



News & Updates

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New Communications Platform

The Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador is pleased to introduce a new platform to better support our ongoing efforts to provide members with necessary and helpful information in an efficient and professional way. Your cooperation and adaptability during this transition are greatly appreciated.

Should you have feedback regarding this new platform, please contact our Communications Specialist, Amelia White, at awhite@lsnl.ca.



Rule Amendments

Law Society Rule 5.07(2) – New Trust Accounts

Benchers have approved amendments to [Rule 5.07\(2\)](#) to change the process members are required to follow when opening a new trust account. Members will no longer be required to engage the services of a CPA to complete [Form 5.07C](#). Only the members will be required to attest to satisfying the trust account requirements on Form 5.07C.

The change in process will include a complimentary introductory check-in by the Trust Compliance Auditor within the first 6 months of operating the new trust account. If you have any questions related to Rule 5.07(2), please contact the Law Society's Trust Compliance Auditor, Nicole Miller at nmiller@lsnl.ca.

Law Society Rule 6.07 – Enhanced Criteria for Proposed Principals

Benchers have approved amendments to [Rule 6.07](#) to include a catch-all provision enabling the Education Committee to prevent a member from serving as a principal if there is any reason that may impair or bring into question their ability or fitness to act as a principal. If you have any questions related to Rule 6.07, please contact the Law Society's Director of Admissions and Education, Christian Hurley at churley@lsnl.ca.

Law Society Rule 6.17(5)(B) - Recognizing Preparation Time for Teaching Activities

Benchers have approved amendments to [Rule 6.17\(5\)\(B\)](#) to allow members to claim credit for preparation time associated with teaching activities. Members are permitted to claim a reasonable amount of preparation time, up to twice the time spent teaching, under the Teaching category. If you have any questions related to Rule 6.17(5)(B), please contact the Law Society's Director of Admissions and Education, Christian Hurley at churley@lsnl.ca.

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DEADLINE



2024 Award Submissions

The Honours and Awards Committee is seeking submissions for the following:

1. Degree of Doctor of Laws
2. Gordon M. Stirling Distinguished Service Award
3. Jean Bruneau, OC, Certificate of Merit
4. The Kenneth W. Jerrett Award
5. Early Career Achievement Award
6. Early Career Pro Bono Award

Descriptions and requirements for each of these Honours can be found [[here](#)].

Please forward the names of any nominees, and any other required documentation, on or before 1 March 2024, to the Chair of the Honours and Awards Committee, Linda Harnett at lindadianeharnett@gmail.com.

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RESOURCES

Our [practice resources](#) offer valuable insights for lawyers navigating the complexities of law practice management. Designed to demystify the mandates of the *Law Society Act, 1999*, Law Society Rules, and Code of Professional Conduct, they serve as supportive tools. While not exhaustive, they provide valuable insights.

Please remember that every practice management question should be considered within your unique context, and professional judgment is very important.

Reading Suggestions for Practice Management

RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LAW SOCIETY

CLIENT IDENTIFICATION AND VERIFICATION

Disciplinary Matters

Through the disciplinary process, the Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador reviews and assesses the professional conduct of its members. These assessments are made based on ethical standards outlined in the *Law Society Act, 1999*, along with the [Law Society Rules](#) and the [Code of Professional Conduct](#).

DISCIPLINARY DECISIONS

HEARINGS

COUNSELS & CAUTIONS



Expressions of Interest

The Commissioners of the Inquiry Respecting The Treatment, Experiences and Outcomes of Innu in the Child Protection System invite Expressions of Interest from Members of the Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador for the position of Co-Counsel.

The Co-Counsel will be required to support the Commissioners in their pursuit and discharge of section 4(1) of their mandate, as set out in the Inquiry's Terms of Reference, which are available [here](#).

Expressions of Interest must be submitted to Brian Harvey at brianharvey@inniuna.ca no later than 5:00 pm on Friday, 1 March 2024.



The Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador website has an events section with updated CPD opportunities, events, conferences, and more.

Law Society Events

- Evidence Law Refresher: 5-Part CPD Seminar Series ([recordings are available](#) for the completed portions of this series):
 1. Back to Basics: Purposes, Sources & Fundamental Concepts of Canadian Evidence Law - *November 30*
 2. Shortcuts to Proof: How to Avoid Leading Evidence (or Lead Less of It) - *January 18*
 3. Opinion Evidence: Admissibility, Pitfalls - *February 20*
 4. Famous and Frustrating: The Law of Hearsay - *March 19*
 5. Documents, Electronic Documents, and Affidavits - *April 16*

Third-Party Events

- The Insight Approach to Family Dispute Resolution by the Family Dispute Resolution Institute Atlantic - *February 23*
- Atlantic Immigrant Career Loan Fund Online Information Session - by the Immigrant Services Association of Nova Scotia - *February 26*
- Marble Mountain Litigation in a Day Event by the Canadian Bar Association of Newfoundland and Labrador - *February 29*
- Safeguard Your Success by Lawyer's Financial - *March 6*
- Sleep and Your Mental Health: Tools for a Healthy Life by the Law Society of Ontario - *March 7*

- Justice Camp for Youth Gala by the Fédération des francophones de Terre-Neuve et du Labrador - *March 25*
- Indigenous Law Issues 2024 by the Law Society of Ontario - *April 3*
- Fertility Law: Current and Emerging Issues by Osgoode Hall Law School - *April 9*
- Emerging Issues in Elder Law by Osgoode Hall Law School - *May 9*

[VIEW ALL EVENTS](#)

Did you know that the Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador website has a News section with updated information on job opportunities, professional development, notices, and more? Visit our website today to check out some of the great online resources available.



Current Opportunities

- Law Clerk - TD Insurance
- Legal Assistant - TD Insurance
- Crown Prosecutor - Alberta Crown Prosecution Services Division
- Lawyer - Legal Services Division of the Department of Justice (Nova Scotia)
- Crown Attorney - Manitoba Prosecution Service

[VIEW ALL OPPORTUNITIES](#)

Search for a Will

Members are reminded that they may only disclose the contents of a will where authorized to do so. By sending this search for a will, the Law Society is not in any way authorizing disclosure to the individual initiating the request. Members must assess whether that individual is entitled to review or know the contents of the will.

[Oisin Peter McMahon](#)

Born July 15, 1967; died February 11, 2024.

Last place of residence was St. John's.

[Edward Franklin Crane](#)

Born 1936; died July 21, 2011.

Last place of residence was Shea Heights.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Clarissa McMahon at (709) 771-2871 or clarissamcmahon@outlook.com.

David Crompton

Born July 25, 1934; died January 30, 2024.

Last place of residence was Irish Town.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Assanta Joyce at (709) 639-3745.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Paula Whalen at (709) 749-9005, or paula.whalen@yahoo.ca.

Anne Bridget Abbott

Born February 9, 1937; died November 10, 2014.

Last place of residence was St. John's.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Donna Abbott-Ouellette at (613) 955-0854.

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This is a mandatory communication.