



# LAW SOCIETY

## Newfoundland & Labrador

## News & Updates

February 16, 2024

### 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](mailto:awhite@lsnl.ca).



### Digital Government and Service NL Policy for Affidavit of Value Requirements

The Department of Digital Government and Service NL has issued a Policy relating to when an Affidavit of Value is required and what may be considered circumstances where the registrar would consider it advisable.

For more information, the policy can be found [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.

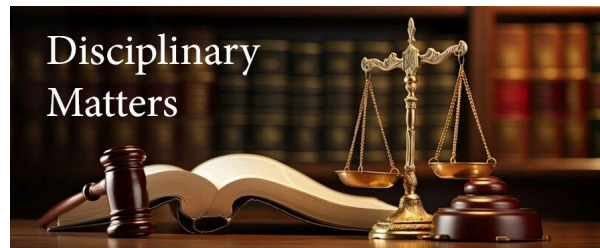
Please remember that every practice management question should be considered within your unique context, and professional judgment is very important.

### Reading Suggestions for Practice Management

COMMUNICATION

ETHICS

MANAGING MONEY



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

### 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](mailto:lindadianeharnett@gmail.com).

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### Notice to the Profession and General Public - Upcoming Rule Amendments

The Rules Committee of the Supreme Court has recently approved amendments to the *Rules of the Supreme Court, 1986*. These amendments were published in the Newfoundland and Labrador Gazette on January 26, 2024, and will come into force on February 26, 2024.

[Read the full notice here.](#)

## *Important* INFORMATION

### Apostille Convention Comes into Effect in Canada

Effective January 11, 2024, Canada adopted the [Hague Apostille Convention](#), facilitating a cost-efficient and efficient process for Canadian individuals and enterprises to have their public documents recognized internationally.

This development simplifies document usage in over 125 countries that are signatories to the convention. For detailed guidance on this transition and the submission process for notarized documents, refer to the [Government of Canada's website](#).

### Litigation in a Day Event by the Canadian Bar Association

CBA-NL invites legal professionals to an exclusive event at Marble Mountain Resort. The deadline to RSVP is February 16<sup>th</sup>. This event will encompass invaluable legal insights, networking opportunities, and more.

For more information or to register for this event [taking place on February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024](#), please [click here](#).



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*
- Call to the Bar - *February 23*

### Third-Party Events

- AI and Ethics in Data Privacy and Cybersecurity by the Commonwealth Lawyers Association - *February 15*
- The Intersection of Privacy and Security by the International Association of Privacy Professionals - *February 21*
- 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*
- 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

- Lawyer - Legal Services Division of the Department of Justice (Nova Scotia)
- Crown Prosecutor - Alberta Crown Prosecution Services Division (ACPS)
- Crown Attorney - Manitoba Prosecution Service
- Board Member - Lifewise
- Legal Counsel - Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities

[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.

### Beverly Lane

Born September 10, 1952; died February 6, 2024.

Last place of residence was Mount Pearl.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Sheri Hays at [sheriupshall@gmail.com](mailto:sheriupshall@gmail.com).

### Dorothy Parsons

Born November 18, 1945; died July 24, 2023.

Last place of residence was Indian Bay.

### Michael Condon

Born December 8, 1953; died February 3, 2024.

Last place of residence was Cape Broyle.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Jason Francis Condon at (709) 330-9749.

### Firmin Joseph McHugh

Born September 20, 1929; died June 29, 2007.

Last place of residence was Corner Brook.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Lisa Parsons at (709) 678-7403.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Eric McHugh at [e.mcq@hotmail.com](mailto:e.mcq@hotmail.com).

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This is a mandatory communication.