to important appellate decisions in family jurisprudence.

LAW CLERKS COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Justice Pearlman (*Chair*)
Madam Justice Arnold-Bailey
Mr. Justice Barrow
Madam Justice Dillon
Mr. Justice Fitch
Jill Leacock, *Legal Counsel*
Heidi McBride, *Legal Counsel*

The Committee is responsible for the management of the Judicial Law Clerk Program including recruitment and hiring. The Committee is assisted in its work by the court's legal counsel to whom the day to day management and administration of the law clerks is delegated.

Each year, eighteen law clerks are hired for positions in Vancouver (13), New Westminster (3) and Victoria (2). The recruitment period begins approximately two years before the start of the judicial law clerk term when the Committee sends representatives to law schools in British Columbia and materials to all Canadian law schools. The application and interview process takes place approximately 18 months before the start of the term. In the early spring, members of the Committee interview approximately 32 applicants and select 18 law clerks.

In September 2014, eighteen law clerks began their clerkships. They are graduates of the University of Victoria, University of British Columbia, University of Alberta and University of Toronto.

Vancouver		
Amelia Boulton	Sarah McCalla	Rachel Schechter
Aubrie Chaylt	Jordan Michauxn	Emily Snow
Natasha Edgar	Maya Ollek	Rebecca Stanley
Kelly Hazlett	Liam Oster	
Nathan Lapper	Cassandra Patterson	
New Westminster		
Eric Aitken	Emilie Feil-Fraser	Shelby Liesch
Victoria		
James Billingsley	Patrick Dudding	

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.

JOINT COURTS TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Justice Masuhara (*Chair*)
Mr. Justice Groberman
Madam Justice Levine
Madam Justice Adair
Mr. Justice Myers
Mr. Justice Punnett
Master Baker
Jennifer Jordan, *Registrar, Court of Appeal* (until June 2014)
Tim Outerbridge, *Legal Counsel, Court of Appeal and Registrar* (from July 2014)
Frank Kraemer, Q.C., *Executive Director & Senior Counsel, Judicial Administration*
Kevin Arens, *Director, Information Technology and Finance*
Cindy Friesen, *Director, Supreme Court Scheduling*
Sally Rudolf, *Legal Counsel, Court of Appeal* (from July 2014)
Heidi McBride, *Legal Counsel, Supreme Court*

In 2014 the Committee focussed on the development of a mobile device policy for both courts. Committee members also participated in various other technology initiatives for the courts. The Committee continues to review developments in technology and their corresponding impact on the work of the courts.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Madam Justice Griffin (*Chair*)

Mr. Justice Goepel

Madam Justice Humphries

Madam Justice Kloegman

Mr. Justice Skolrood

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

Diane Lemieux, *Librarian*

The Library continues to find ways to balance its budget and provide current resources to its users. The total amount spent for the year was \$409,850.02, an increase of approximately \$12,000 (3%). The majority of funds have gone towards loose-leaf services, law reports and standing orders (annuals).

The cancellation or reduction of 38 loose-leaf services (the majority coming from Carswell and Thomsen Reuters businesses which include Canada Law Book, Canvasback, Sweet & Maxwell and Editions Yvon Blais) and a reduction in print law reporters late in 2013 was instrumental in the library staying close to the amount spent in last year's budget. Another key factor which helped keep costs down was a forced spending freeze for new acquisitions for most of the year with only a few exceptions for "must have" titles including *Sullivan on the Construction of Statutes* by Ruth Sullivan, *The Law of Evidence in Canada* by Sopinka, Lederman & Bryant and the new McGill Guide.

As in previous years, all efforts are made to recycle items replaced annually such as Criminal Codes, Annual Practice volumes and bankruptcy materials. Replaced editions are forwarded to outside locations, and out of date or cancelled loose-leafs are given labels that indicate currency and whether the updated item is available in Vancouver.

In 2014, the Library published on the court website 1466 civil reasons for judgment, 468 criminal reasons for judgment and 365 family reasons for judgment arising from proceedings in the Supreme Court and 279 civil reasons for judgment, 190 criminal reasons for judgment and 34 family reasons for judgments arising from proceedings in the Court of Appeal.

The judicial members of the Committee express their thanks to staff for their work over the past year.

JUDICIAL ACCESS POLICY WORKING GROUP

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Jennifer Jordan, *Registrar, Court of Appeal* (to June 2014)
Frank Kraemer, Q.C., *Executive Director & Senior Counsel, Judicial Administration, Superior Courts*
Grant Marchand, *Manager, Judicial Resource Analysis & Management Information Systems, Provincial Court*
Dominique Bohn, *Executive Director, Service Reform, Court Services Branch*
Dan Chiddell, *Director Strategic Information & Business Applications, Court Services Branch*
Janet Donald, *Director of Policy, Legislation and Issue Management, Court Services Branch*
Timothy Outerbridge, *Legal Counsel, Court of Appeal and Registrar* (from July 2014)
Sally Rudolf, *Legal Counsel, Court of Appeal* (from July 2014)
Heidi McBride, *Legal Counsel, Supreme Court*
Gene Jamieson, Q.C., *Legal Officer, Provincial Court*
Karen Leung, *Legal Officer, Provincial Court*
Kathryn Thomson, *Legal Policy Advisor*

Mandate of the Committee

The Committee is a joint committee consisting of representatives from all three courts and Court Services Branch employees. 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, particularly those in electronic format. The Chief Justices and Chief Judge give approval before a policy is adopted. In addition to policy work, the Committee also reviews applications for bulk access to court record information.

Work of the Committee

In 2014, the work of the committee included the following:

Access Applications

During the year the Committee considered and recommended approval of a number of applications from a variety of government agencies and departments for access to court records in order to fulfill their statutory mandates or to improve the efficiency of their operations. The Committee also considered and recommended approval of access applications from universities and other academic organizations for research purposes.

Government Reorganization

Following upon work that began in 2013, the Committee continued to work on developing a long term solution to access to court record information by government employees employed outside of the Court Services Branch. This work involved considering the opportunities and risks presented by non-Court Services Branch employees having electronic access to court record information under different management structures.

Government Data Modeling Project

The Committee approved a request to use anonymous information for data models to assist Court Services Branch in assessing the impact of changes in legislation and other system changes.

Membership of the Committee

In 2014, Jennifer Jordan retired as Registrar of the Court of Appeal and as the Committee's Chair. Registrar Jordan had served as the Committee's Chair since the Committee's creation in 2002 and was instrumental in establishing its policies and procedures. Registrar Jordan lead the Committee and its members as it and they developed and implemented principled and practical approaches to access to court records. The Committee is grateful for the innumerable contributions that Registrar Jordan made to its work.

MEMBERS OF THE SUPREME COURT

Chief Justice

The Honourable Chief Justice Christopher E. Hinkson

- Appointed to the Supreme Court March 2, 2007
- Appointed to the Court of Appeal March 18, 2010
- Appointed Chief Justice of the Supreme Court November 7, 2013

Associate Chief Justice

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
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Justices of the Supreme Court

The Honourable Mr. Justice Bruce I. Cohen ► (Vancouver)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court March 25, 1987

The Honourable Mr. Justice W. Glen Parrett ► (Prince George)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court February 16, 1990

The Honourable Mr. Justice Randall S. K. Wong ► (Vancouver)

- 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 ► (New Westminster)

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

The Honourable Mr. Justice Thomas J. Melnick ► (Cranbrook)

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

The Honourable Mr. Justice Ian B. Josephson ► (New Westminster)

- 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 ► (Kamloops)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court October 11, 1991

The Honourable Madam Justice Jacqueline L. Dorgan ► (Victoria)

- Appointed to Supreme Court October 11, 1991

The Honourable Madam Justice M. Marvyn Koenigsberg ► (Smithers)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court November 27, 1992

The Honourable Madam Justice Wendy G. Baker ► (Vancouver)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court May 28, 1993

The Honourable Mr. Justice Jon S. Sigurdson ► (Vancouver)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court January 27, 1994

The Honourable Madam Justice Mary A. Humphries ► (Vancouver)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court January 27, 1994

The Honourable Madam Justice Janice R. Dillon ► (Vancouver)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court April 25, 1995

The Honourable Mr. Justice Selwyn R. Romilly ► (Vancouver)

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

The Honourable Mr. Justice Barry M. Davies ► (Vancouver)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court January 10, 1996

The Honourable Madam Justice Deborah A. Kloegman ▼ (Vancouver)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court February 13, 1996

The Honourable Mr. Justice Frank W. Cole ► (Vancouver)

- Appointed to Supreme Court March 19, 1996

The Honourable Mr. Justice William G. E. Grist ► (Chilliwack)

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

The Honourable Mr. Justice T. Mark McEwan (Vancouver/Nelson)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court August 7, 1996

The Honourable Madam Justice Alison J. Beames (Kelowna)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court August 7, 1996

The Honourable Madam Justice Linda A. Loo ► (Vancouver)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court September 24, 1996

The Honourable Mr. Justice Grant D. Burnyeat ► (Vancouver)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court December 19, 1996

The Honourable Mr. Justice Malcolm D. Macaulay ► (Victoria)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court March 4, 1997

The Honourable Mr. Justice Douglas A. Halfyard ▼ (Nanaimo)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court June 30, 1999

The Honourable Madam Justice Heather J. Holmes (Vancouver)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court March 21, 2001

The Honourable Madam Justice Carol J. Ross (Vancouver)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court March 21, 2001

The Honourable Mr. Justice Harry A. Slade (Vancouver)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court March 27, 2001

The Honourable Mr. Justice Brian M. Joyce (Chilliwack)

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

The Honourable Madam Justice Catherine A. Wedge (Vancouver)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court April 4, 2001

The Honourable Mr. Justice Robert Crawford ► (New Westminster)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court September 27, 2001

The Honourable Madam Justice Victoria Gray (Vancouver)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court September 27, 2001

The Honourable Mr. Justice Geoffrey M. Barrow (Kelowna)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court December 14, 2001

The Honourable Mr. Justice Peter J. Rogers (Kelowna)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court December 14, 2001

The Honourable Madam Justice Brenda Brown (Vancouver)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court April 18, 2002

The Honourable Mr. Justice John D. Truscott (New Westminster)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court October 10, 2002

The Honourable Madam Justice Laura B. Gerow (Vancouver)

- Appointed to Supreme Court October 10, 2002

The Honourable Mr. Justice James W. Williams (Vancouver)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court October 10, 2002

The Honourable Mr. Justice David M. Masuhara (Vancouver)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court October 11, 2002

The Honourable Madam Justice Sandra K. Ballance (Vancouver)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court December 11, 2002

The Honourable Mr. Justice Stephen F. Kelleher (Vancouver)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court July 24, 2003

The Honourable Mr. Justice Lance W. Bernard (New Westminster)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court July 24, 2003

The Honourable Mr. Justice William Ehrcke (Vancouver)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court October 28, 2003

The Honourable Mr. Justice Robert Johnston (Victoria)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court November 26, 2004

The Honourable Mr. Justice Arne H. Silverman (Vancouver)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court November 26, 2004

The Honourable Madam Justice Barbara Fisher (Vancouver)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court November 26, 2004

The Honourable Madam Justice Elizabeth A. Arnold-Bailey (New Westminster)

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

The Honourable Madam Justice J. Miriam Gropper (Vancouver)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court April 14, 2005

The Honourable Madam Justice Loryl D. Russell (Vancouver)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court April 14, 2005

The Honourable Mr. Justice Nathan H. Smith (Vancouver)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court May 19, 2005

The Honourable Mr. Justice Joel R. Groves (Vancouver)

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

The Honourable Mr. Justice Peter D. Leask (Vancouver)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court November 22, 2005

The Honourable Mr. Justice Elliott M. Myers (Vancouver)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court November 22, 2005

The Honourable Madam Justice Catherine J. Bruce (Vancouver)

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

The Honourable Madam Justice Gail Dickson (Vancouver)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court December 15, 2006

The Honourable Mr. Justice J. Keith Bracken (Victoria)

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

The Honourable Mr. Justice G. Bruce Butler (Vancouver)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court March 30, 2007

The Honourable Mr. Justice Paul J. Pearlman (Vancouver)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court January 31, 2008

The Honourable Madam Justice Lauri Ann Fenlon (Vancouver)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court January 31, 2008

The Honourable Mr. Justice Geoffrey R.J. Gaul (Victoria)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court January 31, 2008

The Honourable Madam Justice Susan A. Griffin (Vancouver)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court February 20, 2008

The Honourable Mr. Justice J. Christopher Grauer (Vancouver)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court April 11, 2008

The Honourable Mr. Justice John E. D. Savage ▲ (Vancouver)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court May 5, 2008
- Appointed to the Court of Appeal December 11, 2014

The Honourable Mr. Justice Paul W. Walker (Vancouver)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court June 18, 2008

The Honourable Madam Justice D. Jane Dardi (Vancouver)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court June 18, 2008

The Honourable Madam Justice Kate Ker (New Westminster)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court June 18, 2008

The Honourable Mr. Justice Neill Brown (Chilliwack)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court July 30, 2008

The Honourable Madam Justice Elaine J. Adair (Vancouver)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court November 28, 2008

The Honourable Mr. Justice Robert J. Sewell (Vancouver)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court January 22, 2009

The Honourable Mr. Justice John S. Harvey (New Westminster)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court January 22, 2009

The Honourable Mr. Justice Peter G. Voith (Vancouver)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court January 22, 2009

The Honourable Mr. Justice Frits Verhoeven (New Westminster)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court January 22, 2009

The Honourable Madam Justice Hope Hyslop (Kamloops)

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

The Honourable Mr. Justice Bruce M. Greyell (Vancouver)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court May 15, 2009

The Honourable Mr. Justice Terence A. Schultes (Vancouver)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court May 15, 2009

The Honourable Mr. Justice Robert D. Punnett (Prince Rupert)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court June 19, 2009

The Honourable Mr. Justice Gregory T. W. Bowden (Vancouver)

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

The Honourable Mr. Justice Brian D. MacKenzie (Victoria)

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

The Honourable Mr. Justice Anthony Saunders (New Westminster)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court November 27, 2009

The Honourable Mr. Justice S. Dev Dley (Kamloops)

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

The Honourable Madam Justice Miriam A. Maisonville (Vancouver)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court March 19, 2010

The Honourable Madam Justice Shelley C. Fitzpatrick (Vancouver)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court June 18, 2010

The Honourable Madam Justice Jennifer A. Power (Victoria)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court August 6, 2010

The Honourable Mr. Justice Trevor C. Armstrong (New Westminster)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court October 1, 2010

The Honourable Madam Justice Jeanne E. Watchuk (Vancouver)

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

The Honourable Mr. Justice Murray B. Blok (New Westminster)

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

The Honourable Mr. Justice D. Allan Betton (Kelowna)

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

The Honourable Mr. Justice Kenneth Affleck (Vancouver)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court June 24, 2011

The Honourable Mr. Justice Patrice Abrioux (Vancouver)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court September 29, 2011

The Honourable Mr. Justice Ronald S. Tindale (Prince George)

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

The Honourable Mr. Justice Gregory Fitch (Vancouver)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court October 20, 2011

The Honourable Mr. Justice Robert W. Jenkins (New Westminster)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court December 31, 2011

The Honourable Mr. Justice Gordon C. Weatherill (Vancouver)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court May 31, 2012

The Honourable Mr. Justice Robin A. M. Baird (Nanaimo)

- Appointed to the Provincial Court August 22, 2011
- Appointed to the Supreme Court October 5, 2012

The Honourable Mr. Justice Gordon S. Funt (Vancouver)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court October 5, 2012

The Honourable Mr. Justice John J. Steeves (Vancouver)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court October 5, 2012

The Honourable Mr. Justice Kenneth W. Ball (New Westminster)

- Appointed to the Provincial Court January 6, 2003
- Appointed to the Supreme Court November 2, 2012

The Honourable Mr. Justice Douglas W. Thompson (Nanaimo)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court December 13, 2012

The Honourable Madam Justice Sheri Ann Donegan (Kamloops)

- Appointed to the Provincial Court October 4, 2010
- Appointed to the Supreme Court June 6, 2013

The Honourable Madam Justice Wendy J. Harris (Vancouver)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court June 6, 2013

The Honourable Mr. Justice Ronald A. Skolrood (Vancouver)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court June 6, 2013

The Honourable Madam Justice Lisa Warren (Vancouver)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court June 6, 2013

The Honourable Madam Justice Margot L. Fleming (Vancouver)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court June 6, 2013

The Honourable Mr. Justice Gary P. Weatherill (New Westminster)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court October 2, 2013

The Honourable Mr. Justice George K. Macintosh (Vancouver)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court December 17, 2013

The Honourable Mr. Justice Nigel P. Kent (Vancouver)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court December 17, 2013

The Honourable Madam Justice Jennifer M. I. Duncan (Vancouver)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court December 17, 2013

The Honourable Madam Justice Neena Sharma (Vancouver)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court December 17, 2013

The Honourable Madam Justice Emily M. Burke (Vancouver)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court May 13, 2014

The Honourable Madam Justice Martha M. Devlin (New Westminster)

- Appointed to the Supreme Court December 11, 2014
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Masters of the Supreme Court

Master William McCallum (Victoria)

- Appointed Master of the Supreme Court November 20, 1989

Master Dennis Tokarek (Vancouver)

- Appointed Master of the Supreme Court September 9, 1991

Master Douglas Baker (Vancouver)

- Appointed Master of the Supreme Court July 16, 1998

Master Shelagh Scarth (Vancouver)

- Appointed District Registrar August 17, 1998
- Appointed Master of the Supreme Court November 6, 2000

Master Peter Keighley (New Westminster)

- Appointed Master of the Supreme Court March 8, 2004

Master Ian W. Caldwell (New Westminster)

- Appointed Master of the Supreme Court April 18, 2005

Master Grant Taylor (New Westminster)

- Appointed Master of the Supreme Court July 29, 2005

Master Barbara Young (Kelowna)

- Appointed Master of the Supreme Court December 6, 2006

Master Carolyn P. Bouck (Victoria)

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

Master Heather MacNaughton (Vancouver)

- Appointed Master of the Supreme Court June 1, 2011

Master Robert McDiarmid (Kamloops)

- Appointed Master of the Supreme Court June 1, 2011

Master Leslie Muir (Vancouver)

- Appointed Master of the Supreme Court May 7, 2012

Master Sandra Harper (Vancouver)

- Appointed Master of the Supreme Court August 5, 2014
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Registrar of the Supreme Court

Kathryn Sainty, Registrar of the Supreme Court ▼ (Vancouver)

- Appointed District Registrar April 1, 2001
- Appointed Registrar of the Supreme Court August 9, 2010

Stuart R. Cameron, Registrar of the Supreme Court (Vancouver)

- Appointed District Registrar January 31, 2011
 - Appointed Registrar of the Supreme Court July 2, 2014
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District Registrar of the Supreme Court

Scott Nielsen, District Registrar (Vancouver)

- Appointed District Registrar July 14, 2014
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▲ *Appointed to the Court of Appeal*

▶ *Supernumerary*

▼ *Retired*

JUDICIAL STAFF

Office of the Chief Justice and the Associate Chief Justice

Executive Assistant to Chief Justice Hinkson
Executive Assistant to Associate Chief Justice Cullen
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Elise Du Mont
Mary Williams
Brian Bird, Christine Judd, Jill
Leacock, Heidi McBride, Anna
Negrin, Kate Phipps,

Judicial Administration

Executive Director & Senior Counsel
Director, Human Resources and Support Services
Director, Information Technology and Finance
Director, Supreme Court Scheduling
Assistant to the Executive Director
Assistant to Director, Supreme Court Scheduling
Assistant to Legal Counsel
Judicial Assistant
Finance Clerk
Website Support and Business Information Analyst
Judicial Administrative Assistant Practice Advisor

Manager, Provincial Registrar's Program

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Kevin Arens
Cindy Friesen
Tammy McCullough
William Gallagher
Andrea Baedak
Michelle Sam
Cheryl Steele
Cynthia Dale
Tannes Gentner, Samantha
Servis
Sheri Rojas

Judicial Administrative Assistants

Vancouver

Jessica Dahyabhai, Chrissy Drew, Joy Eliasson, Diane Gooderham,
Diana Hatley, Angela Hickey, Felipa Ibarrola, Joanne Ivans, Lorrie
Jamieson, Maria Koulountzou, Wanda Lam, Beverlee Lea, Evelyn
Mathesius, Laura Munday, Linda Peter, Terri Rockwell, Samantha
Servis, Harmesh Shahi, Vickie Siu, Stephanie WyerRose

Chilliwack

Yvonne Samek

Cranbrook

Brenda Pocha

Kamloops

Beckie Allen, Jane Raggatt

Kelowna

Sharon Stegeman, Lana Pardue

Nanaimo

Patricia McKeeman

Nelson	Kathie Pereverzoff
New Westminster	Barbara Gourlay, Bonnie Healey, Raji Johal, Andrea Walker, 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	Laura Hill, Rhona Ogston
Supreme Court Schedulers	Patricia Acthim, Kim Gunn, Annie Hecimovic, Laura Hill, Christine Hutton, Jeanette McNabb
Data Entry Clerks	Shahla Ehtesham, Daniel Hoyles, William Gallagher, Ryan Going, Darlene Marasigan, Elsie Peralta, Chantelle Sanderson

Kamloops, Cranbrook, Golden, Revelstoke, Salmon Arm

Manager, Supreme Court Scheduling	Dave McCoy
Supreme Court Schedulers	Beckie Allen, Doreen Czerkawski

Kelowna, Nelson, Penticton, Rossland, Vernon

Manager, Supreme Court Scheduling	Barb Turik
Supreme Court Scheduler	Janine Benson
Data Entry Clerk	Arlene Marshinew

Nanaimo, Campbell River, Courtenay, Port Alberni and Powell River

Manager, Supreme Court Scheduling	Cheryl Turner
Supreme Court Scheduler	Michelle Schley

New Westminster, Chilliwack

Manager, Supreme Court Scheduling
Supreme Court Schedulers

Tanya Dixon, Rhona Ogston
Allison Donnelly, Leanne Griffith, Jeanette
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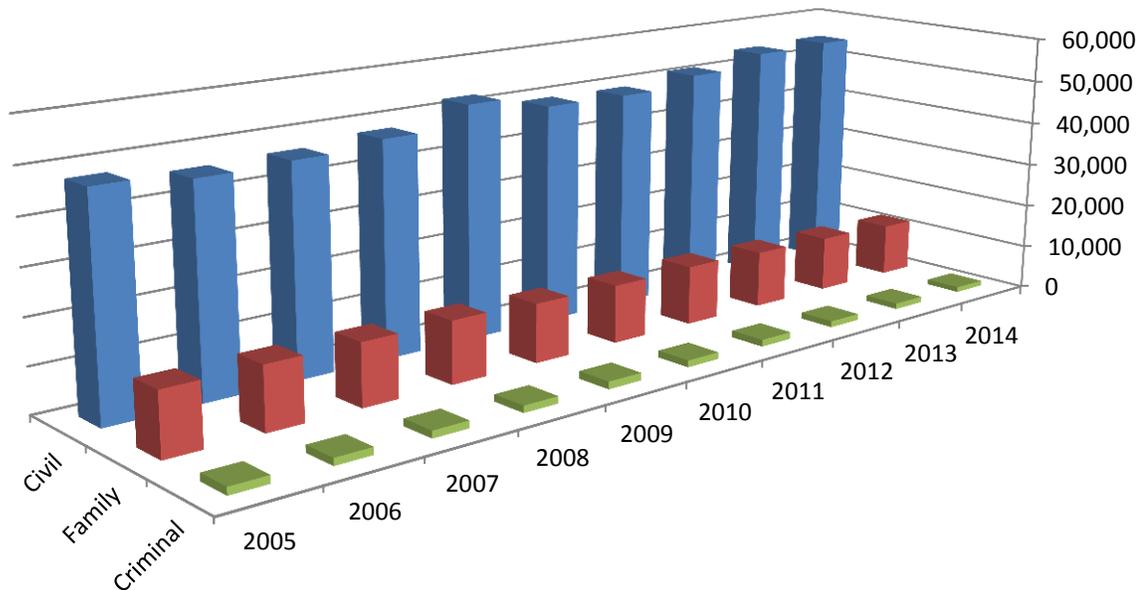
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APPENDIX A - COURT INFORMATION

Figure 1: New Criminal, Family and Civil Filings



	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Criminal	1,691	1,607	1,607	1,556	1,657	1,483	1,505	1,365	1,299	1,137
Family	13,719	13,813	13,703	13,757	13,088	12,945	13,200	12,664	12,344	11,758
Civil	47,612	45,882	46,353	47,787	52,327	49,207	49,037	51,182	54,023	54,466

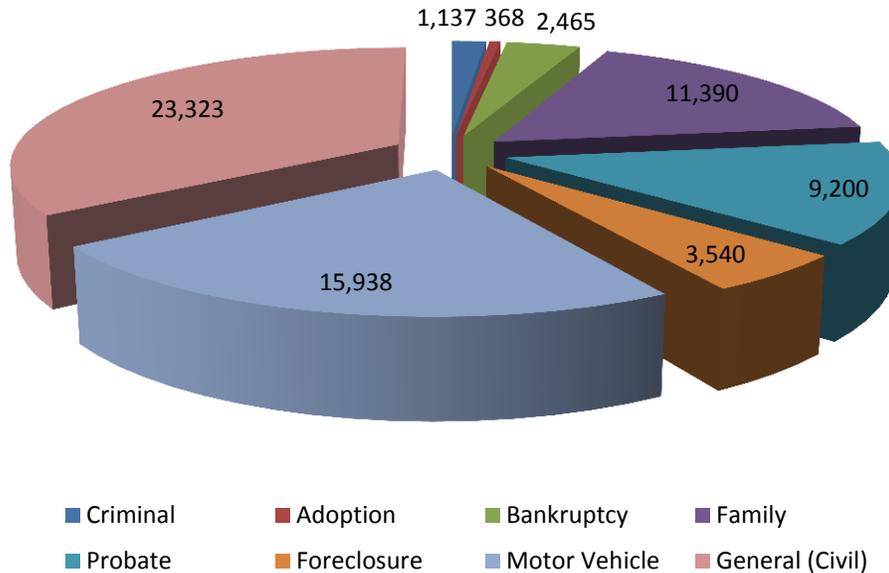
The **Civil** category includes all general civil cases (e.g., motor vehicle, bodily injury, debt collection, breach of contract, foreclosures, bankruptcies, probate, judicial review and appeals).

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

The **Criminal** category includes criminal matters such as *Criminal Code*, *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* proceedings, bail reviews and *Extradition Act* proceedings.

A new criminal filing in the Supreme Court occurs when an indictment is filed or a file is transferred from another registry.

Figure 2: New Filings by Category in 2014



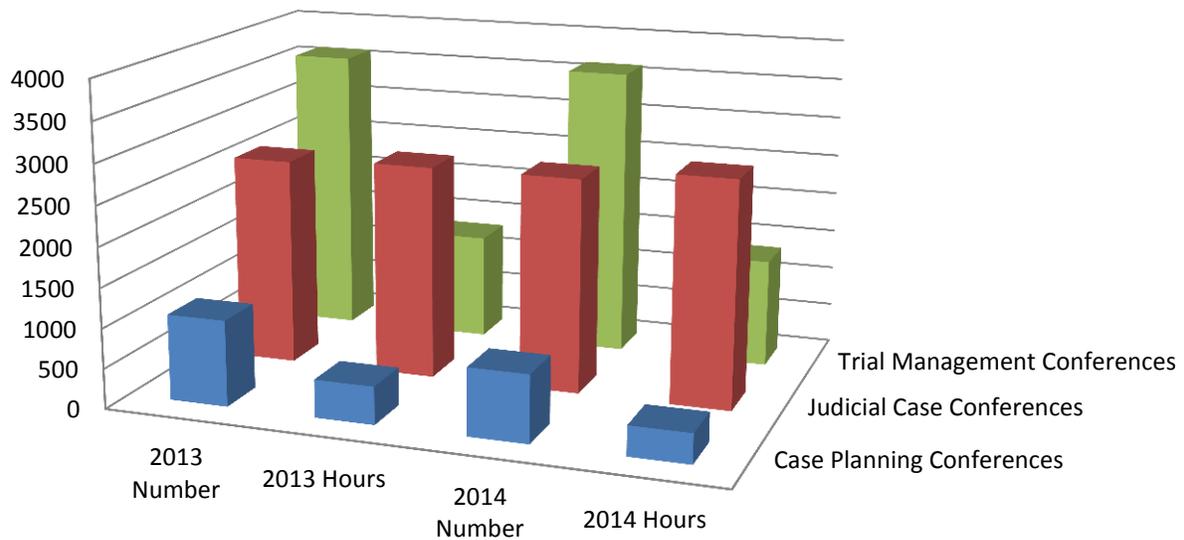
For this table, the **General (Civil)** category includes all general civil cases such as bodily injury, debt collection, breach of contract, foreclosures, bankruptcies, judicial review and appeals. For this table, the **General (Civil)** does not include a number of specific civil proceedings which are shown separately (i.e., motor vehicle, probate, foreclosure and bankruptcy).

The **Family** category includes all *Divorce Act* and *Family Law Act* proceedings, but does not include *Adoption Act* proceedings which are shown separately.

The **Criminal** category includes all criminal matters such as bail reviews, *Extradition Act* proceedings, wiretap authorizations and summary conviction appeals.

Figure 3: Conferences: Types, Number, and Hours

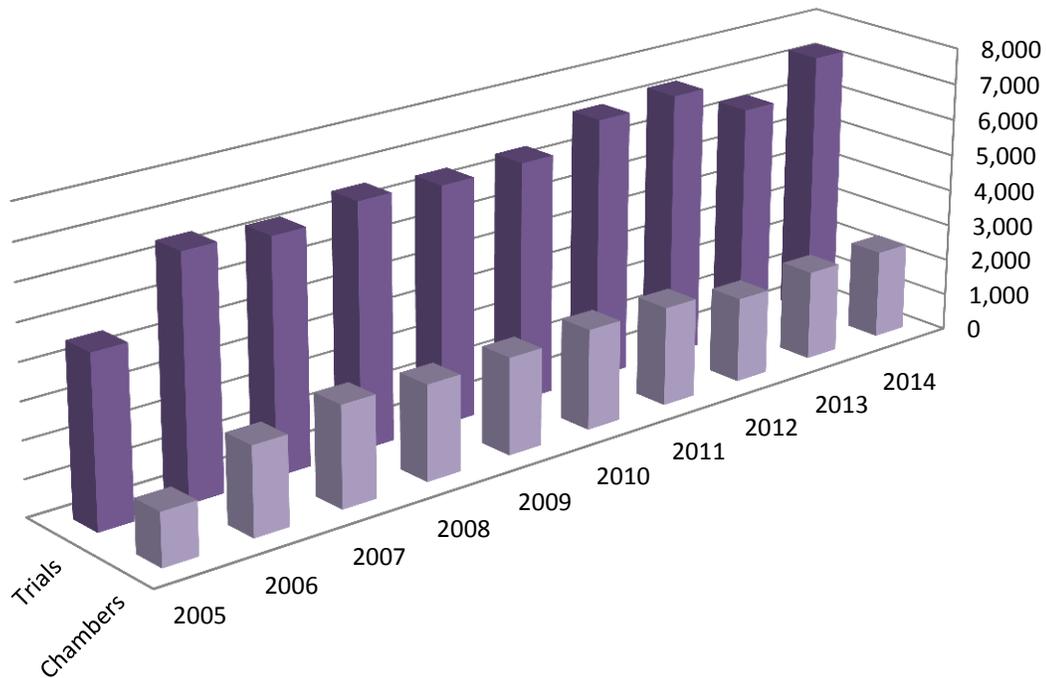
This chart provides the number of case planning conferences (held in civil proceedings), judicial case conferences (held in family proceedings) and trial management conferences (held in both civil and family proceedings) and the number of hours of judicial (judges and masters) time required by the conferences for 2013 and 2014.



	2013 Number	2013 Hours	2014 Number	2014 Hours
Case Planning Conferences	1077	473	841	373
Judicial Case Conferences	2608	2678	2686	2837
Trial Management Conferences	3611	1326	3627	1357

Figure 4: Civil Trials and Long Chambers Applications Scheduled in Vancouver

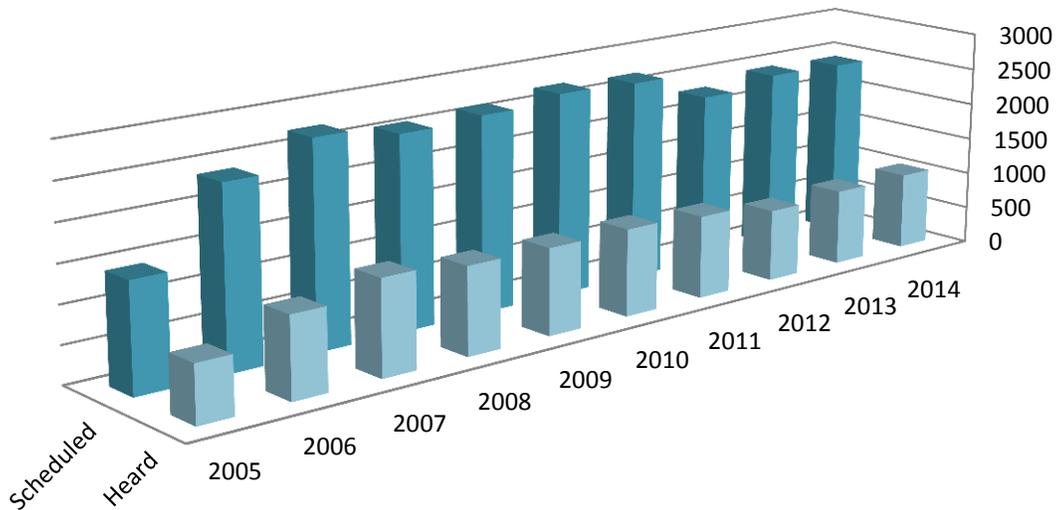
This chart shows the number of civil and family trials and long chambers applications scheduled in Vancouver from 2005 to 2014. A long chambers application is one where the time estimate is more than two (2) hours.



	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Trials	4,584	6,489	6,284	6,601	6,447	6,488	7,112	7,249	6,347	7,318
Long Chambers	1,431	2,383	2,725	2,574	2,620	2,716	2,679	2,305	2,434	2,408

Figure 5: Long Chambers Applications Scheduled and Heard in Vancouver

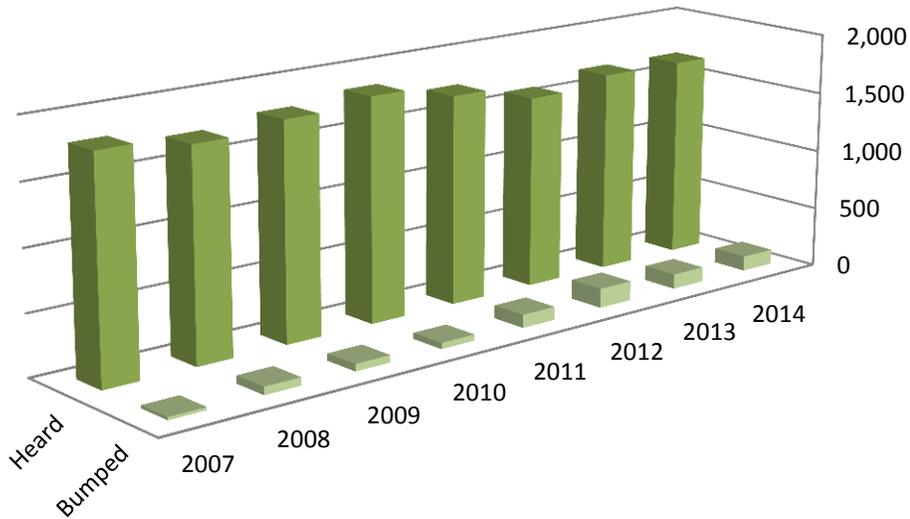
This chart shows the number of civil and family long chambers applications scheduled and heard in Vancouver from 2005 to 2014. A long chambers application is one where the time estimate is more than two (2) hours.



	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Scheduled	1431	2383	2725	2574	2620	2716	2679	2305	2434	2408
Heard	754	1066	1259	1163	1152	1162	1106	961	1015	1035
% Heard v. Scheduled	53	45	46	45	44	43	41	42	42	43

Figure 6: Long Chambers Applications Heard and Bumped in British Columbia

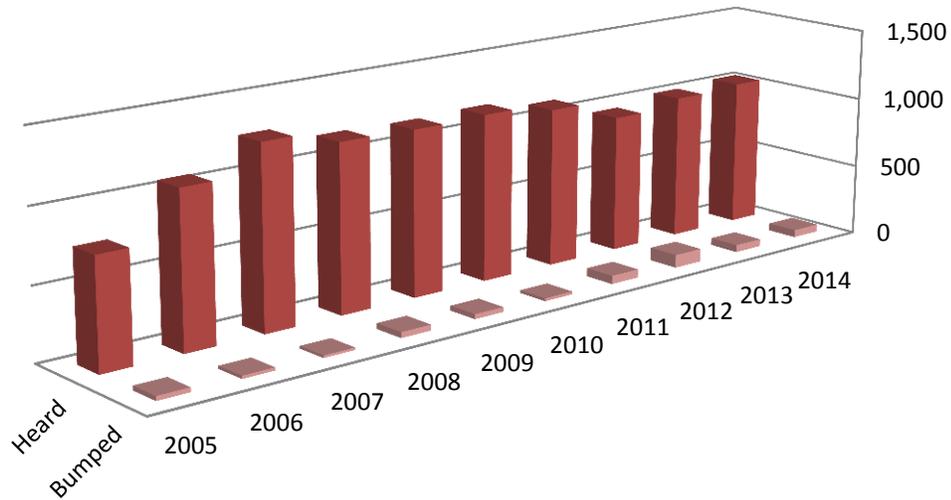
This chart shows the number of civil and family long chambers applications heard and bumped in British Columbia from 2007 to 2014. A long chambers application is one where the time estimate is more than two (2) hours. A long chambers application is considered bumped if it is not commenced or rescheduled within one week of the originally scheduled hearing date



	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Heard	1,800	1,719	1,782	1,843	1,726	1,591	1,670	1,667
Bumped	24	66	59	50	108	160	122	123
% Bumped v. Heard	1.3	3.8	3.3	2.7	6.3	10.1	7.3	7.4

Figure 7: Long Chambers Applications Heard and Bumped in Vancouver

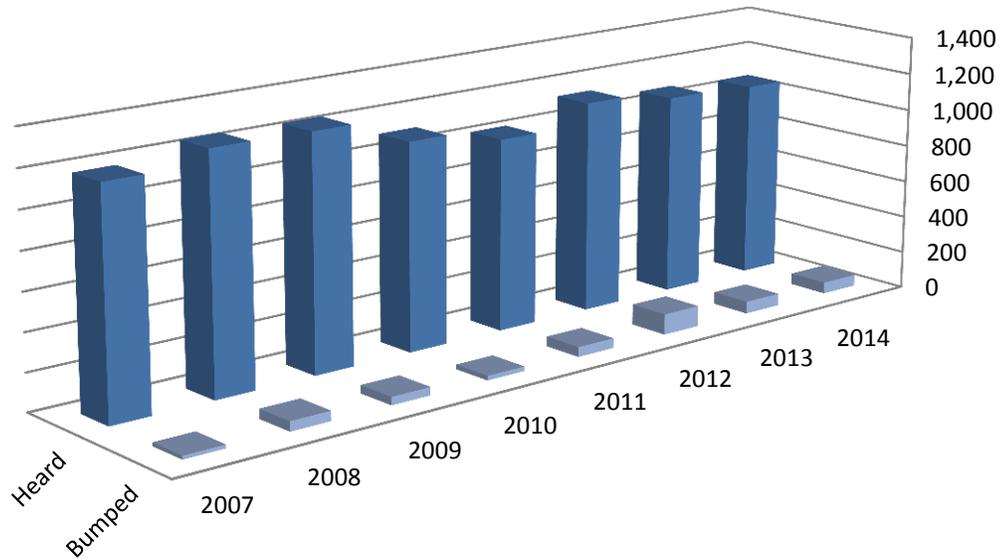
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	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Heard	754	1,066	1,259	1,163	1,152	1,162	1,106	961	1,015	1,035
Bumped	31	21	17	40	34	20	58	91	51	52
% Bumped v. Heard	4.1	2.0	1.4	3.4	3.0	1.7	5.2	9.5	5.0	5.0

Figure 8: Trials Heard and Bumped in British Columbia

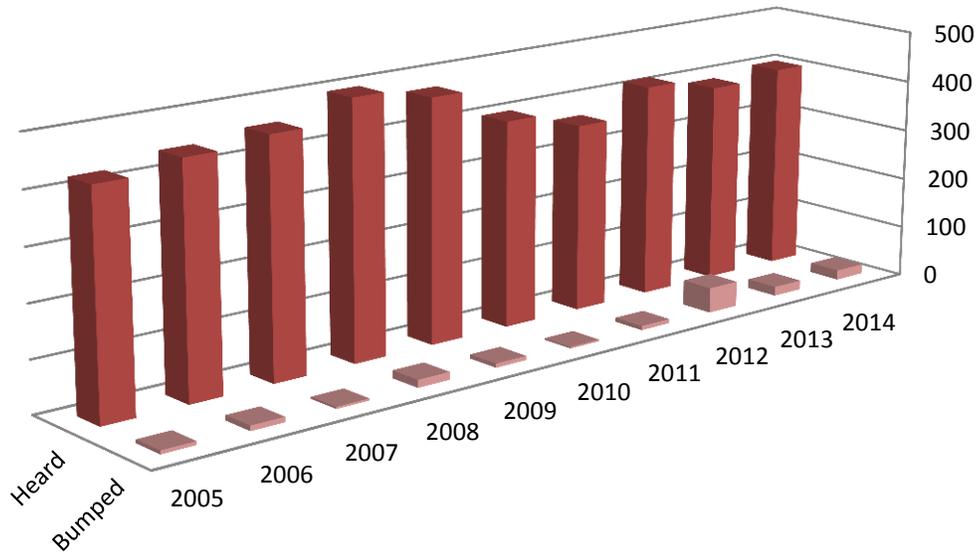
This chart shows the number of civil, family and criminal trials heard and bumped in British Columbia from 2007 to 2014. A trial is categorized as bumped if it is not commenced or rescheduled within one week of the originally scheduled hearing date.



	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Heard	1,184	1,252	1,246	1,104	1,025	1,133	1,077	1,058
Bumped	19	52	43	24	52	110	65	61
% Bumped v. Heard	1.6	4.2	3.5	2.2	5.1	9.7	6.0	5.8

Figure 9: Trials Heard and Bumped in Vancouver

This chart shows the number of civil, family and criminal trials heard and bumped in Vancouver from 2004 to 2013. A trial is categorized as bumped if it is not commenced or rescheduled within one week of the originally scheduled hearing date.



	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Heard	424	442	456	496	471	400	365	415	390	403
Bumped	7	10	4	15	8	3	8	49	18	19
% Bumped v. Heard	1.7	2.3	0.9	3.0	1.7	0.8	2.2	11.8	4.6	4.7

Figure 10: Trials Heard and Bumped by Type and Location in 2014

For each Supreme Court registry in four regions, this table shows the number of civil, family, and criminal trials that were heard as scheduled and the number of scheduled trials which were bumped. A trial is categorized as bumped if it does not commence within one week of the originally scheduled trial date.

	HEARD 2014				BUMPED 2014			
	<i>Civil</i>	<i>Family</i>	<i>Criminal</i>	Total	<i>Civil</i>	<i>Family</i>	<i>Criminal</i>	Total
LOWER MAINLAND								
Chilliwack	6	5	29	40	3	2		5
New Westminster	83	56	67	206	9	2		11
Vancouver	237	91	75	403	16	3		19
Regional Total	326	152	171	649	28	7		35
VANCOUVER ISLAND								
Campbell River	4	2	4	10				
Courtenay	2	2	5	9				
Duncan	2	2	4	8				
Nanaimo	10	12	12	34				
Port Alberni	1		7	8				
Powell River		1		1				
Victoria	31	17	45	93		1		1
Regional Total	50	36	77	163		1		1
NORTHERN INTERIOR								
Dawson Creek	1		4	5	1			1
Fort St. John	1	3	7	11				
Prince George	9	6	14	29				
Prince Rupert	1	1	2	4		1		1
Quesnel		3	4	7				
Smithers	1	3	7	11				
Terrace		1	2	3				
Williams Lake			21	21	2			2
Regional Total	13	17	61	91	3	1		4

	HEARD 2014				BUMPED 2014			
	<i>Civil</i>	<i>Family</i>	<i>Criminal</i>	Total	<i>Civil</i>	<i>Family</i>	<i>Criminal</i>	Total
SOUTHERN INTERIOR								
Cranbrook	3	6	3	12	3	1		4
Golden		1	1	2		1		1
Kamloops	11	9	30	50	2			2
Kelowna	17	5	20	42	3			3
Nelson	6	1	2	9	4			4
Penticton	2	2	8	12	2			2
Revelstoke								
Rosland	3	1	2	6				
Salmon Arm	2	1	3	6				
Vernon	6		10	16	5			5
Regional Total	50	26	79	155	19	2		17
TOTALS	439	231	388	1058	50	11		61

Figure 11: Trials Heard By Location in 2014

This chart provides an illustration of the number of trials in 2014 by registry.

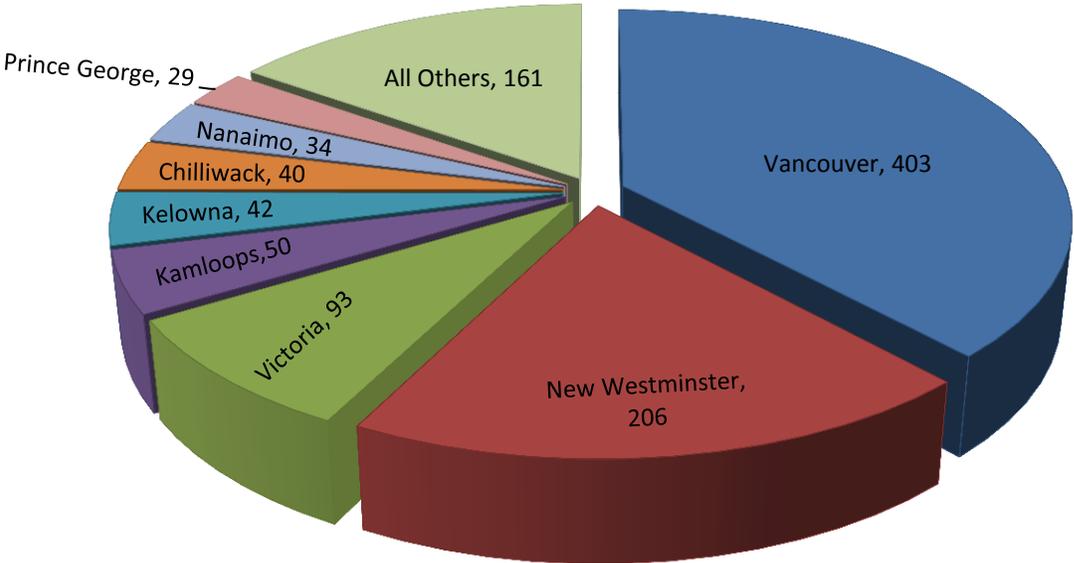


Figure 12: Published Reasons For Judgment by Subject, Type, and Year

The following table provides the number of published reasons for judgment by subject (civil, criminal and family) and type (written or transcribed oral) from 2011-2014.

	2011	2012	2013	2014
Civil – Oral	274	267	260	285
Civil - Written	1120	1120	1133	1181
Civil – Total	1394	1387	1393	1466
Criminal - Oral	198	188	312	348
Criminal - Written	116	144	123	120
Criminal Total	314	332	435	468
Family - Oral	41	29	54	66
Family - Written	211	231	285	299
Family Total	252	260	339	365
PUBLISHED TOTAL	1960	1979	2167	2299

Figure 13: Published Reasons for Judgment by Year

This following chart illustrates the total published reasons for judgment (both written and oral) by subject from 2011-2014.

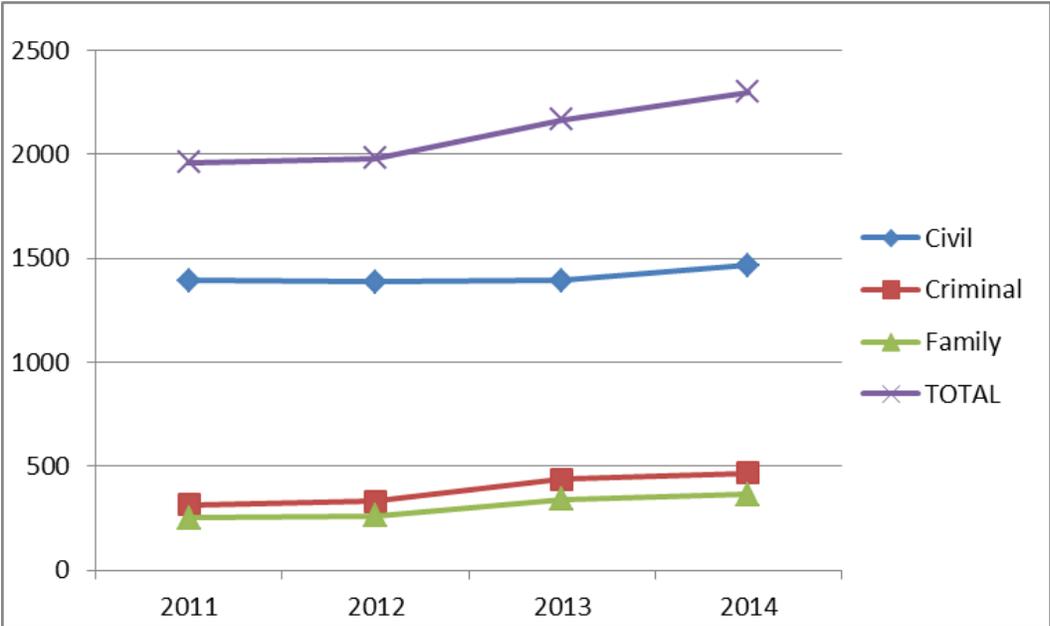


Figure 14: Published Reasons For Judgment By Subject, Type, and Year

The following graph illustrates the distribution of published written reasons for judgment and published transcribed oral reasons for judgment by subject matter from 2011-2014.

