Law Society
Newfoundland & Labrador

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Ian S. Patey

We are delighted to present the first edition of the Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador's e-newsletter. We believe this format will allow us to communicate with you in a more efficient and effective manner.

As you know, the Law Society recently re-branded, with a goal of providing a better understanding of the Law Society's role as a regulator. Our new brand also reinforces our mandate to regulate the practice of law and the legal profession in the public interest. We are proud of the work that went into this brand refresh and we are pleased with the outcome.

I would like to thank my predecessor, Mr. Donald Anthony, for his remarkable leadership this past year. Don took a great deal of pride in his role and managed his term with a high level of commitment, passion and confidence in his decision making, while always maintaining a sense of humour.

I look forward to my term as President and working in this capacity with my fellow Benchers and Law Society staff.

UPDATES & REMINDERS

Mandatory CLE Program - Late Filing Fee

In accordance with Law Society Rule 6.20, a member who fails to file their Annual CLE Report, in compliance with the Mandatory CLE Requirements, on or before the required deadline will be assessed a $500.00 late fee (plus applicable taxes) and shall be referred to the Vice-President who may take further action as described therein.

Please note the deadline for the 2019 CLE Report is 31 December 2019. For information on upcoming seminars, please contact the Director of Legal Education, Christian Hurley at churley@lsnl.ca or his administrative assistant, Andrea Mercer at amercer@lsnl.ca.

Amendments to the *Criminal Code* and Permitted Appearances by Students

As outlined in a broadcast to all members, recent amendments to the *Criminal Code*, as set out in Bill C-75, will prevent law students and articling students from appearing as agents for defendants on most summary conviction offence matters.

The Law Society will keep the membership apprised of any updates received from the provincial government in relation to this matter.

Professional's Assistance Program

The Professional's Assistance Program, a confidential program available to all members, their staff and family, free of charge, is pleased to offer i-Volve - an online, self-paced treatment program for depression and anxiety using cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT). To register, go to https://homeweb.ca/.

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