

## **LAWYERS RECOGNIZED WITH QUEEN'S COUNSEL APPOINTMENT**

### **Pacific Region NJC Chair**

### **Gregory James Fitch among the 31 Appointed**

Ministry of Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism

December 16, 2005

VICTORIA – Attorney General Wally Oppal today announced that 31 British Columbia lawyers have been appointed Queen's Counsel.

The Queen's Counsel designation is an honour conferred on members of the legal profession to recognize exceptional merit and contribution. Appointments require that nominees demonstrate professional integrity and good character, and be a member of the British Columbia bar for at least five years.

Each September, the Attorney General calls for Queen's Counsel nominations from the public. The deadline for submissions this year was Nov. 1. All applications were reviewed by an advisory committee, which recommended deserving candidates to the Attorney General. The appointments were made by cabinet.

The advisory committee includes the chief justice of British Columbia, the chief justice of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, the chief judge of the Provincial Court, the president of the Law Society of British Columbia, a member of the Law Society appointed by the benchers (directors), and the deputy attorney general. The committee also seeks the views of the Canadian Bar Association (B.C. Branch).

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**Gregory James Fitch** is director of Criminal Appeals and Special Prosecutions for the Criminal Justice Branch of the Ministry of Attorney General in Vancouver. He is a member of the faculty of the Federation of Law Societies, National Criminal Law Program.

**Greg,**

**From the Pacific Region National Joint Committee past and present membership please accept our sincere congratulations!**

**Deputy Chief Constable Doug LePard  
Vancouver Police Department &  
Pacific Region NJC Vice Chair**