



## INFORMATION BULLETIN

### **Memorandum supports an effective justice system**

VICTORIA – The Minister of Justice and Attorney General, the Chief Justice of British Columbia, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and the Chief Judge of the Provincial Court have signed a framework agreement aimed at developing and maintaining an accessible, modern and effective justice system.

The memorandum of understanding clarifies the structure for how the attorney and the judiciary will work collaboratively to meet their individual and collective responsibilities. It acknowledges and respects the constitutional framework in which the Minister of Justice and Attorney General and the judiciary, as separate and independent branches of government, operate while noting a shared obligation to deliver timely, impartial and open justice. The memorandum of understanding reflects the continuing discussions between the Attorney General, the Chief Justices and the Chief Judge concerning the proper roles and responsibilities of each in the administration of British Columbia's courts.

The recently passed *Justice Reform and Transparency Act* included the provision for the creation of the memorandum of understanding which assists in setting the framework for a well-functioning, transparent justice system that is strengthened by collaboration among justice leaders.

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