

Terms of Reference for the SS Daisy Legal History Committee

These Terms of Reference should be read in conjunction with the Law Society Act, Rules and any Bencher policies relating to Committees.

SS Daisy Legal History Committee – Terms of Reference	
Type	Standing, Bencher
Mandate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The mandate of the SS Daisy Legal History Committee is the preservation of Newfoundland and Labrador’s legal heritage, including the history of law, the courts, the lawyers and the Law Society. The name of the committee is taken from the government boat, the SS Daisy which carried members, judges, sheriffs and clerks to the courts in the smaller communities in pre-1949 Newfoundland.
Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taping and transcribing oral histories of senior members of the Bench and Bar • Preserving the Barristers’ Roll which dates from 1826 • Preserving and/or publishing historical legal documentation; and • Promoting the public’s access to historical legal documentation through publications/education
Composition and Quorum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A minimum of three (3) members of the Law Society, at least one of whom is a Bencher • Committee members shall be appointed by Benchers • Any vacancies may be filled by the Committee • Except for the Chair, members are appointed for a term of three years and are eligible for reappointment for one further term of three years (Rule 2.16) • Members who have served for a total of six years are ineligible to be reappointed to that committee until a period of one year has expired (Rule 2.16) • A member of a committee continues to be a member until they are re-appointed or their replacement is appointed • Benchers may, in their discretion, extend the term of a

	<p>member of a committee where they consider it necessary or desirable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A majority of the members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum
Committee Chair/Vice Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chair(s) of the Committee shall be appointed by Benchers • Chairs should be appointed/reappointed by Benchers on an annual basis
Procedures and Work Product	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The SS Daisy legal history committee's works to date include taping and transcribing oral histories of senior members of the Bench and Bar, preserving the Barristers Roll which dates from 1826, and publishing the last volume of the Newfoundland Law Reports which contains previously unreported decisions of the Supreme Court for the two years immediately before Newfoundland and Labrador's entry into confederation • Additional Publications from time to time • Books published by the Committee to date: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - "Silk Robes & Sou'westers" - "A Flag, An Anthem, A Courthouse" - "Under the Clock: A Legal History of the "Ancient Capital" - "Down North on the Labrador Circuit: The Court of Civil Jurisdiction 1826-1833" - "Poetic Justice: Literary Lawyers and Artistic Advocates" - "Ireland's Eye in Newfoundland and Labrador" - "Barrels to Benchers: The Foundations of English Law on Newfoundland's West Coast" - "The Face of Justice on Newfoundland's Northeast Coast" - "A Ferryland Merchant – Magistrate, The Journal and Cases of Robert Carter, Esq. J.P. 1832-1840, vol. 1" - "A Ferryland Merchant – Magistrate, The Journal and Cases of Robert Carter, Esq. J.P. 1841-1852, vol 2" - "D. W. Prowse's Manual for Magistrates in

	<p>Newfoundland, 1877”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “Discourse & Discovery: Sir Richard Whitbourne Quatercentennial Symposium, 1616-2015 and Beyond” - “The Journals of George Simms, J.P. and the Records of the Labrador Court, 1826-1833” - “Edward M. Archibald’s Digest of the Laws of Newfoundland (1847)” - “The Southern Circuit Court at Ferryland: 1826-1872” - “Essays on the Legal History of Newfoundland and Labrador Before Confederation” - “A Summary of the Laws of Commerce and Navigation” - “Decisions of the Supreme Court of Newfoundland: Three Chief Justices, vol. 1” - “Decisions of the Supreme Court of Newfoundland: Three Chief Justices, vol 2” - “A Ferryland Merchant – Magistrate, The Journal and Cases of Robert Carter, Esq. J.P., vol. 3”
Reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report as needed but not less than once per year
Staff Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leah Griffiths, Library Technician • At the discretion of the Executive Director