



COURT OF APPEAL OF ALBERTA

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The Court of Appeal of Alberta will move into new Calgary quarters in January 2003.

The new premises, which will open on January 6, are in the TransCanada PipeLines Tower, #2600 - 450 1st St. S.W., Calgary T2P 5H1. Telephone: 297-2206. The Court will sit for the first time in the new space on January 13.

The new space contains two courtrooms, a multi-purpose Chambers/judicial dispute resolution room, gowning and meeting rooms for lawyers, interview rooms and offices for the Court of Appeal judges and staff. All civil appeals, Chambers matters and judicial dispute resolution matters will be heard at the new premises. Criminal appeals will continue to be heard in the Court of Queen's Bench courthouse because the new quarters do not have prisoner-handling facilities.

"The Court is pleased to have a new Calgary base in which to work," said the Honourable Catherine Fraser, Chief Justice of Alberta. "We have been working closely with Alberta Justice and Alberta Infrastructure on this project and have been pleased with the spirit of co-operation. We are very satisfied with the outcome."

Court of Appeal judges are appointed by the federal government and it is the provincial government's responsibility to provide space and support.

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