



News & Updates

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Survey to Members on Court Technology

The Access to Justice Committee encourages you to participate in a survey as part of our ongoing commitment to refining court operations and advancing access to justice in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Your insights are important as we advocate for heightened integration of technology within court proceedings. This survey will take approximately 6 minutes to complete and will help contribute to our understanding of how technology can optimize court processes.

Your responses will remain confidential and are invaluable in our pursuit of a more efficient and accessible justice system. **The deadline to complete this survey is Thursday, 4 April 2024.**

Thank you for your invaluable participation.

[COMPLETE THE SURVEY](#)

Meeting



Please note that the next Benchers' meeting will take place on **Monday, 15 April 2024**. Anyone wishing to attend a Benchers' meeting:

1. is required to provide notice of attendance to the Law Society by emailing erowe@lsnl.ca;
2. will not be permitted to use audio or video recording devices or communication devices during the meeting;
3. shall not speak, unless invited to do so by the President;
4. must observe and obey all rulings of the President; and
5. shall leave if the meeting is declared closed to the public or if asked to do so by the President.

At this time, attendance shall be via Zoom. An invite will be provided upon receipt of an attendance notice. Agendas will be posted on the [Law Society website](#) in advance of each meeting and the Minutes for the Public portion of each meeting will also be posted on the website. Please note that members are invited to attend the Public portion of the Benchers' meeting, however, the In-Camera portion of the meeting is closed to the public.

Should you wish to attend the Public portion of the Benchers' meeting on 15 April 2024, **please email erowe@lsnl.ca no later than 12:00 pm, Wednesday, 10 April 2024.**



Nominations

The Law Society is seeking nominations for vacancies created by the expiry of terms as follows:

Eastern District – three (3)

- Scott Worsfold
- Suzanne Orsborn
- Michael Ladha, KC*

Western District – one (1)

- Brenda Duffy, KC*

* Michael Ladha, KC, and Brenda Duffy, KC are eligible to seek election.

In accordance with s. 11 of the *Law Society Act, 1999*, interested members of the Law Society who are in good standing, practising, and are a resident in either the Eastern or Central District, should file completed nomination papers in [Form 4.01A](#) with the Executive Director at the Law Society offices no later than 5:00 pm, Monday, 8 April 2024.

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



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](#)

ETHICS

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



CLIA's Voluntary Excess Program Renewal Opens Early

The [Canadian Lawyers Insurance Association](#) has announced an early start to the [Voluntary Excess Program \(VEP\)](#) renewal period, commencing 1 May 2024. Existing customers benefit from an extended renewal window until 30 June 2024. New applicants are welcome until 31 July 2024, with prorated applications post-deadline (excluding Cyber coverage).

For more information, contact CLIA at service@clia.ca.

Other CLIA Resources

Stay informed on the latest insights on risk management. Check out the new post on CLIA's Not So Risky Business Blog: "[To Take a File or Not Take a File.](#)"



New Website Launch by the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal

The Canadian Human Rights Tribunal has unveiled its overhauled website, aimed at improving user experience. Highlights of the update include:

- A redesigned interface for smoother navigation.
- A simplified guide to proceedings, promoting accessibility.

You are invited to explore the [new website](#) and share your feedback by contacting Martin Pelchat at martin.pelchat@tribunal.gc.ca.



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

- Atlantic Immigrant Career Loan Fund Online Information Session by the Immigrant Services Association of Nova Scotia - *April 8*
- Fertility Law: Current and Emerging Issues by Osgoode Hall Law School - *April 9*
- 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*
- Privacy Investigations by the International Association of Privacy Professionals - *April 25*
- Emerging Issues in Elder Law by Osgoode Hall Law School - *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*
- 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

- Legal Assistant/Receptionist - Park Avenue Law Group
- Crown Attorney - Nova Scotia Public Prosecution Service (Truro)
- Crown Attorney - Nova Scotia Public Prosecution Service (Pictou)
- Board Member - National Arts Centre
- Construction Adjudicators - Government of Canada
- Legal Appointments Board Member - Department of Justice and Public Safety
- Crown Prosecutor - Alberta Crown Prosecution Services Division
- Crown Prosecutor - Saskatchewan Public Prosecution Service

[VIEW ALL OPPORTUNITIES](#)

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This is a mandatory communication.