

NOTICE TO THE PROFESSION
Point of Entry Screening
Supreme Court of Newfoundland and Labrador
General Division, St. John's

Members of the Law Society of Newfoundland & Labrador are advised that, effective on July 4, 2017 or shortly thereafter, the recently installed Point of Entry (POE) and baggage x-ray screening machines and processes will be put into operation at Supreme Court General Division, St. John's, at the Duckworth Street entrance.

As with the POE Screening procedures that are in place for the other Courts in St. John's, all persons entering the Courthouse who are not authorized to by-pass the security screening procedures will be required to undergo the POE Screening processes.

All members of the Bar that currently possess card access to the Supreme Court will continue to have access during regular court hours, however, Lawyers will now be required to enter the Courthouse via the Duckworth Street entrance. Lawyers will no longer be permitted to enter the Courthouse through the Water Street Entrance. Their access card will be automatically programmed by the Sheriff's Office to enable them access through the card access gate located in the lobby at the Duckworth Street Entrance.

Lawyers will not be required to personally undergo the POE screening nor the baggage x-ray procedures and can bypass the security screening area via the card access gate with their approved access card.

Lawyers are advised that they should contact the Law Society for an access card. The Office of the High Sheriff does not provide cards. In addition; new applicants must submit a Request for Access form duly filled out and submitted to the Sheriff's Office. The form can also be submitted via e-mail, if requested.

If you have any questions about these changes, please contact Superintendent Derek Peddle at 729-1024 or the Sheriff's Office at the St. John's Trial Division at 729-2438.