



LAW SOCIETY

Newfoundland & Labrador

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.



Benchers' Meeting

Please note that the next Benchers' meeting will take place on Monday, **19 February 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 19 February 2024, **please email erowe@lsnl.ca no later than 12:00 p.m., Wednesday, 14 February 2024.**



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 [\[here\]](#).

Nominees must complete a [Consent and Eligibility Form](#) confirming their agreement to the nomination and also confirming whether, in any province or territory of Canada, they are the subject of an ongoing allegation or complaint; whether they have pleaded guilty before an adjudication tribunal to conduct deserving of sanction or were found guilty by an adjudication tribunal of conduct deserving of sanction; and/or whether they were found guilty of, or are subject to, previous or ongoing litigation matters.

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.



New Practice Direction on Recording Hearings, the Use of Court Reporters and Transcripts - Canadian Human Rights Tribunal

The Canadian Human Rights Tribunal posted on its website a new practice direction on recording hearings, the use of court reporters and transcripts. This practice direction is part of the Tribunal's ongoing efforts to create clarity and consistency in its approach and to provide guidance to the parties and the public in preparing for Tribunal proceedings.

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Public Advisory: Changes to Commissioner for Oaths Application Process

Starting 1 February 2024, the Provincial Government is revising the application process for Commissioner for Oaths in Newfoundland and Labrador. New applicants must now obtain a certificate of conduct from the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, or Commissionaires.

Individuals aged 19 or older, Canadian citizens or permanent residents, can apply for the position, with appointments made by the Minister of Justice and Public Safety under the *Commissioners for Oaths Act*.



Deer Park - Vineland Road

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Local Service District of Deer Park/Vineland Road: Property Fees

The Local Service District of Deer Park/Vineland Road (LSD) is recognized and empowered by the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to charge fees and act to collect fees where necessary. The LSD committee is responsible for maintaining the road without any government agency providing any financial support or equipment services. Therefore, once a property has been sold it is important for solicitors to contact the LSD to verify if there are outstanding fees for that property. The list of these areas includes:

Deer Park Road	Beaver Pond Road	Country Lane	Pioneer Line
Murphy's Path	Marshland Trail	Moon Light Lane	Pioneer Place
Dawe's Pond Road	Awesome Alley	Loon Place	Vineland Road
Wesley's Way	Hawco Ridge	Loon Lane	Newfoundland Drive

For more information on the collection of road/fire fees upon the sale of properties in these areas, please contact the LSD via email at deerpark_lsd@outlook.com or dplsd@outlook.com.



Fraudulent Facsimile

We have received a report that fraudulent facsimiles falsely representing Wetzel's Law Office are being circulated on the topic of wills. Please disregard any facsimiles received from Wetzel's Law Office regarding wills.

For more information on how to recognize and report fraud and scams in



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Upcoming Events

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, 2023*
 2. Shortcuts to Proof: How to Avoid Leading Evidence (or Lead Less of It) - *January 18, 2024*
 3. Opinion Evidence: Admissibility, Pitfalls - *February 20, 2024*
 4. Famous and Frustrating: The Law of Hearsay - *March 19, 2024*
 5. Documents, Electronic Documents, and Affidavits - *April 16, 2024*

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*
- Privacy and Cybersecurity Law and Practice by Osgoode Hall Law School - *February 23*

- Small Claims Court Rules and Technology by the Law Society of Ontario - *February 26*
- Marble Mountain Resort Continuing Legal Education Event by the Canadian Bar Association of Newfoundland and Labrador - *February 29*
- 21st National Symposium on Search and Seizure Law in Canada by Osgoode Hall Law School - *March 1*
- 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*
- Diversity Summit NL - Workplace Diversity and Inclusion - *March 21*
- 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*
- Mental Health Summit for Legal Professionals 2024 by the Law Society of Ontario - *May 7*
- Annual Intensive Course on Drafting and Reviewing Search Warrants by Osgoode Hall Law School - *May 8*
- Emerging Issues in Elder Law by Osgoode Hall Law School - *May 9*
- National Roundtable on Administrative Law (2024 Edition) by the Canadian Institute for the Administration of Justice - *June 6*

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notices, and more? Visit our website today to check out some of the great online resources available.

Current Opportunities

- Crown Attorney - Manitoba Prosecution Service
- Solicitor - Royal Newfoundland Constabulary
- Board Member - Lifewise
- Legal Counsel - Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities
- Counsel - TD Insurance

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