



News & Updates

April 17, 2024

Bencher Opportunity in the Western District

As no Nomination Papers for the one Bencher vacancy in the Western District were submitted, the Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador is seeking **expressions of interest** from members interested in filling a Bencher vacancy in the Western District.

Any interested member in good standing, who is practicing and residing in the Western District, should submit their name and a brief outline of their qualifications by 30 April 2024. Subject to eligibility, Benchers will appoint one of these individuals to fill the vacancy until June 2025, at which time the person appointed can stand for election for a four-year term.

When considering whether to send an expression of interest, please consider whether you have some, if not all, of the skills and attributes identified in the [Skills Matrix](#). We also ask that you reflect upon the following key traits that contribute to effective decision-making:

- The ability to think strategically and analytically and to effectively communicate thoughts and the reasons for them;
- Possession of earned respect of key stakeholder group members, including, but not limited to, the public and the members;
- The ability to work well with others as a member of a collaborative group with group decision-making authority and an understanding of the duty to act with due care, diligence, and skill, honestly, in good faith, and in the best interests of the Law Society;
- Demonstrated understanding of the differences between “oversight” and “supervision”;
- Earned reputation for emotional maturity, personal integrity, and honesty; and
- A demonstrated familiarity with the body of knowledge related to both the Law Society’s mandate, governing legislation, policies, and procedures.

Any interested member in the Western District is asked to send their expression of interest to Erin Rowe at erowe@lsnl.ca by Tuesday, 30 April 2024.

We are organizing orientation sessions for summer students and new members at the Law Library. Whether you prefer an in-person tour or a virtual session via Zoom, both options are available. For those attending in-person sessions, please note that the tour covers both floors of the Law Library, with an elevator available for anyone requiring accommodation.

To schedule your orientation, kindly provide the following details to Jenny Thornhill, Law Librarian, at jthornhill@lsnl.ca:

- Preferred Date and Time Slot
- Firm Name
- Name of Each Student/New Member (Include email and year at law school/Call to Bar)
- Total Number of Attendees

Available Group Session Dates

- May 21 - May 23
- May 27
- May 30 - May 31
- June 4 - June 6
- June 10 - June 11
- June 13 - June 14

Session Timings

- 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
- 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
- 3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

If none of these times suit your schedule, please reach out to [Jenny Thornhill](#) to explore alternative arrangements. Virtual tours are available upon request for those unable to attend in person. Students attending the Bar Course this summer will receive library orientation as part of that program.



SS Daisy Legal History Committee

The Law Society has numerous books available for purchase from the *SS Daisy* Legal History Committee, highlighting the legal history of Newfoundland and Labrador.

To view our online catalogue for a complete list of *Daisy* publications, please [\[click here\]](#).

Books can be purchased in person at the Law Society or ordered online.

Please contact Leah Griffiths, Library Technician, at (709) 722-7770 or lgriffiths@lsnl.ca if you have any questions.



Our [practice resources](#) offer valuable insights regarding the complexities of law practice management. Created to help lawyers navigate the requirements and obligations outlined in 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](#)

ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING

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](#).

Please note that **a new [caution](#) has been issued by the Law Society**. You can view the list of counsels and cautions at the link below.

DISCIPLINARY DECISIONS

HEARINGS

COUNSELS & CAUTIONS



Not So Risky Business Blog by CLIA

The [Not So Risky Business Blog](#) by the [Canadian Lawyers Insurance Association](#) (CLIA) aims to assist legal professionals in practice management, error avoidance, and gaining a deeper insight into insurance coverage requirements. Every Wednesday, CLIA's blog will cover informative topics such as loss prevention tips, fraud alerts, cyber awareness, wellness, and more.

You can also [subscribe to receive notifications of new posts directly to your inbox](#).

Recent Articles

- [Do You Need Excess Insurance?](#)
- [The 7 C's of Effective Communication](#)



National Association of Community and Restorative Justice National Conference

The NACRJ National Conference on Community and Restorative Justice will take place this summer from July 29 to August 1. This year's conference theme is "Re-Envisioning Our Legacies: A Defining Moment," inviting each of us to reflect on our personal and collective legacies: which legacies from our ancestors influence our work, which harmful legacies are we dedicated to overturning, and which legacies do we aspire to pass on to the next seven generations? Join NACRJ with local presenters Alyssa Brennan and Sarah McDonald Moores in answering these questions and creating impactful connections, enabling the exchange of ideas and knowledge, and providing

experiences that inspire tangible change.

To learn more or register for this conference, please [click here](#).



Canadian Human Rights Tribunal's 2023 Annual Report

The Canadian Human Rights Tribunal's 2023 Annual Report is now available for review. This report provides a comprehensive overview of the Tribunal's activities over the past year, offering detailed insights into its caseload, notable decisions, and forthcoming focus areas.

The Tribunal values input as it strives to fulfill its mandate of safeguarding human rights and advancing equality. Comments and feedback are welcome. For more information please [click here](#).



Submit a Nomination for Canada's Volunteer Awards

The nomination period for Canada's Volunteer Awards is now open until 12 June 2024. This is a chance to shine a spotlight on remarkable individuals, not-for-profit organizations, social enterprises, or socially responsible businesses making a positive impact in their communities through volunteering.

Award recipients not only receive recognition but also have the chance to pay it forward by selecting a not-for-profit to receive a grant and engaging in a roundtable discussion with fellow recipients.

For more information on how to nominate someone who selflessly gives back, [click here](#).



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

Upcoming Events

- Lawyers Trivia Night by the Canadian Bar Association - *April 18*
- Justice Malcolm Rowe: "What Trial Lawyers Need to Know About Appeals" by the Runnymede Society - *April 18*
- AI and Ethics in Access to Justice by the Commonwealth Lawyers Association - *April 18*
- Atlantic Immigrant Career Loan Fund Online Information Session by the Immigrant Services Association of Nova Scotia - *April 22*
- William Keen and the Trial of Murder and Other Felony Offences in Newfoundland by the Family History Society of Newfoundland and Labrador - *April 23*
- Privacy Investigations by the International Association of Privacy Professionals - *April 25*
- Emerging Issues in Elder Law by Osgoode Hall Law School - *May 9*
- Understanding Organizational Risks and Having Adequate Cyber Insurance in Place by the International Association of Privacy Professionals - *May 9*
- Advanced Securities 2024: Combo by the Continuing Legal Education Society of British Columbia - *May 9*
- Diversity Trial Advocacy Program (Toronto) by the American College of Trial Lawyers - *May 10*
- Current Issues in Social Media and Copyright Law 2024 by the Continuing Legal Education Society of British Columbia - *June 17*
- Screening - Best Practices for Identifying and Managing Power Imbalances and Family Violence by MDW Mediation - *June 19*
- 2024 National Criminal Law Program by the Federation of Law Societies of Canada - *July 8*
- National Family Law Program by the Federation of Law Societies of Canada - *July 22*
- Family Mediation - Theory, Skills, and Practice by MDW Mediation - *September 19*

[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

- Executive Director - Law Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador (Parental Leave Replacement Position)
- Director of Practice - College of Applied Biologists (BC)
- Crown Attorney - Manitoba Prosecution Service
- Crown Prosecutor - Government of Alberta
- Legal Counsel - Nunatsiavut Government
- Lawyer - Goodland Buckingham Barristers & Solicitors
- Junior Lawyer - Forest Road Law Group
- Legal Assistant/Receptionist - Park Avenue Law Group
- Board Member - National Arts Centre
- Construction Adjudicators - Government of Canada
- Legal Appointments Board Member - Department of Justice and Public Safety

[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.

David Hubert Crane

Born May 26, 1945; died October 13, 2021.

Last place of residence was St. John's.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Mark Crane at (709) 749-4088.

Dianne Selena Crane

Born 1948; died January 27, 2004.

Last place of residence was St. John's.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Mark Crane at (709) 749-4088.

Effie (Best) Reid

Born July 18, 1912; died March 29, 2011.

Last place of residence was St. John's.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Mark Crane at (709) 749-4088.

Elizabeth Philpott

Born July 28, 1936; died April 1, 2024.

Last place of residence was St. John's.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Carmel Hart at (709) 754-0389.

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This is a mandatory communication.