



## News & Updates

April 24, 2024



### Rule Amendments

#### Discipline Rules Amendments - Administrative Suspensions

The Law Society is seeing an increase in the number of discipline files where members have not cooperated with investigations of the Vice-President or Complaints Authorization Committee. As such, Benchers have approved amendments to the Discipline Rules to allow for administrative suspensions, in these circumstances.

To view the Discipline Rules, please [click here](#). The approved amendments are noted at Rules 9.04(5.1) and 9.06(3.1).

If you have any questions related to these amendments, please contact Lori Chafe, Director of Professional Responsibility, at [lchafe@lsnl.ca](mailto:lchafe@lsnl.ca).

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### 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](mailto:erowe@lsnl.ca) by Tuesday, 30 April 2024.**

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### Annual Dinner and Cocktail Reception

The Law Society's Annual Dinner and Cocktail Reception will be held on the evening of Friday, 7 June 2024 at the Emera Innovation Exchange.

Cost: \$100.00 per person (\$86.95 + \$13.05 HST)

Cash Bar: 6:30 p.m.

Dinner: 7:00 p.m.

Dress: Business Suit, Semi-Formal

For more information or to RSVP, please [click here](#).



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](#)

MANAGING MONEY

## 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



**Presenter  
Wanted**

### Francophone Presentation Opportunity

The [Francophone Justice Network](#) is looking for a lawyer to prepare a bilingual webinar on the subject of financial health in abusive, violent, or conflictual relationships. The successful candidate will develop and present the presentations in French using the materials provided. The webinar will be 20 minutes in duration with 20 minutes for questions at the end.

#### What You Get

- An opportunity to gain rewarding experience in the Francophone legal

community

- \$1,800 compensation (taxes included)

For more information or to apply for the opportunity, taking place on 16 May 2024, please [click here](#).



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

### Upcoming Events

- 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

- Youth Justice Camp Coordinator - Public Legal Information Association of NL
- Crown Prosecutor - Ministry of Justice (SK)
- Executive Director - Law Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador (Parental Leave Replacement Position)
- Crown Attorney - Manitoba Prosecution Service
- Crown Prosecutor - Government of Alberta
- Lawyer - Goodland Buckingham Barristers & Solicitors
- Junior Lawyer - Forest Road Law Group

[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.

[Cavell Sybil Normore \(Bennett\)](#)

Born July 18, 1938; died September 24, 2023.

Last place of residence was St. John's.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Geraldine Normore at (709) 682-2601.

[Bernard Albert Masters](#)

Born March 22, 1953; died April 15, 2024.

[Douglas Hughes](#)

Born September 22, 1947; died October 2, 2021.

Last place of residence was St. John's.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Darren Hughes at (709) 215-2974.

[Sharon Marie Moyst](#)

Born October 7, 1953; died April 8, 2024.

Last place of residence was Placentia Bay.

Last place of residence was St. John's.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Ron Masters at (782) 641-4417.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Don Moyst at (709) 631-2836.

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## VISIT US



This is a mandatory communication.