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Judges Appointed To The Ontario Court Off Warte Cearch

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The province has appointed three new judges to the Ontario Court of Justice, effective December 28, 2011.

Justice Robert Gee was called to the Bar in 1992 and joined the law firm Jones, Rogers as an associate. In February 1995 he became an associate with Child, Chaimovitz, a criminal law practice in Hamilton. In 1996, he became a sole practitioner in family and criminal law and has practiced exclusively in criminal law since 1998. He has appeared on many bail hearings, criminal trials and summary conviction appeals. He has been a member of the Board of Directors for the Hamilton branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association and the John Howard Society of Hamilton-Burlington. Justice Gee has also been director of the Hamilton Lawyers Club and a member of the Hamilton Legal Aid Area Committee. He has also volunteered as an assistant coach for hockey and soccer organizations in Brantford. Chief Justice Annemarie E. Bonkalo has assigned Justice Gee to preside in Brantford.

Justice Jeanine Elisabeth LeRoy was called to the Bar in 1993 and has 18 years experience as a criminal defence lawyer. She practised criminal law at several firms in London until 2003 when she became a sole practitioner. She has been a lecturer and presenter for numerous organizations including the Ontario Police College, the London Police Service, the Criminal Lawyers Association and the Ontario Conference of Judges. She has been president of the Criminal Lawyers Association in London, and a member of the Muslim Educator Advisory Council and the Justices of the Peace Appointments Advisory Committee. Justice LeRoy co-founded One Good Turn: A Giving Circle, a non-profit organization that raises funds for youth in the London area and has been a mentor for the Criminal Law Intensive Program, University of Western Ontario Law School. Chief Justice Annemarie E. Bonkalo has assigned Justice LeRoy to preside in London.

Attorney in Welland and, since 2000, he has prosecuted in the Barrie courts. He has prosecuted charges at all levels of trial court and has been involved in complex homicide cases. He has been involved in the Simcoe County High School Mock Trial competition, sat on the board of directors for the Unity Christian High School in Barrie and is on the board of governors of Redeemer University College in Ancaster. Chief Justice Annemarie E. Bonkalo has assigned Justice Meijers to preside in Barrie.

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BARRIE, Ontario - Crown Attorney Enno Meijers who prosecuted criminal cases since he was called to the Bar in 1990, will now weigh evidence in the cases assigned to him as Justice of the Ontario Court of Justice.

Meijers served as Assistant Crown Attorney, from 1990 to 1999, in Welland, and since 2000 in Barrie, north of Toronto, where he resides. The only son of a Dutch immigrant family of six, Enno Meijers notably served on the boards of two Christian education institutions when he received his appointment.

In a statement released through Redeemer University College of which he was Chair of the Board of Governors, he noted that he had been "actively involved in multiple boards, particularly Christian school boards, for 20 years and I am having some difficulty giving up that aspect of my life for the foreseeable future. However, I view this appointment as an honour and a calling, and am excited by the many opportunities for service it will afford."

Gain and loss

Redeemer sees this appointment as "a significant honour and accomplishment for Mr. Meijers. Unfortunately, however, the Court's gain is also Redeemer's loss. Because of his appointment, Meijers must resign from all governance boards on which he serves, including those of Redeemer and Unity Christian High School in Barrie. The resignation is effective immediately."

Redeemer President Dr. Hubert Krygsman calls the appointment bittersweet and finds that the appointment speaks well of Redeemer and of the quality of candidates that serve on Redeemer's Board. He said that Meijers brought to his work for Redeemer a strong passion for Christian education, wise and judicious leadership, and a gentle, inclusive, and gracious tone to our

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deliberations. "Clearly, the Attorney General has seen some of those gifts in Enno. We will miss his service to Redeemer," said Krygsman, whose college had well over 900 fulltime equivalent students in 2010.

Both parents of Justice Meijers, Wolfheze-born Enno Meijers and his wife Lenie, already have passed away in 2011 and 2010.

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