

# Annual Report 2017

**Supreme Court of British Columbia**

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# REPORT OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE AND THE ASSOCIATE CHIEF JUSTICE

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## INTRODUCTION



We welcome this annual opportunity to discuss the work of the Court. Through its day-to-day work, the Court fulfills its constitutional role in our democracy as a neutral and impartial arbiter of disputes, ensuring that the law is upheld, applied to all without influence, and respected. Each day, the judges, masters and registrars preside over trials, hearings, and preliminary conferences, make decisions on questions of evidence and law, and write reasons for judgment. The Court also works with other actors in the justice system to strengthen respect for and understanding of the importance of the Rule of Law.

In the following sections, we describe the volume of proceedings before the Court in 2017, as well as changes to governance and the judicial complement. In general terms, proceedings before the Court can be broken down into three subject matter areas: civil, family, and criminal proceedings.

## THE WORK OF THE COURT

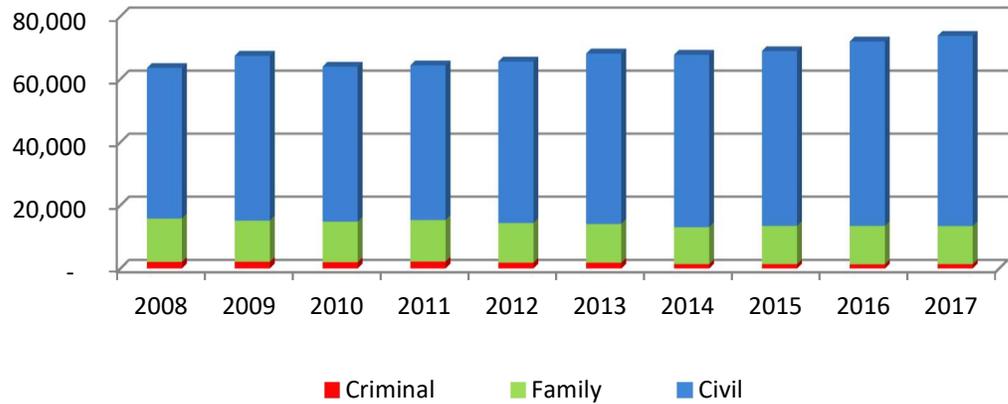
### New Filings

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The new filings for civil, family, and criminal proceedings in comparison to other years are shown below. For 2017, there were very few changes from 2016: the volume of civil proceedings increased slightly (+3%), while criminal proceedings and family proceedings remained almost the same. The total number of new filings for 2017 was 73,742, an increase of approximately 2.5% overall from 2016 (see Figure 1).



	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
■ Civil	47,768	52,300	49,164	49,059	51,192	54,076	54,661	55,444	58,499	60,334
■ Family	13,705	13,027	12,831	13,110	12,565	12,263	11,680	12,091	12,123	12,039
■ Criminal	2,184	2,216	2,072	2,317	1,927	1,887	1,439	1,419	1,333	1,369

New filings in 2017 can be further broken down into a number of major sub-categories, as seen in Figure 2 in the Appendix.

### **Increasing Complexity of Trials**

Despite the fact that filings did not significantly increase over the past year, matters before the Court have grown steadily more complex. A primary reason for this is the ever evolving application of legal principles and statutory and case authorities to varying factual matrices in our increasingly complex world. A second and significant reason is the growing number of self-represented litigants, particularly in family matters. Litigants who appear in person because they are unable to afford lawyers usually are not well versed in court procedures. This can have the effect of lengthening hearings. Judges must also be vigilant to ensure that self-represented litigants as much as possible enjoy the same legal rights as those who are represented by counsel. To further complicate matters, with the increasingly diverse population of British Columbia and the popularity of the province as an international destination, more litigants require interpreters in court. Finally, electronic communications have vastly expanded the number of documents typically put into evidence at trial. All these factors mean that matters before the Court take significantly more time and require greater judicial resources to reach resolution.

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### **Bumping Scheduled Trials and Long Chambers Applications**

As noted in previous annual reports, the Court has experienced an ongoing issue with bumping of scheduled trials and scheduled long chambers applications in Vancouver and across the rest of the province. A matter is considered “bumped” if inadequate judicial resources (e.g., available judges, courtrooms, etc.) prevent it from commencing, and it cannot subsequently be rescheduled within one week of the originally scheduled hearing date. In recognition of the disruption and expense experienced by litigants and counsel when scheduled matters are bumped, from 2013 to 2016, the Court reduced the number of trials and long chambers applications that were scheduled in some areas of the province. The result was a reduction in the number of scheduled trials and long chambers applications that were bumped. At the same, the reduction in scheduling of these matters meant that litigants were waiting longer for matters to be heard.

In an attempt to balance bumping and wait times, the Court did not attempt to further reduce available trial dates in 2017. Bumping remained a serious concern throughout the year, with 8.8% more trials across the province bumped in 2017 than in 2016. In terms of long chambers applications, on average 6.4% more were bumped province-wide than in the previous year. As is discussed below, it is anticipated that bumping will likely continue to be an issue as long as the Court remains below its full judicial complement.

The Court recognizes the disruption caused when hearings do not proceed as scheduled and will continue to closely monitor the bumping rates in Vancouver and across the province. For more detailed information, please see Figures 5-10 in the Appendix.

### **Available Trial Dates**

As mentioned above and reported in previous annual reports, in order to address what are considered to be unacceptably high bumping rates, in some registries, fewer hearing dates have been offered for bookings. The impact of scheduling fewer matters has been experienced most acutely in respect of civil proceedings. Because of the urgent nature of most family proceedings, family trials and long chambers applications are given scheduling priority over civil proceedings. In 2017, dates for a five-day family trial were generally available within six to eight months, while for a non-MVA civil trials, the wait for available dates was approximately 18 months. For criminal proceedings, because of the liberty interests at stake and the fact that an accused is sometimes in custody awaiting trial, dates are generally made available as needed. In addition, criminal trials once booked are not bumped. Where there are

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### Conferences

In addition to trials and chambers applications, a significant amount of judicial hearing resources are allocated to various types of conferences: judicial case conferences, case planning conferences, settlement conferences, judicial management conferences, pre-trial conferences, trial scheduling conferences, and trial management conferences. In 2017, 7,364 conferences (a 1% increase from 2016) were scheduled in family and civil proceedings, and 4,890 hours of the time of judges and masters (a 3.4% increase from 2016) were allocated to these hearings.

In 2016, amendments were made to the *Supreme Court Rules* to provide litigants with a desk order process to obtain leave dispensing with the requirement to attend a trial management conference. Although it was hoped that this change would give the Court greater flexibility in terms of how to allocate judicial hearing resources, as can be seen from the statistics, there was no significant change in the number of conferences scheduled or in the amount of judicial time allocated to these types of hearings in 2017, with a slight increase in the number of conferences overall. For more detailed information, please see the Appendix, Figures 3-4.

### Distribution of Trial Work

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As noted previously, the subject matter of trials is divided into three general areas: civil, family, and criminal. In 2017, approximately 36% of trials were civil, 42% criminal, and 22% family. The total number of trials in 2017 was 872.

The Lower Mainland region (Vancouver, New Westminister and Chilliwack) is the highest volume region in the province in respect of trial work. In 2017, there were 519 trials in this region, representing 60% of the total number of trials in the province.

On Vancouver Island (Campbell River, Courtenay, Duncan, Nanaimo, Port Alberni, Powell River, and Victoria) there were 114 trials, representing 13% of the total number of trials in the province.

In the Northern Interior region (Dawson Creek, Fort St. John, Prince George, Prince Rupert, Quesnel, Smithers, Terrace, and Williams Lake) there were 90 trials, representing 10% of the total number of trials in the province.

In the Southern Interior (Cranbrook, Golden, Kamloops, Kelowna, Nelson, Penticton, Revelstoke, Rossland, Salmon Arm, and Vernon) there were 149 trials, representing 17% of the total number of trials in the province.

For more detailed information, please see Figures 11-13 of the Appendix.

### **Published Reasons for Judgment**

The Supreme Court and the Court of Appeal have been publishing reasons for judgment on the Courts' website since 1990. In fact, BC was one of the first Canadian jurisdictions to undertake making reasons for judgment available to anyone with an internet connection. On most weekdays, the Supreme Court publishes reasons for judgment or reasons for decision issued by judges, masters, and registrars. The Court does not publish all of the reasons for judgment issued by judges, masters or registrars on its website, sometimes because the reasons are given orally, and sometimes because of the public interest in protecting the privacy rights of vulnerable parties or witnesses. In 2017, the Court published a total of 2,023 reasons for judgment on its website: 1208 civil reasons, 358 family reasons, and 457 criminal reasons. For a more detailed explanation of what the Court publishes, please see the Appendix, Figures 14-16, and the report of the Court's Library Committee, at page 36.

### **E-Filing**

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The Court continues to **encourage all litigants and counsel to e-file documents** as much as possible.

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Litigants have been able to file most documents in civil and family proceedings in any registry across the province electronically since 2008, when the Ministry of Justice - Court Services Branch completed the implementation of Court Services Online. Although the first few years saw dramatic increases in the number of e-filed documents, that number appears to have plateaued over the last few years. This trend continued in 2017: 246,026 documents were e-filed. This represents approximately 41% of the total number of documents filed and is an increase of 2% from 2016. The Court continues to encourage all litigants and counsel to e-file documents as much as possible. For more detailed information, please see Figure 17 of the Appendix.

### **E-Orders**

A second component of Court Services Online is the service enabling litigants to electronically submit orders for approval and entry. A large portion of the judges and masters of the Court are assigned to processing e-Orders on a weekly basis. Judges, masters, and registrars undertake the work of processing e-Orders during their sitting weeks in concert with the other work that has been assigned to them. In 2017, 10,987 e-Orders were processed by judges, masters and registrars, an increase of nearly

12.5% from 2016, continuing the trend towards orders being submitted electronically. As with e-filing, the Court encourages all litigants and counsel to e-file order where possible. For more detailed information, please see Figure 18 of the Appendix.

## **COURT GOVERNANCE**

We are supported in our role as administrators of the Court by a number of internal court committees. In addition to the Court's three substantive law committees (the Criminal Law Committee, the Family Law Committee, and the Civil Law Committee), the Court is supported by subject-specific committees including the Executive Committee, the Education Committee, the Law Clerks Committee, the Courthouse Facilities Committee, the Public Affairs Committee, the Workload Committee, and the Access to Justice Committee. The mandates of these committees vary; however, they all share a common purpose, to consider matters of general importance to the Court within the subject matter of the particular committee, and to provide advice and guidance to us and to the Court generally. The membership of these committees is drawn from the judges, masters, registrars, legal counsel, and judicial staff. Our ability to effectively and efficiently manage the Court is strengthened and enhanced by the work of these committees. Reports from the committees start on page 25 of this report.

## **JUDICIAL VACANCIES**

In 2017, the Court welcomed thirteen new justices and one new master. As of December 31, 2017, there were ten judicial vacancies. The position of Associate Chief Justice was also vacated on December 31, 2017. Vacancies are created when a full time judge retires, elects to become a supernumerary judge or is appointed to the Court of Appeal.

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The current judicial vacancies are having a serious impact on the capacity of the Court to provide hearing dates for litigants in a timely manner. The ongoing shortage of judges means that scheduled trials and long chambers applications are frequently bumped and have to be rescheduled. This is hugely disruptive to the litigants and to their counsel. Bumping matters increases the cost of litigation when work undertaken to prepare for a trial or a long chambers application has to be redone and witnesses and experts who have traveled and taken time off of work must reappear at a later date. It is very difficult for Supreme Court Scheduling staff to be put in the position of telling litigants that their trials cannot proceed as scheduled because the Court does not have enough judges to hear all of the matters scheduled for a particular day. Unfilled judicial vacancies also increase the workload burden on the current

complement of judges, increasing the risk of burnout and compounding of the problem. The Court hopes that further judicial appointments in the coming year will bring the Court up to a full complement in order that it can continue its work in the most effective manner possible.

## **COMPLEX CRIMINAL TRIALS**

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In November 2016, the Associate Chief Justice hosted a roundtable sponsored by the Canadian Institute for the Administration of Justice (CIAJ) on the management of complex criminal trials. This roundtable followed up on the work of roundtables in 2014 and 2015, which had gathered together people, organizations, and institutions involved in major complex criminal proceedings, from investigations to laying charges to trial, with a view to examining how these cases are administered and managed. As with previous roundtables, the attendees of the 2016 roundtable included judges from the trial courts in British Columbia, defence counsel, federal and provincial prosecutors, and representatives from the Legal Services Society and the Criminal Justice Branch. At the 2016 roundtable, the discussion focused on the issue of disclosure. The Supreme Court of British Columbia also continued its work on the development of a practice direction for the management of large criminal proceedings.

A report from the November 2016 Roundtable was issued in January 2017. The Court continued with its consultation of the criminal bar with respect to the Complex Criminal Trial Practice Direction. The consultation included presenting a draft of the Practice Direction at the Professional Development training program for major case management which was held at the Justice Institute on April 29, 2017.

After the consultation process was completed, the Practice Direction on Complex Criminal Cases was finalized and issued by the Court, effective September 1, 2017.

Since it was issued, 11 complex cases have been designated as subject to the Practice Direction and are being managed in accordance with its provisions.

## **SUPREME COURT PRACTICE DIRECTIONS**

The Court issued a number of practice directions and administrative notices in 2017:

### **CPD – 2, Scheduling Conflicts between the Provincial Court and the Supreme Court (June 6, 2017)**

This criminal practice direction sets out the guidelines for determining scheduling priority when conflicts in case scheduling arise between the Provincial and Supreme

Courts. The practice direction was drafted to ensure trials are completed without undue delay in compliance with the Supreme Court of Canada's decision in *R. v. Jordan*, 2016 SCC 27.

**CPD – 3, Complex Criminal Cases (September 1, 2017)**

This criminal practice direction describes the case management process to be followed with large or complex criminal cases that have the potential to occupy significant court time, with the risk of possible delays in concluding trials. The process requires active involvement of Crown and defence lawyers from the earliest stages of the hearing process. The practice direction also applies to extraditions.

**PD – 52, Restoration of Dissolved Society pursuant to *Societies Act* (March 1, 2017)**

This practice direction sets out the steps required to reinstate a dissolved society under the *Societies Act*, S.B.C. 2015, c. 18.

**PD – 53, Restoration of Dissolved Company under the *Business Corporation Act* (March 1, 2017)**

This practice direction sets out the steps required to reinstate a dissolved corporation under the *Business Corporations Act*, S.B.C. 2002, c. 57. It rescinds Practice Direction 41 issued July 1, 2010.

**PD – 54, Standard Directions for Appeals from Decisions of Masters, Registrars or Special Referees pursuant to Civil Rule 23-6(8) and Family Rule 22-7(8) (May 1, 2017)**

This practice direction sets out the standards governing the conduct of appeals, including forms to be used, limitation periods, transcripts, and appeal record requirements.

**AN – 13, Inclusion of Trial Briefs in the Trial Record (January 1, 2017)**

This administrative notice requires that trial briefs be included in the trial record for civil and family files.

**AN – 14, Cover Page Requirements for Application Records, Petition Records Trial Briefs, Case Plan Proposals, Notices of JCCs and Written Submissions (June 12, 2017)**

This administrative notice sets out that every written submission to a court registry must have an external cover page in order to ensure it can be properly identified and filed. The notice gives particulars for the information that must be included.

## JUSTICE SUMMIT

The Chief Justice attended the Eighth Justice Summit in June 2017 and the Ninth Justice Summit in November 2017, convened and hosted by the Attorney General of British Columbia, the Minister of Public Safety and the Solicitor General of British Columbia. The theme of both Summits was justice and technology, with a particular focus on digital information management and access to justice issues. Attendees discussed ways in which technology could create greater efficiency within the justice system, including through investments in infrastructure that would allow increased use of digital technology by those in remote locations. They also discussed the importance of establishing standards for data retention and use of technology.

## 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 such as issuing desk order divorces and electronic orders, and presiding at the numerous case conferences that occur outside of regular court hours, members of the Court participate in a wide variety of other activities in their communities. Members of the Court speak regularly to students from elementary to university level in law and social justice classes participating in courthouse tours arranged by such organizations as the Justice Education Society and the Canadian Bar Association. Members of the Court also attend at provincial universities and 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 as well. Members of the Court welcome opportunities to engage in public education and to contribute to a greater understanding of the justice system and its role in Canadian society. In 2017, 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 Pro Bono Society of BC  
Access to Justice BC  
Advocates' Club  
American College of Trial Lawyers  
Arbitrators Association of BC  
L'Association des juristes d'expression  
française de la Colombie-Britannique  
BC Council of Administrative Tribunals  
BC Civil Liberties Association  
BC Model Insolvency Order Committee  
BC Institute of Technology

Canadian Superior Courts Judges  
Association  
Federation of Law Societies of Canada  
National Criminal Law Program  
Gale Cup Moot Program  
Inns of Court Program  
International Society for the Reform of  
Criminal Law  
Justice Education Society  
Justice Institute of BC  
Law Foundation of BC

BC Law Schools Moot Program  
Canadian Association of Insolvency and  
Restructuring Professionals  
Canadian Bar Association  
Canadian Institute for the Administration of  
Justice  
Canadian Institute for Advanced Legal  
Studies  
Canadian Judicial Council - National  
Committee on Jury Instructions  
Canadian Judicial Council - Family Law  
Subcommittee  
Continuing Legal Education Society of BC

Law Society of BC  
Laskin Moot Program  
Legal Services Society  
National Judicial Institute  
People’s Law School  
Sopinka Cup Moot Program  
Thompson Rivers University Faculty of Law  
Trial Lawyers Association of BC  
Wilson Moot Program  
Vancouver Foundation  
Vancouver Institute  
Victoria Foundation  
University of BC Peter A. Allard School of  
Law  
University of Victoria Faculty of Law

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Associate Chief Justice Austen Cullen elected supernumerary status on December 31, 2017, and therefore stepped down from his duties as the Associate Chief Justice. The Chief Justice, on behalf of all the Court, would like to express gratitude to Mr. Justice Cullen for his outstanding and dedicated service to the Court in the position of Associate Chief Justice.

The Chief Justice and Associate Chief Justice would like to acknowledge and thank the people who work in courthouses across the province: court clerks, registry staff, sheriffs, and other Ministry of Justice - Court Services Branch employees. The administration of justice in British Columbia is made possible by these public servants who work tirelessly on behalf of the judiciary and the citizens of British Columbia.

We would also like to thank the Court’s judicial administrative and support staff, including the judicial administration and library staff, judicial administrative assistants, scheduling staff, legal counsel, judicial law clerks, and IT staff. The functioning of the Court relies heavily on the professionalism, dedication, and diligence of our support staff. We are grateful for their many contributions to and continued support of the Court.

Finally, we would like express our thanks to our judicial colleagues: the judges, masters and registrars of the Court. They routinely and willingly provide support and advice in respect of the administration of the Court.

Christopher E. Hinkson  
**Chief Justice**

Austin F. Cullen  
**Associate Chief Justice**

## JURISDICTION OF THE COURT

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*Nelson Courthouse*

### **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 Chilliwack, Kamloops, Kelowna, Nanaimo, Nelson, New Westminster, Prince George, Vancouver, and Victoria. The Supreme Court also sits in other locations where there is no resident judge or master as required including Campbell River, Cranbrook, Courtenay, Dawson Creek, Duncan, Fort St. John, Golden, Penticton, Port Alberni, Powell River, Prince Rupert, Quesnel, Revelstoke, Rossland, Salmon Arm, Smithers, Terrace, Vernon, and Williams Lake.

### **CHIEF JUSTICE AND ASSOCIATE CHIEF JUSTICE**

The Chief Justice is responsible for the management and direction of matters related to judicial functions which includes matters related to the preparation, management, and adjudication of proceedings in the Court. From time to time, these responsibilities are delegated to the Associate Chief Justice.

## **SUPREME COURT JUSTICES**

As of December 31, 2017, the Supreme Court had 99 justices: the Chief Justice, the Associate Chief Justice, 78 full-time justices and 19 supernumerary justices. As of December 31, 2017, there were ten vacancies<sup>1</sup> on the Supreme Court.

## **SUPREME COURT MASTERS**

The Supreme Court has 13 masters who are resident in Kamloops, Kelowna, Nanaimo, New Westminster, Vancouver, and Victoria. Masters sit in all of the registries throughout the province on a regular basis. Masters also conduct hearings using telephone and video conferencing.

Masters are judicial officers appointed by the provincial government by Order in Council after it has received 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 applications in chambers on a wide variety of matters, including interim orders in family proceedings, interlocutory applications in civil proceedings such as 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. Like the masters, the registrars also conduct hearings using telephone and video conferencing.

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 debtors, passing of accounts, and references of various types. They also settle orders.

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<sup>1</sup> Section 2(2) of the *Supreme Court Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 443 provides that the Supreme Court consists of 90 full time justices in addition to the Chief Justice and the Associate Chief Justice. A judicial vacancy is created when a full time judge retires or elects to become a supernumerary judge. The retirement of a supernumerary judge does not create a judicial vacancy.

Supreme Court registrars are also responsible for overseeing the province's deputy district registrars, who work in court registries across the province. The registrar serves as a liaison between the Court and Ministry of Justice - Court Services Branch in regard to registrar's issues.

## CHANGES IN THE COURT'S COMPLEMENT

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In 2017, the Court welcomed the appointment of thirteen new judges and acknowledged the retirement of eleven others.

### APPOINTMENTS

#### **The Honourable Mr. Justice Andrew P. A. Mayer**

Mr. Justice Andrew Mayer was appointed to the Supreme Court at Prince Rupert on April 12, 2017, to fill a vacancy created when Mr. Justice R.T.C. Johnston elected to become a supernumerary judge. He was later transferred to Vancouver.

Mr. Justice Mayer received his Bachelor of Law degree from the Schulich School of Law at Dalhousie University in 1999 and was called to the B.C. bar in 2000. He also holds a diploma in Shipping and Marine Operations from BCIT. Justice Mayer practiced primarily in the areas of marine and environmental law, and civil litigation with Campney and Murphy (2000-2002) and Bernard LLP (2002-2008), both in Vancouver. He has appeared before all levels of court in British Columbia and the Federal Court of Canada. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Justice Mayer acted as General Counsel and Vice President of Commercial and Regulatory Affairs at the Prince Rupert Port Authority, conducting complex, multi-party corporate-commercial negotiations, advising the Port Authority on regulatory matters, and acting as lead negotiator in consultations with First Nations.

Justice Mayer has published number of journal articles and contributed to a peer reviewed legal textbook. He has served as a Director and Committee Chair for the Canadian Maritime Law Association and Director of the International Sailors Society (ISS) Canada, as well as on the Law Committee of the Association of Canadian Port Authorities, and the Canadian Bar Association's Maritime Law Section.

#### **The Honourable Mr. Justice W. Paul Riley**

Mr. Justice Riley was appointed to the Supreme Court at Vancouver on May 11, 2017, to fill the vacancy created when Madam Justice C.J. Ross elected to become a supernumerary judge.

Mr. Justice Riley earned his LL.B. from Dalhousie University in 1995 and was called to the B.C. Bar in 1997. From 1997 until his appointment to the bench, Mr. Justice Riley practiced as Crown counsel with what is now the Public Prosecution Service of Canada. In 2007, he became the head of the British Columbia Regional Office's

appeals group. He has conducted hundreds of appeals in the British Columbia Court of Appeal and appeared over a dozen times as lead counsel in the Supreme Court of Canada in cases involving important issues of criminal and constitutional law. He was appointed Queen's Counsel in 2014.

Mr. Justice Riley has served on numerous committees, including the PPSC's National Litigation Committee and the British Columbia Court of Appeal's Criminal Appeals Advisory Committee. He has also provided legal services at Access Pro Bono and volunteered at the Salvation Army's Gateway of Hope homeless shelter.

### **The Honourable Mr. Justice Ward K. Branch**

Mr. Justice Ward Branch was appointed to the Supreme Court at Vancouver on June 8, 2017 to fill the vacancy created when Madam Justice C.A. Wedge elected to become a supernumerary judge.

Mr. Justice Branch received his LL.B. from the University of Toronto in 1991 and was admitted to the B.C. bar in 1993, the Ontario bar in 1999, and the Alberta bar in 2013. His practice focused on class actions and insurance in the areas of investor complaints, product liability cases, educational malpractice, health actions, nuisance, and securities. Prior to being appointed, he was retained in over one hundred and fifty class actions in Ontario, Quebec, Saskatchewan, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Alberta and B.C., and he has acted for and against the Governments of BC and Alberta. He was appointed Queen's Counsel in 2015.

Mr. Justice Branch is the author of numerous publications, including the textbook *Class Actions in Canada*, which has been cited with approval by the Supreme Court of Canada and other courts. He also taught as an adjunct professor at the University of British Columbia's Peter A. Allard School of Law.

### **The Honourable Madam Justice Carla L. Forth**

Madam Justice Carla Forth was appointed to the Supreme Court at Vancouver on June 14, 2017 to fill the vacancy created when Mr. Justice W. Ehrcke elected to become a supernumerary judge.

Madam Justice Forth received her LL.B. from the University of British Columbia in 1994 and was called to the B.C. bar in 1995. She also obtained an LL.M. from York University, Osgoode Hall Law School in 2012. She practiced insurance defence litigation with an emphasis on defending hospitals and nurses in medical malpractice claims and school districts acted for lawyers, dentists, chiropractors and optometrists in negligence claims. She also has extensive experience in disability insurance

litigation, municipal liability and building envelope cases and has defended liquor establishments in cases involving allegations of over service. Carla has appeared before the British Columbia Supreme Court and the Court of Appeal and as counsel in mediations. In 2012, she was designated Queen's Counsel. She has been an active member of the Canadian Bar Association and the Medical Legal Society of British Columbia.

### **The Honourable Mr. Justice Michael J. Tammen**

Mr. Justice Michael J. Tammen was appointed to the Supreme Court at Vancouver on June 14, 2017 to fill the vacancy created when Madam Justice C.J. Bruce retired.

Mr. Justice Michael J. Tammen received his LL.B. degree from the University of British Columbia in 1988 and was called to the B.C. bar in 1989. Known primarily for his work as a criminal lawyer, both for the defence and the prosecution, Justice Tammen also practised civil litigation and administrative law. He conducted trials and appeals in all courts in British Columbia and was counsel on some of the most high-profile criminal cases in the province. He articulated at Robertson Peck Thompson, then worked as a Crown prosecutor before returning to private practice. He was a partner of Richard Peck, Q.C., in the firm of Peck and Tammen until 1999, and after that practised as a sole practitioner.

Mr. Justice Tammen has been a staunch supporter of legal education, including participating as an ad hoc instructor at the UBC McEachern Advocacy Course since its inception in 1999. His practice has included pro bono work for those who could not afford legal fees. He represented the B.C. Civil Liberties Association in the public inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the death of Frank Paul, and has done work for the B.C. Police Complaint Commissioner since 2010. Justice Tammen was added to the list of B.C. special prosecutors in 2009 and was appointed Queen's Counsel in 2013.

### **The Honourable Mr. Justice Warren B. Milman**

Mr. Justice Warren B. Milman was appointed to the Supreme Court at Vancouver on June 14, 2017 to fill the vacancy created when Madam Justice S.K. Ballance retired.

Mr. Justice Milman earned his LL.B. and B.C.L. from McGill University in 1992, and he was called to the B.C. bar in 1993. He practiced with McCarthy Tétrault LLP in the area of commercial litigation, focusing on insolvency. He has represented various parties in the resource sector and in class action proceedings, at all levels of BC courts, including before statutory tribunals, the Federal Courts, and the Supreme Court of Canada, as

well as in mediations and arbitrations. He has also conducted criminal and regulatory prosecutions, including as a member of the prosecution team on the Air India case and in civil matters for the B.C. Securities Commission. He has also represented hydroelectric utilities and energy trading affiliates in regulatory and commercial disputes.

He was formerly President and Chair of the board of Pro Bono Law of B.C. and Vice Chair of Access Pro Bono in 2010, as well as the Chair of the Law Foundation of British Columbia from 2015-2016.

### **The Honourable Madam Justice Nitya Iyer**

Madam Justice Nitya Iyer was appointed to the Supreme Court at Vancouver on June 14, 2017, to fill the vacancy created when Mr. Justice J.J. Steeves transferred to Victoria.

Madam Justice Iyer received her LL.B. degree from the University of Toronto in 1986 and clerked for Mr. Justice Gerald E. Le Dain at the Supreme Court of Canada. She was called to the Ontario bar in 1988. She obtained an LL.M. from Harvard University in 1989. She was called to the BC bar in 1994 and the Yukon bar in 2010. Madam Justice Iyer was an associate professor at the University of British Columbia after starting her academic career on the Law Faculty of the University of Toronto in 1990. She served as a full-time member of the British Columbia Human Rights Tribunal from 1997 to 2000. In 2001, she was appointed by the BC government as a one-person task force to study the merits of private sector pay equity legislation for BC. . From 2001 to 2011, Madam Justice Iyer practiced with Heenan Blaikie, in the fields of administrative and constitutional law, with a focus on human rights, freedom of information and protection of privacy, and professional regulation. She represented individuals appearing before administrative tribunals and provided policy advice to governments, and independent legal advice to administrative bodies. She appeared before all levels of court, including the Supreme Court of Canada.

She has been on the Board of Directors of the Bloom Group, which provides shelter and support services in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside, the Canadian Human Rights Reporter, West Coast Women's Legal Education and Action Fund, where she also acted as pro bono counsel, and the Elizabeth Bagshaw Women's Clinic. She was appointed QC in 2016 and awarded a Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal in recognition of her volunteer work in 2012

### **The Honourable Mr. Justice Leonard Marchand**

Mr. Justice Leonard Marchand, Jr. was appointed to the Supreme Court of British Columbia from the Provincial Court at Kelowna on June 21, 2017, to fill the vacancy created when Madam Justice A.J. Beames elected to become a supernumerary judge.

Mr. Justice Marchand was transferred to the Supreme Court in Kamloops on November 24, 2017, to fill the judicial vacancy created by the retirement of Madam Justice Hope Hyslop on November 4, 2017.

Mr. Justice Marchand received his LL.B. degree at the University of Victoria in 1994 and was called to the B.C. bar in 1995. He practiced at Fulton & Company LLP in Kamloops from 1995 to 2013, with a focus on the liability of public authorities, appearing before all levels of court and many administrative tribunals.

Mr. Justice Marchand is a member of the Okanagan Indian Band. He dedicated a substantial portion of his career to achieving reconciliation for Indigenous peoples, including through pursuing civil claims of historic child abuse in institutional settings and representing residential school survivors. He helped negotiate, and was a signatory to, the 2005 Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement, and he served on the Oversight Committee for the Independent Assessment Process and the Selection Committee for the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

Mr. Justice Marchand was appointed a judge of the Provincial Court of British Columbia in 2013 and has presided over First Nations Court in Kamloops, where, with input from Elders, healing plans are developed for offenders.

### **The Honourable Madam Justice Palbinder K. Shergill**

Madam Justice Palbinder Kaur Shergill was appointed to the Supreme Court in New Westminster on June 21, 2017 to fill the vacancy created when Madam Justice E.A. Arnold-Bailey retired.

Madam Justice Shergill received her LL.B. from the University of Saskatchewan in 1990 and was called to the B.C. Bar in 1991. As a sole practitioner with Shergill & Company, she practiced as a lawyer and mediator, appearing before courts and tribunals across Canada, including the Supreme Court of Canada. Madam Justice Shergill was appointed Queen's Counsel in 2012.

Madam Justice Shergill is a recipient of the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal for Community Service. She has been involved with the Cabinet of Canadians, the Trial Lawyers Association of B.C., and the Canadian Bar Association. From 2002 to 2008,

she served on the Board of Directors of the Fraser Health Authority. She has been instrumental in helping shape human rights and religious accommodation law in Canada through her pro bono work as General Legal Counsel for the World Sikh Organization of Canada.

### **The Honourable Mr. Justice Michael J. Brundrett**

Mr. Justice Michael J. Brundrett was appointed to the Supreme Court at Vancouver on June 21, 2017 to fill the vacancy created when Madam Justice W.J. Harris retired.

Mr. Justice Brundrett received his LL.B. from the University of Toronto in 1991 and was called to the B.C. bar in 1992. He conducted federal prosecutions for two years before joining the B.C. Prosecution Service in 1994. As a trial prosecutor for over 13 years, he handled cases in all areas of criminal law. As a senior lawyer with the British Columbia Ministry of Justice, Criminal Justice Branch, he conducted appeals in the B.C. Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court of Canada.

Mr. Justice Brundrett is committed to legal education and has served as the chair of the Canadian Bar Association BC Branch Professional Development Committee, a co-editor of the *Working Manual of Criminal Law*, and coordinator of the Jury Trial Resource Counsel group at the Criminal Justice Branch. He has chaired and organized continuing legal education conferences and provided numerous presentations on criminal and constitutional law topics, evidence, advocacy, and legal writing. He has also authored training materials and acted as a guest instructor at the Law Society's Practical Legal Training Course, as well as volunteering his time as a moot court judge at the University of British Columbia's Peter A. Allard School of Law.

### **The Honourable Madam Justice Janet A. Winteringham**

Madam Justice Janet Winteringham was appointed to the Supreme Court at Vancouver on August 15, 2017 to fill the vacancy created when Mr. Justice S.J. Kelleher elected to become a supernumerary judge.

Madam Justice Winteringham received her LL.B. from the University of British Columbia in 1991 and was called to the B.C. bar in 1992. She started practicing in civil litigation and later cultivated a criminal law practice in a small partnership with J.J. McIntyre. In 2009 she joined Winteringham MacKay Law Corporation. Although the focus of her practice was criminal defence, she regularly acted for the Crown as an *ad hoc* and special prosecutor. She also defended clients facing discipline by professional or regulatory bodies as a result of criminal charges. She has acted in a constitutional reference on the criminal prohibition against polygamy and a constitutional challenge

to the cancellation of the mother-baby program at the Alouette Correctional Centre for Women. She also appeared as counsel to an individual at the Missing Women Commission of Inquiry. She participated in *Law Society of British Columbia v. Trinity Western University* at each level of court. In 2008, Justice Winteringham was appointed Queen's Counsel.

Madam Justice Winteringham taught trial advocacy as an adjunct professor at the University of British Columbia's Peter A. Allard School of Law. She has also served as a frequent lecturer at law conferences and as a discussion leader at the Inns of Court session addressing ethical problems in criminal law. She travelled to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia to assist with training of judges, prosecutors, police and public defenders as part of a program developed by the Justice Education Society in 2012 and 2013. In 2014, she was appointed a fellow of the International Society of Barristers.

### **The Honourable Mr. Justice E. David Crossin**

Mr. Justice E. David Crossin was appointed to the Supreme Court at Vancouver on September 29, 2017 to fill the vacancy created when Madam Justice L.D. Russell who elected to become a supernumerary judge.

Mr. Justice Crossin received his LL.B. from the University of British Columbia in 1976 and was called to the B.C. bar in 1977. He practiced law for four decades, and from 2007, he was a partner with Sugden, McFee & Roos LLP, where he focused on criminal law, civil and commercial litigation, and administrative law, appearing at all levels of court in British Columbia, and the Supreme Court of Canada. Mr. Justice Crossin was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1997.

Throughout his career, Justice Crossin has been involved in organizations that play vital roles in the justice system. Mr. Justice Crossin is past Chair of the Legal Services Society of British Columbia and is currently an elected Bencher and President of the Law Society of British Columbia. He is a member of the Trial Lawyers Association of British Columbia; a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers; and a Fellow of the International Society of Barristers. Justice Crossin served on the Executive Committee of Access to Justice British Columbia from 2015 to 2017.

### **The Honourable Madam Justice Francesca V. Marzari**

Madam Justice Francesca V. Marzari was appointed to the Supreme Court at Vancouver on December 19, 2017 to fill the vacancy created when Madam Justice V. Gray retired.

Madam Justice Marzari received her LL.B. from the University of British Columbia in 1997 and was called to the B.C. bar in 1999, after clerking for Madam Justices Southin and Rowles at the Court of Appeal. She practiced at Young Anderson, representing the interests of local government at every level of British Columbia Courts. Her litigation practice has encompassed defending local governments for actions in liability in nuisance, bad faith, and defamation, to judicial reviews and injunctive relief. She has a particular interest in planning law and constitutional issues and has published many articles in this area.

Madam Justice Marzari has volunteered her time as past President of West Coast LEAF and as a guest instructor for various courses at the UBC Law School, SCARP, and Capilano University. She has acted as pro bono counsel for West Coast LEAF in a number of matters, including at the Court of Appeal and Supreme Court of Canada in a successful Constitutional challenge to B.C.'s court hearing fees.

### **Master Terry C. Vos**

Master Terry C. Vos was appointed to the Supreme Court at Vancouver on March 20, 2017.

Master Vos received his LL.B. from the University of Victoria in 1980 and was admitted to the B.C. bar in 1981. He received an LL.M. from the London School of Economics in 1986. He practiced corporate law and civil litigation involving personal injury, motor vehicle accident, and insurance coverage matters, with a focus on economic and accounting issues with a number of firms in the Lower Mainland between 1985 and 2011, when he joined Quinlan Abrioux. He also acted extensively as a mediator. Master Vos has lectured as an adjunct professor and guest lecturer at the University of British Columbia's Peter A. Allard School of Law and taught Continuing Legal Education courses. He has been on the executive of the Vancouver Bar Association and on the Board of Directors of the Vancouver Oral Centre for Deaf Children.

## **ELEVATIONS**

### **The Honourable Madam Justice Fisher**

The Honourable Madam Justice Barbara Fisher was appointed to the Court of Appeal for British Columbia and the Court of Appeal of Yukon on September 15, 2017 to fill the vacancy created when Madam Justice Garson elected to become a supernumerary judge. Madam Justice Fisher was appointed to the Supreme Court in 2004.

Madam Justice Fisher received a Bachelor of Law degree from the University of Victoria in 1981 and was called to the B.C. bar in 1983 after clerking for Chief Justice Nemetz, the Chief Justice of British Columbia. Madam Justice Fisher built a diverse practice in the areas of civil and administrative law and also served as law officer to Chief Justice McLachlin and then to Chief Justice Esson of the Supreme Court of British Columbia.

Madam Justice Fisher was a member of the Supreme Court's Education Committee including serving as its Chair and was also a member of the Law Clerks Committee.

## **RETIREMENTS**

### **The Honourable Madam Justice M. Marvyn Koenigsberg**

The Honourable Madam Justice Koenigsberg retired from the Supreme Court of British Columbia at Vancouver on March 26, 2017. Madam Justice Koenigsberg was appointed to the Supreme Court in 1992.

### **The Honourable Mr. Justice Ian B. Josephson**

The Honourable Mr. Justice Josephson retired from the Supreme Court of British Columbia at New Westminster on April 12, 2017. Mr. Justice Josephson was appointed to the County Court in 1989 and to the Supreme Court in 1990.

### **The Honourable Madam Justice Wendy J. Harris**

The Honourable Madam Justice Harris retired from the Supreme Court of British Columbia at Vancouver on April 30, 2017. Madam Justice Harris was appointed to the Supreme Court in 2013.

### **The Honourable Madam Justice Elizabeth A. Arnold-Bailey**

The Honourable Madam Justice Arnold-Bailey retired from the Supreme Court of British Columbia at New Westminster on June 1, 2017. Madam Justice Arnold-Bailey was appointed to the Provincial Court in 1990 and to the Supreme Court in 2005.

### **The Honourable Mr. Justice John D. Truscott**

The Honourable Mr. Justice Truscott retired from the Supreme Court of British Columbia at New Westminster on July 4, 2017. Mr. Justice Truscott was appointed to the Supreme Court in 2002.

### **The Honourable Madam Justice Jacqueline L. Dorgan**

The Honourable Madam Justice Dorgan retired from the Supreme Court of British Columbia at Victoria on July 31, 2017. Madam Justice Dorgan was appointed to the Supreme Court in 1991.

### **The Honourable Mr. Justice Jon S. Sigurdson**

The Honourable Mr. Justice Sigurdson retired from the Supreme Court of British Columbia at Vancouver on August 18, 2017. Mr. Justice Sigurdson was appointed to the Supreme Court in 1994.

### **The Honourable Madam Justice Victoria Gray**

The Honourable Madam Justice Gray retired from the Supreme Court of British Columbia at Vancouver on August 31, 2017. Madam Justice Gray was appointed to the Supreme Court in 2001.

### **The Honourable Mr. Justice Peter J. Rogers**

The Honourable Mr. Justice Rogers retired from the Supreme Court of British Columbia at Kelowna on September 1, 2017. Mr. Justice Rogers was appointed to the Supreme Court in 2001.

### **The Honourable Mr. Justice Peter Leask**

The Honourable Mr. Justice Peter D. Leask retired from the Supreme Court of British Columbia at Vancouver on September 18, 2017. Mr. Justice Leask was appointed to the Supreme Court in 2005.

### **The Honourable Madam Justice Hope Hyslop**

Madam Justice Hope Hyslop retired from the Supreme Court of British Columbia at Kamloops on November 4, 2017. Madam Justice Hyslop was appointed Master of the Supreme Court in 2003 and Justice of the Supreme Court in 2009.

### **The Honourable Mr. Justice Bruce Greyell**

Mr. Justice Bruce M. Greyell retired from the Supreme Court of British Columbia at Vancouver on November 24, 2017. Mr. Justice Greyell was appointed to the Supreme Court in 2009.

## CIVIL LAW COMMITTEE

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*Vernon Law Courts*

### Members

Mr. Justice Walker (Chair)  
Madam Justice Beames  
Mr. Justice Bowden (resigned in 2017)  
Mr. Justice Davies  
Madam Justice Gray (until August 31, 2017)  
Madam Justice Griffin  
Mr. Justice McEwan  
Mr. Justice Sewell  
Mr. Justice Skolrood  
Mr. Justice Smith  
Mr. Justice Thompson  
Mr. Justice Voith  
Madam Justice Warren  
Master Bouck  
Master Caldwell  
Jill Leacock, Legal Counsel

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The role of the Civil Law Committee is to consider developments in civil practice and procedure and to provide input relating to these matters to the Chief Justice and other members of the Court. The Committee also provides input to the Court Rules Committee from time to time on matters of civil practice and procedure.

During 2017, the Committee carried out work in a number of specific areas. It suggested best practices for presiders in making orders, which were conveyed to the Court at large. The Committee recommended content for an information sheet to be posted on the Court's website outlining how a self-represented litigant might go about requesting leave to have a "MacKenzie friend" or support person be present with them in Court. It also formed a subcommittee to consider and make recommendations regarding unclaimed funds paid into Court which end up with the BC Unclaimed Property Society. Further, the Committee considered and conveyed to the Court's Education Committee its recommendations relating to practices for telephone hearings. Throughout 2017, the Committee also continued to provide the Court with updates discussing recent significant appellate decisions in the area of civil practice and procedure.

The Committee is grateful for the assistance of legal counsel in its work and will miss the important contributions of Madam Justice Gray, Madam Justice Griffin (who leaves the Committee as a result of her appointment to the Court of Appeal in January 2018), and Mr. Justice Bowden.

## CRIMINAL LAW COMMITTEE

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*Kelowna Law Courts*

### Members

Madam Justice Ker (Chair)  
Associate Chief Justice Cullen  
Madam Justice Arnold-Bailey (until May 2017)  
Madam Justice Beames (until November 2017)  
Madam Justice Church (as of November 2017)  
Madam Justice DeWitt-Van Oosten (as of November 2017)  
Mr. Justice Dley  
Madam Justice Duncan (Vice-Chair as of May 2017)  
Mr. Justice Ehrcke  
Mr. Justice Gaul  
Madam Justice Holmes  
Mr. Justice Leask (until November 2017)  
Madam Justice Maisonville  
Madam Justice Watchuk  
Madam Justice Wedge  
Mr. Justice Williams  
Heidi McBride, Legal Counsel Supreme Court (Secretary until June 2017)  
Shirley Smiley Legal Counsel (Secretary as of June 2017)

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The Criminal Law Committee continued to provide the Court with assistance with respect to various matters that arose during 2017. Two valued members of the Committee retired from the Court this year (Madam Justice Arnold-Bailey and Mr. Justice Leask) and one valued member resigned from the Committee (Madam Justice Beames). The Committee is grateful for the numerous contributions made by each of these members over their tenure with the Committee. Two new members, Madam Justice DeWitt-Van Oosten and Madam Justice Church, joined the Committee in November. In addition, Madam Justice Duncan graciously agreed to become Vice-Chair of the Committee in May 2017.

The Criminal Law Committee, through Madam Justice Watchuk, provided summaries of new criminal legislation as it came into force and 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.

Members of the Committee continued to participate in a sub-committee tasked with assisting the Associate Chief Justice with the development of a practice direction to address and set out the Court's expectations regarding the prosecution and defence of megatrials. This work came about as a result of the roundtable process lead by Associate Chief Justice Cullen and sponsored by the Canadian Institute for the Administration of Justice. Criminal Practice Direction #3 (Complex Criminal Cases) came into effect on September 1, 2017.

The Committee also created a sub-committee to address the impacts of the decision from the Supreme Court of Canada in *R v. Jordan*, 2016 SCC 27 and *R. v. Cody*, 2017 SCC 31. A second roundtable process addressing the issue of delay was led by Associate Chief Justice Cullen and sponsored by the Canadian Institute for the Administration of Justice. The Roundtable – “At the Intersection of Criminal Delays and Professional Ethics” – was held at UBC on December 2, 2017.

Members of the Committee continue to be active in educational and training activities including organizing and presenting criminal law topics for National Judicial Institute 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.

## EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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### Members



*New Westminster Law  
Courts*

Mr. Justice Abrioux (Chair until November 2017)  
Madam Justice MacNaughton (Chair as of December 2017)  
Mr. Justice Betton  
Madam Justice Burke  
Madam Justice Duncan  
Madam Justice Fisher  
Mr. Justice Greyll  
Mr. Justice Harvey  
Mr. Justice Kent  
Madam Justice Maisonville  
Mr. Justice Pearlman  
Mr. Justice Sewell  
Mr. Justice Verhoeven  
Master Muir  
Heidi McBride, Legal Counsel (until August 2017)  
Shirley Smiley, Legal Counsel (as of September 2017)

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The mandate of the Education Committee is to organize and present continuing education programs to in order to assist the judges, masters, and registrars of the Court to stay on top of current developments in substantive law, enhance judicial skills, and learn about social context and philosophical and ethical issues that relate to the work of the Court.

The Committee delivers its main programs at judicial education conferences held in May and November of each year. These conferences are developed and presented in partnership with the National Judicial Institute (NJI). The Committee is grateful for the continuing support from the staff at the NJI, including the program advisors who support the development of our programs and the program assistants who provide administrative and logistical support for the conferences.

The May 2017 Conference included sessions about civil jury trials, criminal procedure, the role of the media as a link to the public, and assessing credibility.

In November 2017, the Supreme Court participated in a Joint Education Conference with the Court of Appeal and the Provincial Court of British Columbia. Approximately every five years, the three courts organize such a joint conference. The topics for the conference in November 2017 included criminal gangs, Gladue considerations in sentencing, and mental health and mental disability issues.

In 2017, at the request of the Executive Committee, the Committee developed a one-day program for newly appointed judges and masters designed to support them as they navigate the transition from the bar to the bench. The creation of this program was motivated by the unprecedented number of new appointments in 2017. The program, which is specifically focused on the particular issues and challenges of being a judge or master in British Columbia, was designed with the assistance and logistical support of the NJI. Work is currently underway on the development of a second day of programming to be held in May 2018. The new judges programming is in addition to the opportunity for newly appointed judges to shadow one or more judicial colleagues for five days prior to beginning to sit.

The Committee also facilitates regular lunchtime seminars presented by and to members of the Court. In 2017, the sessions covered a range of topics including workplace harassment, legal needs of an aging population, unbundling of legal services in the context of access to justice, the role of parenting coordinators, and jury instructions. The Committee is grateful that the members of the Court continue to demonstrate a high degree of engagement in these programs and work diligently to prepare timely, topical, and practical programs for their colleagues.

## FAMILY LAW COMMITTEE

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Prince George Law Courts

### Members

Mr. Justice Butler (Chair)  
Mr. Justice Cole  
Mr. Justice Groves  
Madam Justice MacNaughton  
Madam Justice Loo  
Mr. Justice Tindale  
Madam Justice Fleming  
Mr. Justice Armstrong  
Madam Justice Choi  
Master Dick  
Nikki Hair, Legal Counsel  
Jill Leacock, Legal Counsel (until September 2017)

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In 2017, the Family Law Committee updated and added to the family law resources that are available to the judiciary on the Supreme Court Intranet, including updates to a resource on common chambers applications in family proceedings and a resource on judicial case conferences. The Family Law Committee also further updated the Family Order Pick List, which sets out standard terms for most of the usual orders made in family cases and is now available on the Supreme Court website.

The Family Law Committee also formed a subcommittee to review and recommend changes to family law pleadings as well as other rule changes. In addition, the Family Law Committee provided input to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court for recommended changes to the Adoption Practice Direction. The Family Law Committee received a presentation by the Ministry of Justice - Court Services Branch on the new online Divorce Application for joint, uncontested, no child desk order divorce applications and provided input on the application.

Throughout 2017, Legal Counsel Nikki Hair continued to provide assistance to the Committee and to judges working in family law. In September 2017, Ms. Hair attended a symposium hosted by the Canadian Research Institute for Law and the Family and the Office of the Child and Youth Advocate, Alberta, entitled “Children’s Participation in Justice Processes: Finding the Best Ways Forward”, to learn about best practices for hearing the voice of the child in family law proceedings.

The Family Law Pilot Project, which commenced September 2014, was scheduled to end in August 2016 but was extended through to February 2017. Due to insufficient judicial resources the project has been put on hold. The project may be reinstated once the court returns to its full complement.

In December 2016, members of the Committee met with the Presumptive Consensual Dispute Resolution (“CDR”) Working Group, formed by Access to Justice B.C., to provide opinions and feedback on a Presumptive CDR Initiative. While discussions were planned to continue in 2017, the Working Group is currently only moving forward with the initiative in the Provincial Court, and discussions with the Family Law Committee have been postponed indefinitely.

## LAW CLERKS COMMITTEE

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Revelstoke Courthouse

### Members

Madam Justice Arnold-Bailey (Chair until May 2017)

Mr. Justice Kelleher (Chair as of August 2017)

Mr. Justice Blok

Madam Justice Fisher

Mr. Justice Grauer

Mr. Justice MacKenzie

Madam Justice Russell

Brenda Belak, Legal Counsel

Jill Leacock, Legal Counsel

Heidi McBride, Legal Counsel

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The Committee is responsible for the management of the Judicial Law Clerk Program which provides a unique learning opportunity for new law school graduates of diverse backgrounds who have achieved a high academic standard. The Committee is directly involved in the recruitment and hiring of judicial law clerks each year. 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.

The recruitment process 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 between 28 and 32 applicants. Each year, 18 law clerks are hired for 13 positions in Vancouver, three in New Westminster, and two in Victoria.

In 2017, the following 18 law clerks began their clerkships with the Court:

**Vancouver:** Paige Burnham, Gabrielle Grant, Elliot Holzman, Zoë Hutchinson, Gabriella Jamieson, Andrew Kavanagh, Adam Lee, Daniel McBain, Cameron Rempel, Cole Rodocker, Scott Silver, Julian Tennent-Riddell, and Erica Zacharias

**New Westminster:** Evan Atkinson, Devon Luca, and Simon Meijers

**Victoria:** Jared Porter and Leigh Stansfield

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 are invaluable.

The Committee would also like to express its gratitude to the judges of the Court who serve as principals to the law clerks. They provide great mentorship to our law clerks and allow the Judicial Law Clerk Program to continue to provide a unique learning experience.

The Committee also expresses its thanks to Brenda Belak, Jill Leacock, and Heidi McBride, Legal Counsel for the Supreme Court, and to Sally Rudolf, Legal Counsel for the Court of Appeal, for their work in the recruitment, hiring, training, and supervision of the law clerks, and to Andrea Baedak and Alix Going for providing administrative support to the program.

## JOINT COURTS TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

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*Kamloops Law Courts*

### Members

Mr. Justice Masuhara (Chair)

Madam Justice Bennett

Mr. Justice Willcock

Madam Justice Adair

Mr. Justice Myers

Mr. Justice Punnett

Registrar Outerbridge

Frank Kraemer, Q.C., Executive Director and Senior Counsel (until May 2017)

Heidi McBride, Executive Director and Senior Counsel (as of June 2017)

Ryan Wirth, Manager, Information Technology

Cindy Friesen, Director, Supreme Court Scheduling

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In 2017, the Joint Courts Technology Committee continued to review technology developments and their impact on the work of the Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court. Committee members also participated in various other technology initiatives. A key focus for the Committee was the selection and installation of new computers for the judges, masters, registrars and judicial staff. Some members of the Committee also represented the Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court on the Courts Technology Board. The Courts Technology Board is a new initiative of the Province and courts to provide a forum for joint information technology planning, information sharing, and funding between the three courts and the Ministry of Justice - Court Services Branch.

## LIBRARY COMMITTEE

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Rossland Courthouse

### Members

Madam Justice Griffin (Chair until March 2017)

Mr. Justice Skolrood (Chair as of April 2017)

Mr. Justice Goepel

Madam Justice Ker

Frank Kraemer, Q.C., Executive Director & Senior Counsel (until May 2017)

Heidi McBride, Executive Director & Senior Counsel (as of June 2017)

Diane Lemieux, Librarian

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The shift to greater use of and reliance on electronic resources that began in 2016 continued in 2017. The growing use of electronic materials is assisting the Library to provide services to all of our users regardless of their location. The Committee and the Library staff continue to address the rising cost of print and electronic library materials, modifications and enhancements to electronic resources, and online platforms and the challenge of keeping pace in a digital world, while maintaining access to information from the past. Library staff regularly monitor the use of resources to ensure that the budget is directed towards maintaining the most useful materials.

One of the most visible of the Library's functions is its role in publishing the Courts' reasons for judgment. In 2017, in respect of proceedings in the Court of Appeal, the Library published 292 civil reasons for judgment, 142 criminal reasons for judgment, and 26 family reasons for judgment, for a total of 460 reasons for judgment. In respect of proceedings in the Supreme Court, the Library published 1208 civil reasons for judgment, 457 criminal reasons for judgment and 358 family reasons, for a total of 2023 reasons for judgment.

Considerable work is done by Library staff in publishing reasons for judgment and answering requests from the courts, as well as maintaining the Library collection. The judicial members of the Committee express their special thanks to the Library staff for continuing to provide excellent service to assist the Court in navigating the changing world of legal resources.

## JUDICIAL ACCESS POLICY WORKING GROUP

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Nanaimo Courthouse

### Members

Karen Leung, Legal Officer, Provincial Court  
Caroline Berkey, Legal Officer, Provincial Court  
Sally Rudolf, Legal Counsel, Court of Appeal (Chair)  
Frank Kraemer, QC, Executive Director & Senior Counsel, Judicial Administration, Superior Courts Judiciary (until May 2017)  
Heidi McBride, Executive Director & Senior Counsel, Judicial Administration, Superior Courts Judiciary (June - December 2017) and Legal Counsel, Supreme Court (January - May 2017)  
Brenda Belak, Legal Counsel, Supreme Court (as of August 2017)  
Grant Marchand, Manager, Judicial Resource Analysis & Management Information Systems, Provincial Court  
Dan Chiddell, Director Strategic Information & Business Applications, Ministry of Justice - Court Services Branch  
Carly Hyman, Director of Policy, Legislation and Issue Management, Ministry of Justice - Court Services Branch (as of August 2017)  
Jess Gunnarson, A/Director of Policy, Legislation and Issue Management, Ministry of Justice - Court Services Branch (January - April 2017)  
Adrienne Hunt, A/Director of Policy, Legislation and Issue Management, Ministry of Justice - Court Services Branch (May - July 2017)  
Kathryn Thomson, Legal Policy Advisor

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### Mandate Of The Committee

The Chief Justices and Chief Judge of British Columbia's courts have responsibility for the supervision and control of court records and judicial administration records. The Committee is a joint committee consisting of representatives from all three courts and Ministry of Justice - 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 access applications for those seeking bulk access to court record information.

## **Work of the Committee**

In 2017, the work of the Committee included the following:

### **Access Applications**

As in every year, the Committee received, considered and made recommendations in respect of a number of applications for access to court record information from a variety of government, non-profit and private agencies and departments in order to fulfill their statutory mandates or to improve the efficiency of their operations. The Committee also considered and made recommendations in respect of access applications from universities and other academic organizations for research purposes.

### **Data Governance**

In July 2016, the Committee appointed from among its members a Data Governance Working Group to identify and address data governance issues, review existing protocols and consider whether additional or updated court data management documentation is required. In 2017, the Data Governance Working Group met several times to continue this work.

# JUDGES OF THE SUPREME COURT

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Vancouver Law Courts

## 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 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

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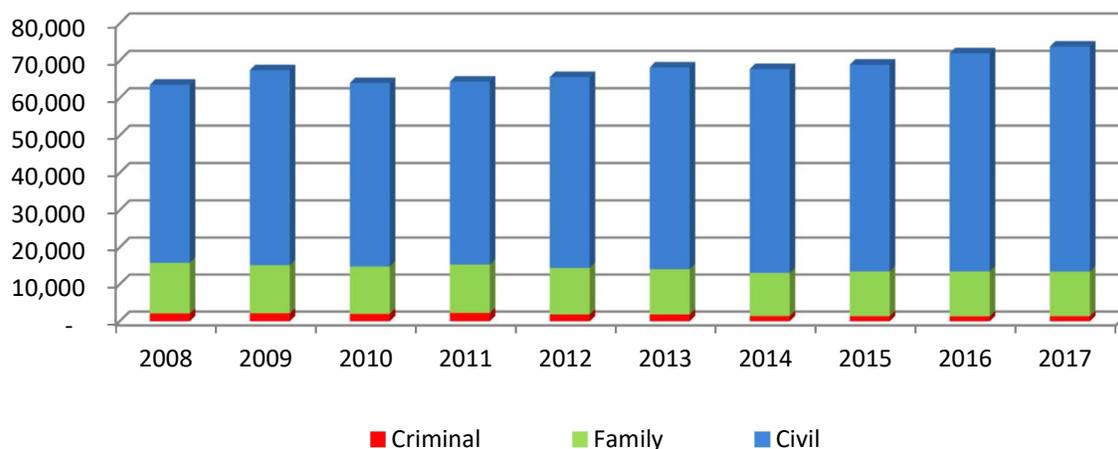
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## APPENDIX - COURT INFORMATION

**Figure 1: New Criminal, Family and Civil Filings<sup>2</sup>**



	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
■ Civil	47,768	52,300	49,164	49,059	51,192	54,076	54,661	55,444	58,499	60,334
■ Family	13,705	13,027	12,831	13,110	12,565	12,263	11,680	12,091	12,123	12,039
■ Criminal	2,184	2,216	2,072	2,317	1,927	1,887	1,439	1,419	1,333	1,369

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.

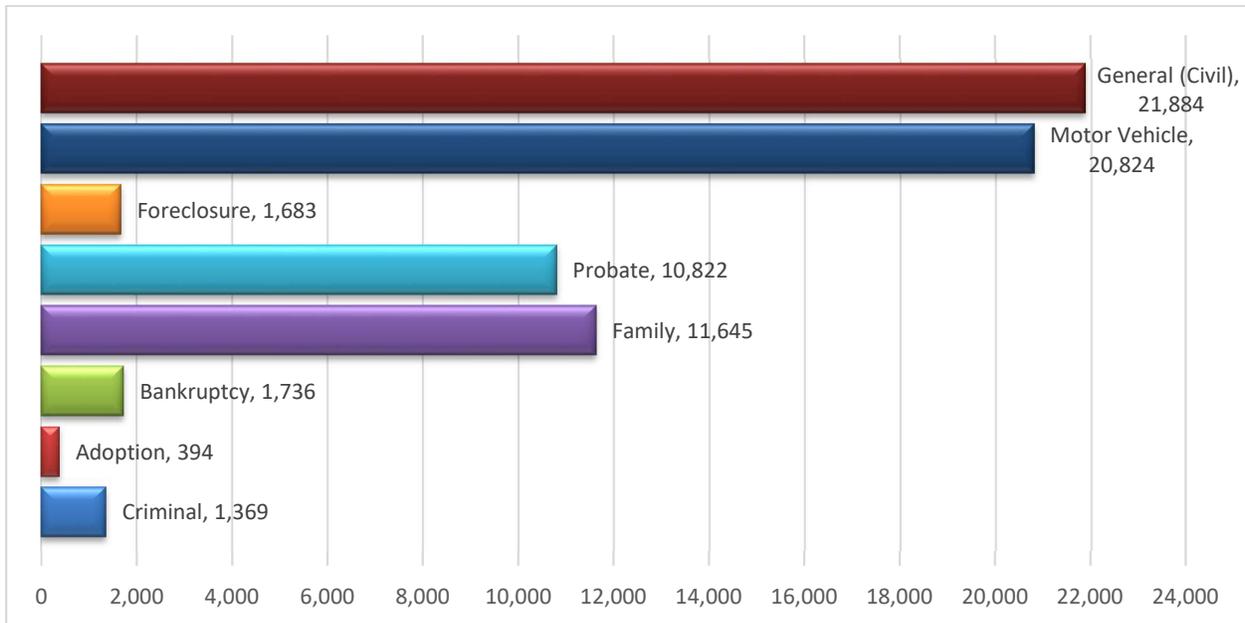
The **Criminal** category includes criminal matters such as *Criminal Code*, *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* proceedings, bail reviews and *Extradition Act* proceedings.

The methodology for counting new criminal filings was changed for 2016 and all of the new filing numbers from 2008 to 2017 have been restated as a result. In 2015, the methodology was changed so that where there were multiple accused on a file, each accused is counted separately as a new case, which increased the number of reported new cases. In 2016, a further refinement to the methodology was made which partially offset the increase that would be expected from counting a new filing for each accused. The refinement was the elimination of counting file transfers between court levels. Historically a new file would be created at each

<sup>2</sup> **Data Source:** Ministry of Justice - Court Services Branch - Courthouse Activity Cube, CRIM tables - March 1, 2017

stage of the transfer. Under the refined methodology, a file is counted as new only once during its lifecycle. The methodology used to report new cases is now consistent across both trial courts (i.e. the Supreme Court and the Provincial Court).

**Figure 2: New Filings by Category in 2017<sup>3</sup>**



Data does **not** include Supreme Caveat and Supreme Enforcement/Legislated Statutes

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

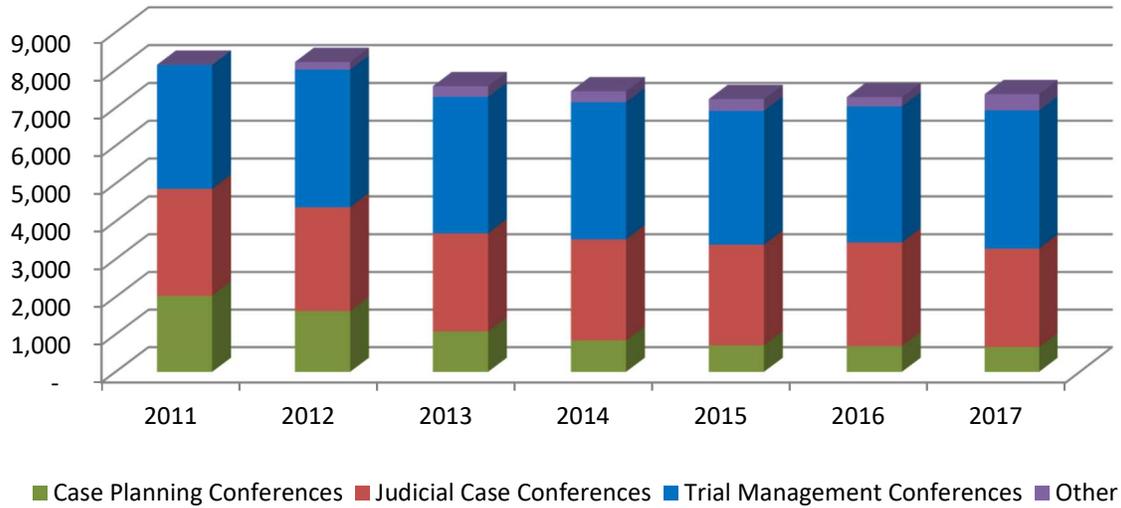
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The **Criminal** category includes all criminal matters including bail review applications, *Extradition Act* proceedings, wiretap authorizations and summary conviction appeals.

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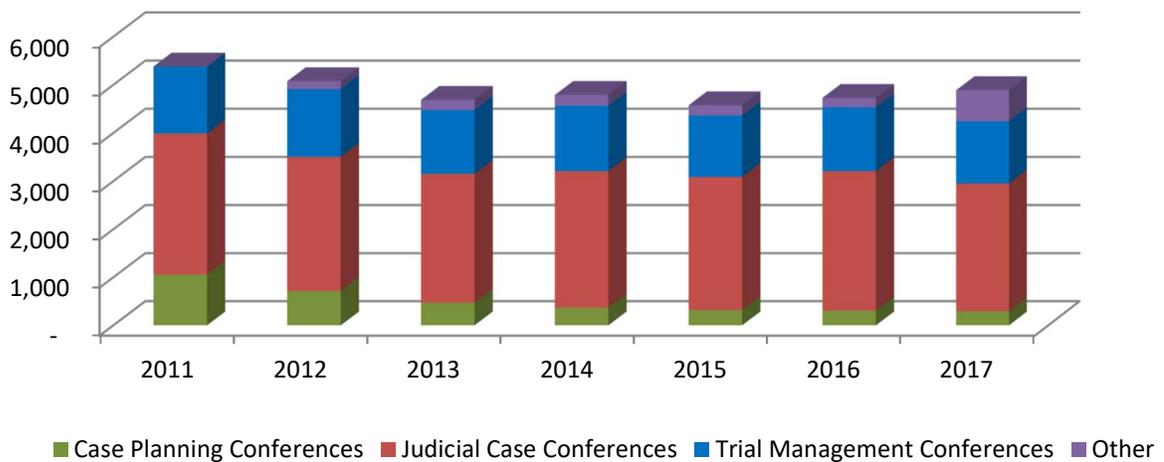
**Figure 3: Number of Conferences by Type<sup>4</sup>**

This graph 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) from 2011 to 2017.



**Figure 4: Hearing Hours by Conference Type<sup>5</sup>**

This graph the number of hearing hours of judicial (judges and masters) time required by the type of conference from 2011 to 2017.

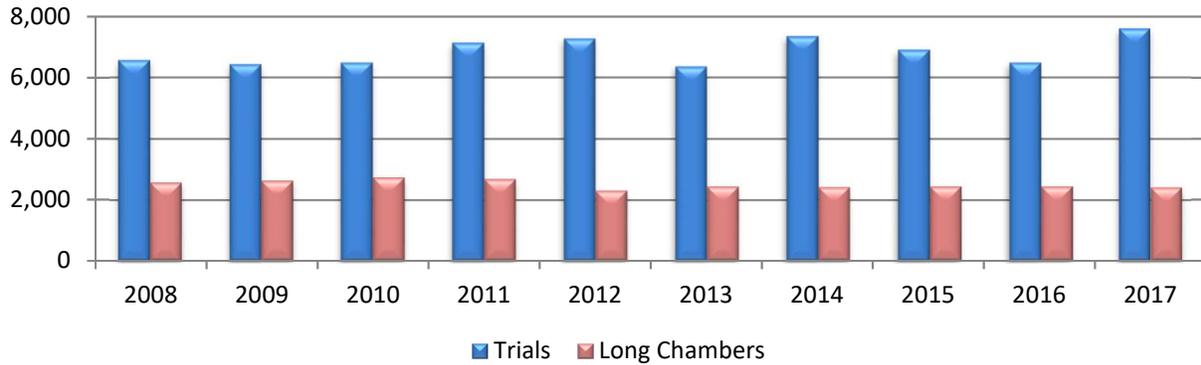


<sup>4</sup> Data Source: SC Database 2

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## Figure 5: Civil Trials and Long Chambers Applications Scheduled in Vancouver<sup>6</sup>

This graph shows the number of civil and family trials and long chambers applications scheduled in Vancouver from 2008 to 2017.

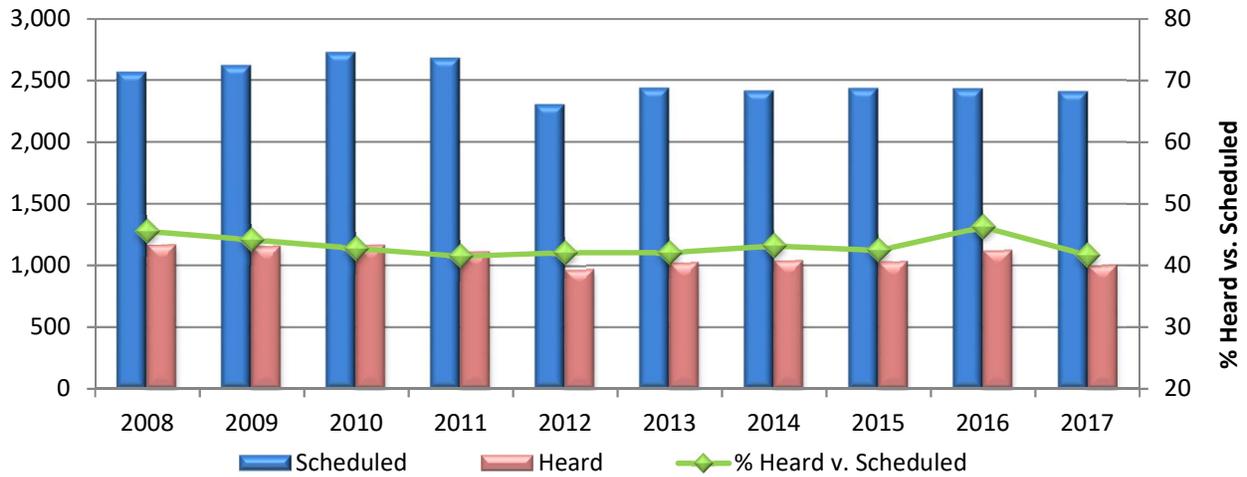


	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Trials	6,552	6,411	6,470	7,110	7,248	6,347	7,319	6,880	6,465	7,578
Long Chambers	2,562	2,616	2,721	2,675	2,299	2,432	2,410	2,430	2,428	2,405

<sup>6</sup> Data Source: SC Database 2

**Figure 6: Long Chambers Applications Scheduled and Heard in Vancouver<sup>7</sup>**

This graph shows the number of civil and family long chambers applications scheduled and heard in Vancouver from 2008 to 2017.

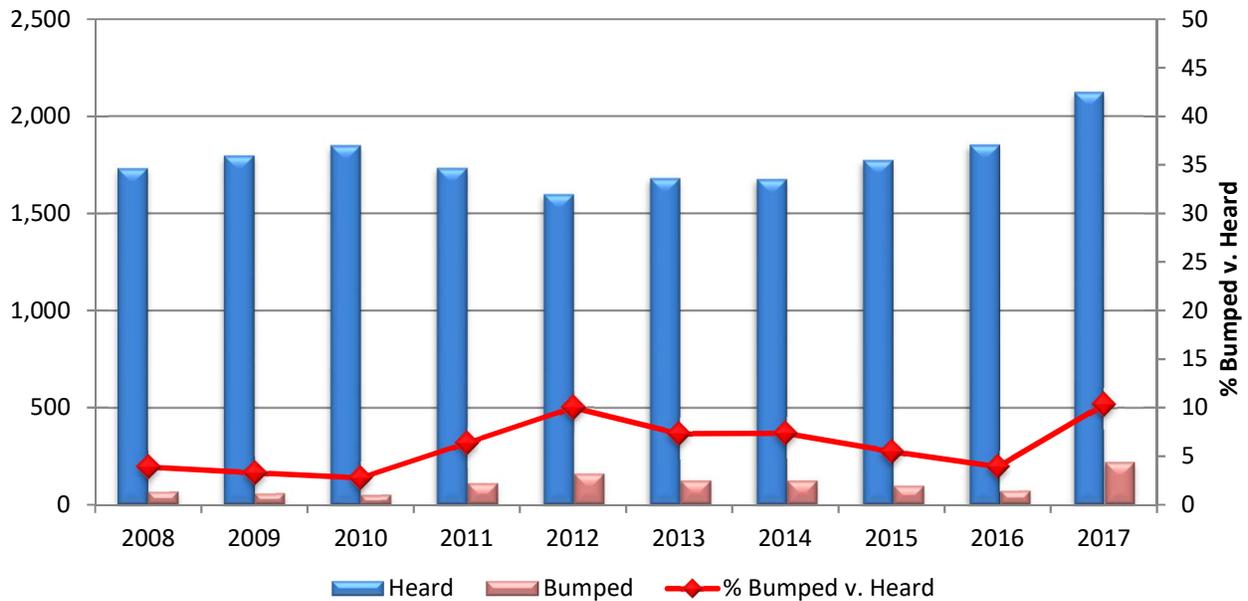


	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Scheduled	2,562	2,616	2,721	2,675	2,299	2,432	2,410	2,430	2,428	2,405
Heard	1,167	1,155	1,164	1,110	967	1,023	1,040	1,032	1,123	1,002
% Heard v. Scheduled	46	44	43	41	42	42	43	42	46	42

<sup>7</sup> Data Source: SC Database 2

**Figure 7: Long Chambers Applications Heard and Bumped in British Columbia<sup>8</sup>**

This graph shows the number of civil and family long chambers applications heard and bumped in British Columbia from 2008 to 2017. A long chambers application is considered bumped if it is not commenced or rescheduled within one week of the originally scheduled hearing date.

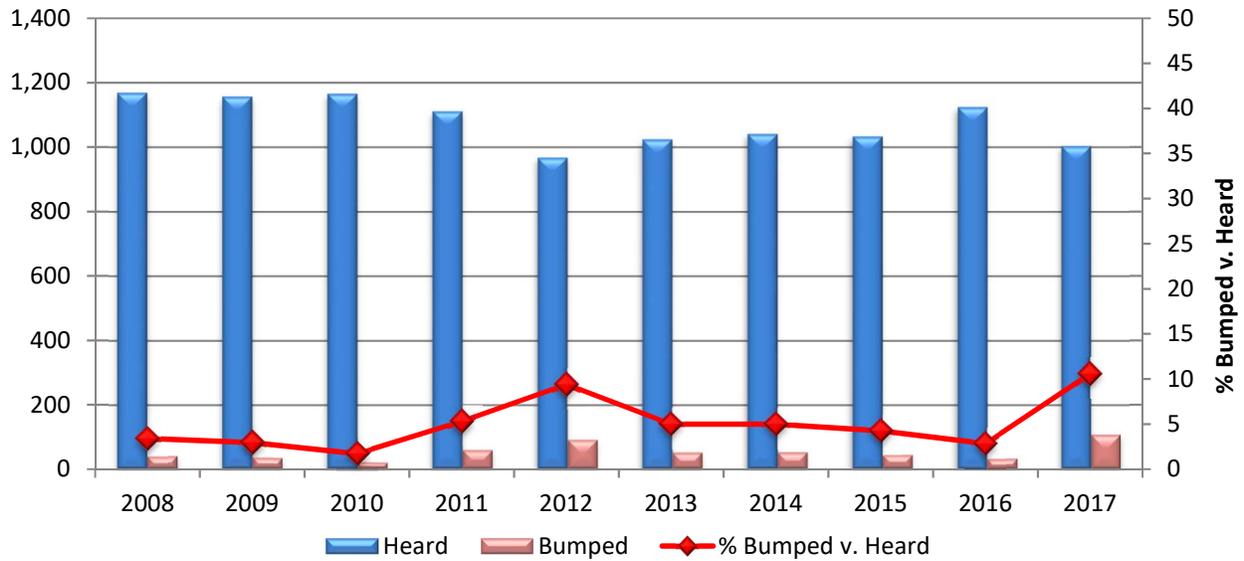


	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Heard	1,729	1,794	1,847	1,731	1,597	1,678	1,674	1,772	1,850	2,121
Bumped	67	59	51	110	160	123	123	97	72	219
% Bumped v. Heard	3.9	3.3	2.8	6.4	10.0	7.3	7.3	5.5	3.9	10.3

<sup>8</sup> Data Source: SC Database 2

**Figure 8: Long Chambers Applications Heard and Bumped in Vancouver<sup>9</sup>**

This chart shows the number of civil and family long chambers applications heard and bumped in Vancouver from 2008 to 2017. A long chambers application is considered bumped if it is not commenced or rescheduled within one week of the originally scheduled hearing date.

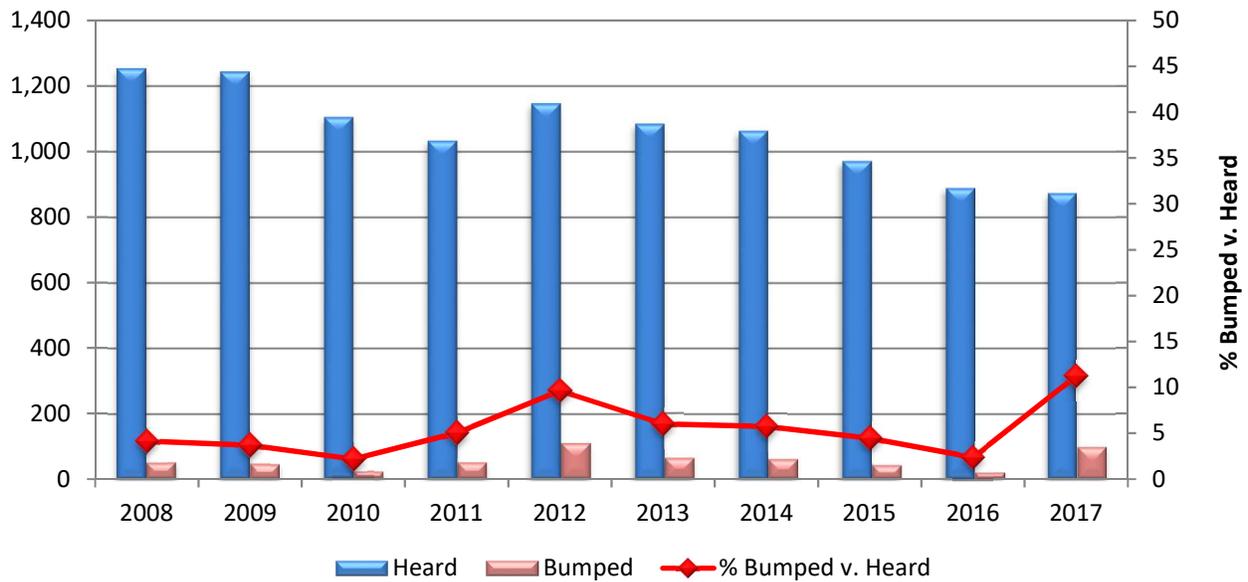


	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Heard	1,167	1,155	1,164	1,110	967	1,023	1,040	1,032	1,123	1,002
Bumped	40	34	20	59	91	51	52	44	32	106
% Bumped v. Heard	3.4	2.9	1.7	5.3	9.4	5.0	5.0	4.3	2.8	10.6

<sup>9</sup> Data Source: SC Database 2

**Figure 9: Trials Heard and Bumped in British Columbia<sup>10</sup>**

This chart shows the number of civil, family and criminal trials heard and bumped in British Columbia from 2008 to 2017. A trial is categorized as bumped if it is not commenced or rescheduled within one week of the originally scheduled hearing date.

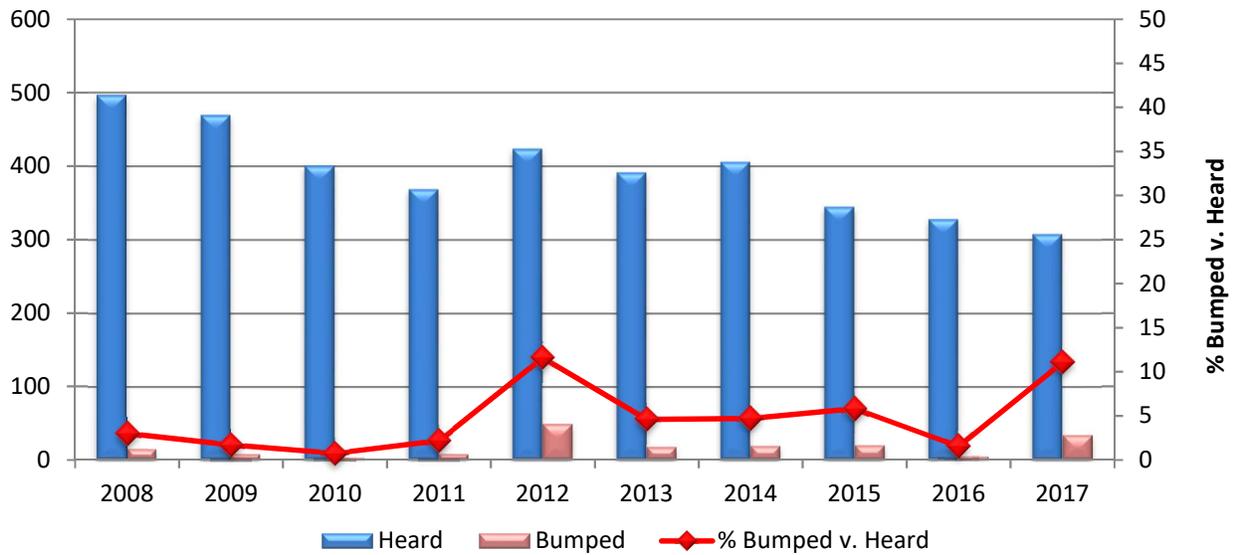


	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Heard	1,252	1,243	1,104	1,032	1,145	1,083	1,062	970	887	872
Bumped	52	46	24	52	110	65	61	43	21	98
% Bumped v. Heard	4.2	3.7	2.2	5.0	9.6	6.0	5.7	4.4	2.4	11.2

<sup>10</sup> Data Source: SC Database 2

**Figure 10: Trials Heard and Bumped in Vancouver<sup>11</sup>**

This chart shows the number of civil, family and criminal trials heard and bumped in Vancouver from 2008 to 2017. A trial is categorized as bumped if it is not commenced or rescheduled within one week of the originally scheduled hearing date.



	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Heard	496	469	400	368	423	391	405	344	327	307
Bumped	15	8	3	8	49	18	19	20	5	34
% Bumped v. Heard	3.0	1.7	0.8	2.2	11.6	4.6	4.7	5.8	1.5	11.1

<sup>11</sup> **Data Source:** SC Database 2

**Figure 11: Trials Heard and Bumped by Type and Location in 2017<sup>12</sup>**

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 in 2017. A trial is categorized as bumped if it does not commence within one week of the originally scheduled trial date.

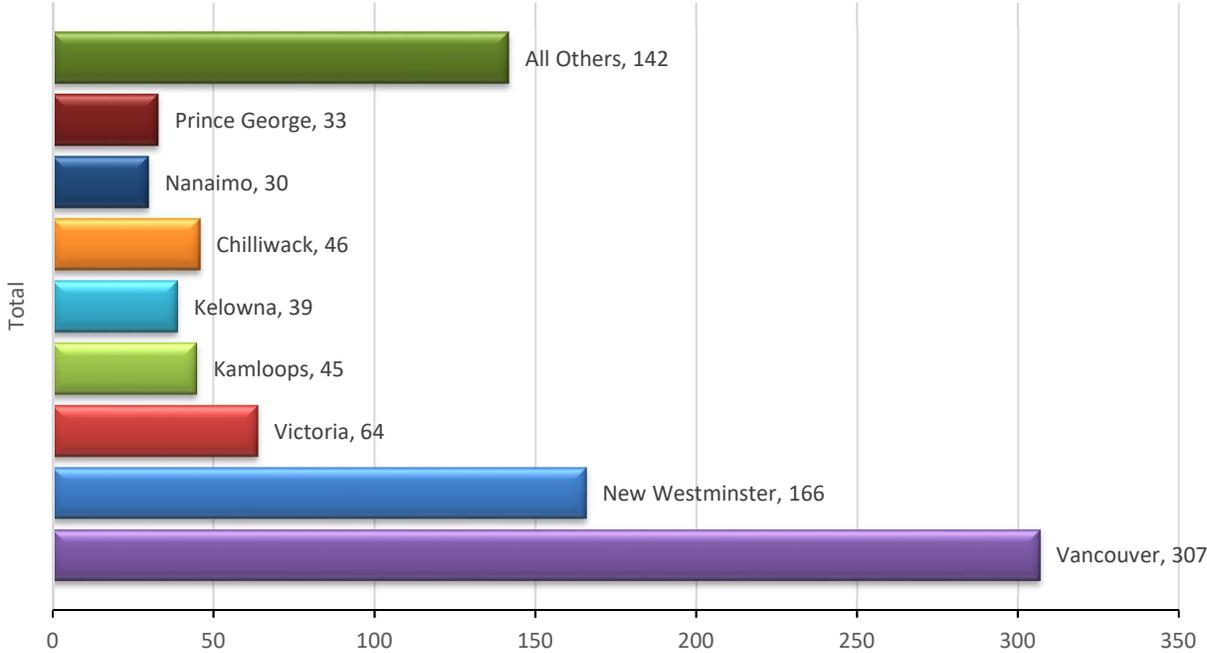
	HEARD 2017				BUMPED 2017			
	Civil	Criminal	Family	Total	Civil	Criminal	Family	Total
<b>LOWER MAINLAND</b>								
Chilliwack	12	23	11	46	2	0	2	4
New Westminster	42	74	50	166	9	0	3	12
Vancouver	181	61	65	307	26	0	8	34
<b>Region Totals</b>	235	158	126	519	37	0	13	50
<b>Region %</b>	75%	43%	66%	60%	56%	0%	41%	51%
<b>VANCOUVER ISLAND</b>								
Campbell River	2	2	1	5	0	0	0	0
Courtenay	1	4	0	5	0	0	0	0
Duncan	1	5	0	6	0	0	0	0
Nanaimo	7	17	6	30	3	0	0	3
Port Alberni	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0
Powell River	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1
Victoria	17	36	11	64	4	0	1	5
<b>Region Totals</b>	28	68	18	114	8	0	1	9
<b>Region %</b>	9%	18%	9%	13%	12%	0%	3%	9%
<b>NORTHERN INTERIOR</b>								
Dawson Creek	0	3	4	7	1	0	1	2
Fort St. John	0	7	5	12	0	0	2	2
Prince George	3	24	6	33	3	0	2	5
Prince Rupert	0	4	0	4	0	0	0	0
Quesnel	0	6	0	6	0	0	1	1
Smithers	2	3	2	7	0	0	0	0
Terrace	0	6	2	8	0	0	0	0
Williams Lake	2	10	1	13	0	0	1	1
<b>Region Totals</b>	7	63	20	90	4	0	7	11
<b>Region %</b>	2%	17%	11%	10%	6%	0%	22%	11%

<sup>12</sup> Data Source: SC Database 2

	HEARD 2017				BUMPED 2017			
	Civil	Criminal	Family	Total	Civil	Criminal	Family	Total
<b>SOUTHERN INTERIOR</b>								
Cranbrook	3	7	5	15	1	0	4	5
Golden	1	1	3	5	0	0	0	0
Kamloops	12	28	5	45	3	0	1	4
Kelowna	11	22	6	39	8	0	3	11
Nelson	5	2	4	11	2	0	0	2
Penticton	2	9	0	11	0	0	0	0
Revelstoke	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rossland	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0
Salmon Arm	1	3	0	4	0	0	0	0
Vernon	7	9	0	16	3	0	3	6
<b>Region Totals</b>	42	81	26	149	17	0	11	28
<b>Region %</b>	13%	22%	14%	17%	26%	0%	34%	29%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>872</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>98</b>
<b>TOTAL %</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>22%</b>		<b>67%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>33%</b>	

**Figure 12: Trials Heard By Registry in 2017<sup>13</sup>**

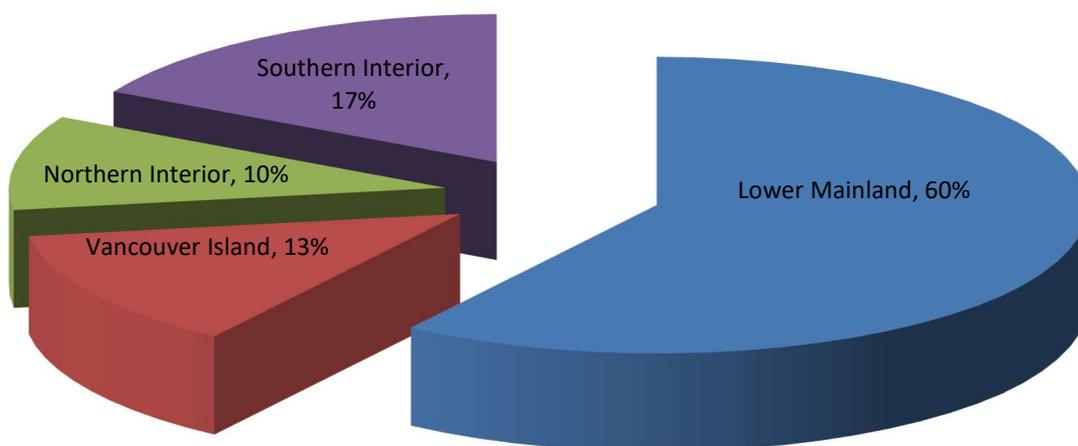
This chart provides an illustration of the number of trials in 2017 by registry.



<sup>1313</sup> Data Source: SC Database 2

### Figure 13: Trials Heard By Region in 2017<sup>14</sup>

This pie chart provides an illustration of the number of trials in 2017 by region.



<sup>14</sup> Data Source: SC Database 2

**Figure 14: Published Reasons for Judgment by Subject, Type, and Year<sup>15</sup>**

This table provides the number of published reasons for judgment by subject (civil, criminal and family) and type (written or transcribed oral) from 2011-2017. The reasons for judgment that **are included** in the table that follows are:

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

The reasons for judgment that **are not included** and are therefore not counted are:

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

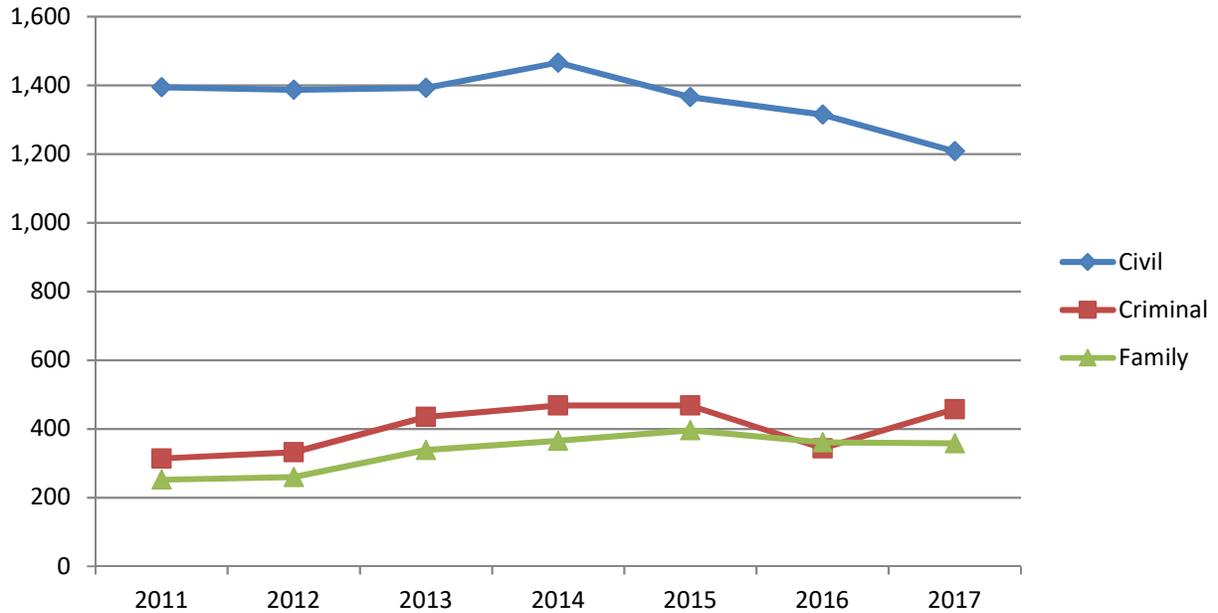
The number of reasons for judgment that are published varies from year to year for a variety of reasons including the number of reasons for judgment given orally, the number of requests for transcribed oral reasons for judgment, the presence or absence of publication bans and sealing orders, and the number of hearings which conclude and require reasons for judgment.

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
<b>CIVIL</b>							
Oral	274	267	260	285	316	306	340
Written	1,120	1,120	1,133	1,181	1,050	1,009	868
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,394</b>	<b>1,387</b>	<b>1,393</b>	<b>1,466</b>	<b>1,366</b>	<b>1,315</b>	<b>1,208</b>
<b>CRIMINAL</b>							
Oral	198	188	312	348	354	280	344
Written	116	144	123	120	114	63	113
<b>Total</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>457</b>
<b>FAMILY</b>							
Oral	41	29	54	66	96	94	86
Written	211	231	285	299	300	267	272
<b>Total</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>358</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,960</b>	<b>1,979</b>	<b>2,167</b>	<b>2,299</b>	<b>2,230</b>	<b>2,019</b>	<b>2,023</b>

<sup>15</sup> **Data Source:** SC Judgment Card Application

**Figure 15: Published Reasons for Judgment by Year <sup>16</sup>**

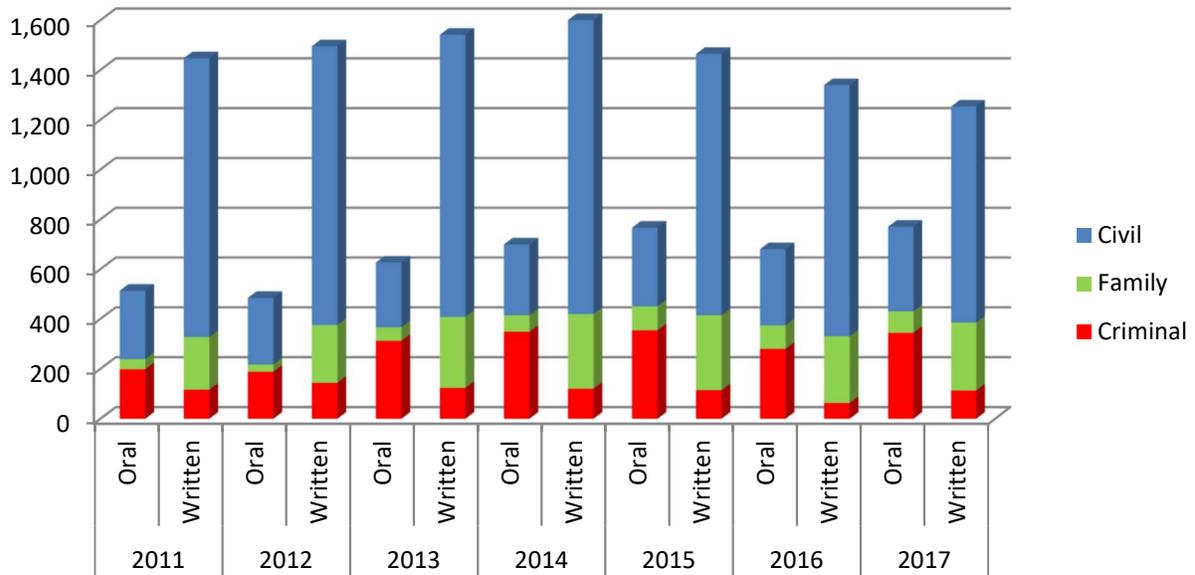
This graph illustrates the total number of published reasons for judgment (both written and oral) by subject from 2011-2017.



<sup>16</sup> **Data Source:** SC Judgment Card Application

**Figure 16: Published Reasons for Judgment By Subject, Type, and Year<sup>17</sup>**

This graph illustrates the distribution of published written reasons for judgment and published transcribed oral reasons for judgment by subject matter from 2011-2017.



<sup>17</sup> **Data Source:** SC Judgment Card Application

### Figure 17: E-Filed Documents in the Supreme Court<sup>18</sup>

This table shows the total number of document filed, the number of e-filed documents and the percentage of filed documents that are e-filed.

	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
Documents Filed	558,019	614,273	601,307	595,294	588,708	599,767	595,496	593,068	595,228
Documents E-Filed	32,731	90,862	160,458	197,152	208,118	217,130	218,788	232,974	246,026
% E-Filed	6%	15%	26%	32%	35%	36%	36%	39%	41%

### Figure 18: E-Orders Processed in the Supreme Court<sup>19</sup>

This table shows the number of e-filed orders processed by the Court from 2008-2017.

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
E-Orders Processed	714	2,183	5,093	8,051	8,530	9,238	8,920	9,427	9,622	10,987

<sup>18</sup> **Data Source:** Ministry of Justice - Court Service Branch - COGNOS Efiled Cube, CEIS\_ODS, & INT

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