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NEWSLETTER

SS Daisy Legal History Committee - Second Edition Reprints

The SS Daisy Legal History Committee is pleased to announce 2nd edition reprints of two popular volumes: *The Face of Justice on Newfoundland's Northeast Coast* and *Barrels to Benches: The Foundations of English Law on Newfoundland's West Coast*. Copies are \$20 each, GST included. Further details can be found [here](#).

Recent Judicial Appointment in Nova Scotia Has Local Connection

The Law Society congratulates Justice Rowe on her recent appointment to the bench in Nova Scotia. Prior to moving to Nova Scotia, Justice Rowe worked in Newfoundland and Labrador for a number of years as an associate with White, Ottenheimer and Baker where she worked largely on indigenous residential schools litigation and made considerable contributions to the profession through the Canadian Bar Association and other legal and community organizations.

Please [click here](#) for further details.

UPDATES & REMINDERS

Legislative Proposal from the Federal Department of Justice

The Department of Justice Canada has advised that it has put forward a legislative proposal that would provide a potential solution to address issues surrounding statutory limitations under federal legislation during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The legislative proposal that is being considered would temporarily suspend time limits in relation to civil proceedings before courts and allow the extension by ministerial order of other periods under specified federal legislation so that their expiration does not produce unfair or undesirable effects. If the proposal were to apply to the Divorce Act, it would preserve every spouses ability to obtain the relief that they are seeking and would also avoid the negative consequences of missing a deadline. The proposal would suspend, as of March 13, 2020 and until September 13, 2020, or an earlier date set by the Governor in Council, time limits concerning proceedings before the courts. This would mean that the deadlines in relation to matters such as commencing a proceeding or taking certain steps during a proceeding, such as appealing or varying a court order, would be suspended.

The proposal would also provide some flexibility to courts regarding the application of the suspension and allow the Governor in Council to lift the suspensions in certain circumstances. This would be important for spouses who do not want the suspension of the deadlines to apply to them, such as for example, where the parties require their divorce judgment take effect as soon as possible so that they may remarry.

The proposal may be found on the Department of Justice Canada's website at the following link: <https://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/csjj-sjc/pl/lp-pl/tlopa-ldap/index.html>.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Claire Farid (Claire.Farid@justice.gc.ca).

Electronic Voting – 2020 Election of Benchers

With respect to the 2020 election of Benchers, please note the following:

The deadline to submit your online votes is **Friday, 22 May 2020**. Reminders will be sent directly from ClearPicture.

If you have not received the link from ClearPicture, please ensure to check all mail folders and notify Erin Rowe at ERowe@lsnl.ca if you do not locate it.