
Three New Judges Appointed To The Toronto Region

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The province has appointed three new judges to the Ontario Court of Justice in the Toronto Region. In total, five judicial appointments have been made across Ontario and will be effective December 2, 2009.

Madam Justice Leslie Chapin was called to the Bar in 1989. She practised civil litigation and family law at Enfield, Hemmerick, Adair and Wood in Toronto, before joining the Ministry of the Attorney General as an assistant Crown attorney in 1990. Most recently, she was deputy director of Crown operations in the Toronto region, providing legal and strategic advice to Crown attorneys in four offices. She was counsel to the regional director of Crown operations and acting director of the Special Investigations Unit. Madam Justice Chapin was also a member of the Ontario Crown Attorneys' Association and a board member of the East End Children's Centre. She has lectured at Osgoode Hall to the community and police about criminal law matters. Chief Justice Annemarie E. Bonkalo has assigned Madam Justice Chapin to preside in Toronto.

Justice Neil Kozloff was called to the Bar in 1979. He was an assistant Crown attorney and has prosecuted criminal charges in North York, Toronto, York Region, Durham and Peel. Since 1988, he was a sole practitioner appearing in all levels of court and tribunals, representing clients in a variety of criminal and quasi-criminal cases. Since 2005, he has led a team of lawyers representing the Ontario Provincial Police at the Cornwall Public Inquiry. He was a member of the Criminal Lawyers' Association and the Ontario Crown Attorneys' Association. Justice Kozloff has also served on the North York Mayor's Committee on Youth Violence and participated in several fund-raising activities for Gilda's Club of Greater Toronto. Chief Justice Annemarie E. Bonkalo has assigned Justice Kozloff to preside in Toronto.

Madam Justice Diane Oleskiw was called to the Bar in 1989 in Ontario and in 2004 in the Yukon. From 1989 to 1991 she practised with Borden & Elliot in the areas of constitutional, administrative and criminal litigation. In April 1991, she joined the Ministry of the Attorney General as a Crown counsel in the Crown Law Office-Criminal and regularly appeared before the Court of Appeal. Since December 1993, she was a sole practitioner in criminal law. She has given many presentations and participated in workshops on various legal topics at children's centres, women's centres, rape crisis centres and new immigration programs. Madam Justice Oleskiw has been a member of the Criminal Lawyers' Association and the Advocates' Society. Chief Justice Annemarie E. Bonkalo has assigned Madam Justice Oleskiw to preside in Toronto.

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