



THE PROVINCIAL COURT
OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Effective date: *16 December 2020*

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NOTICE TO THE PROFESSION AND PUBLIC

FORM OF ADDRESS FOR PARTIES AND LAWYERS

Purpose

To clarify how parties and/or lawyers can advise the Court, other parties, and lawyers of their pronouns and form of address.

Notice

At the beginning of any in-person or virtual proceeding when parties are introducing themselves, or lawyers are introducing themselves, their client, witness or another individual, they should provide the judge or justice with each person's name, title (e.g. "Mr./Ms./Mx./Counsel Jones") and pronouns to be used in the proceeding. If a party or counsel do not provide this information in their introduction, they will be prompted by a court clerk to provide this information. For proceedings without court clerks they may be prompted by the judge or justice to provide this information.

History of Notice to the Profession and Public

- Original Notice to the Profession and Public dated December 16, 2020.

Melissa Gillespie
Chief Judge
Provincial Court of British Columbia