

On the Front Cover

The Honourable Mr. Justice David Campbell, Associate Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of British Columbia

David Hector Campbell, formerly Chief Judge of the County Courts, has been appointed Associate Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of British Columbia.

The position was created by the new *Supreme Court Act* which came into force on 1 July 1990. The *County Court Act* is repealed. In place of the County courts will be one court with a Chief Justice, an Associate Chief Justice, and 81 other judges. Former County Court judges have been appointed to the Supreme Court but will continue to reside in each of the Province's 8 judicial districts and the Regional District of Peace River.

Dave Campbell was born and educated in Vancouver and in 1949 graduated from U.B.C. Law School and was called to the Bar. For the next fifteen years he practised general and commercial law first as a sole practitioner and then in partnership with the late Drewe Pratt. Appointed to the County Court of Vancouver in 1974, he became its Chief Judge in 1977. In the same year, he was elected as the County Courts' representative to the Judicial Council.

His election made him the unofficial Chief Judge of all the County Courts. For the next ten years he acted as Chief Judge of the County Courts — without the additional salary provided for in the statute — until his formal appointment in 1987. His position, apart from a full rota as a trial judge, gave him the opportunity to meet many judges across Canada and to take part in the national judicial scene. Mention should also be made of Dave's wife, Joan, who has made no small contribution to Dave's success.

In his youth Dave was a considerable sportsman. He played basketball for U.B.C., for Canada in the 1948 Olympics and for the Canadian champion Cloverleaf team in 1951. Dave also played lacrosse in the Inter-city Senior League and won the Bailey Memorial Trophy as rookie of the year. His recreation now is less olympian being confined to mid-handicap golf at Point Grey and his summer home on Bowen Island.

Dave's appointment as Associate Chief Justice is recognition of his incomparable administrative skills. He has a facility for dealing with people at every level including an effortless ability to ferret out and recall personal details that escape most of us. He is universally liked and respected. The newly-constituted court with Supreme Court judges residing in the regions, but subject to "head office" management, will surely need an administrator with energy, skill and tact. Dave Campbell will fill that role admirably. His colleagues wish to record their appreciation for his great service to the County Courts and wish him success in the challenging years to come.

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