



## News & Updates

June 26, 2024

### IMPORTANT REMINDER

#### Cash Transactions and Recordkeeping Requirements and Client Identification and Verification Rules Amendments - Administrative Penalties

**This is a reminder** that the Benchers have approved amendments to Rules 15 and 16, introducing administrative penalties for breaches of Anti-Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing (AMLTF) Rules. Penalties can reach up to \$2,500 for the first instance of non-compliance and up to \$5,000 for subsequent instances. The Law Society continues to see client files where regulatory requirements under the AMLTF Rules are not fully met. These Rules are crucial in our efforts to prevent money laundering and terrorist financing activities within the legal profession, as lawyers' trust accounts may be exploited for criminal activities.

**These amendments will take effect on 30 June 2024.** The amended Rules can be viewed [here](#). Practice resources are available on our [website](#) and the Federation of Law Societies of Canada [website](#). To view the original notice, please click [here](#).

If you have any questions, please contact Brenda B. Grimes, KC, Executive Director, at [bgrimes@lsnl.ca](mailto:bgrimes@lsnl.ca), or Lori S. Chafe, Director of Professional Responsibility, at [lchafe@lsnl.ca](mailto:lchafe@lsnl.ca).



Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador Seeking Trust Compliance Auditor

The Trust Compliance Auditor plans, organizes, leads, and manages the Trust Audit Program for the Law Society of

Newfoundland and Labrador in accordance with the *Law Society Act*, Rules and Code of Professional Conduct.

For more information on this opportunity, including the job description, click [here](#). To apply in confidence, **please provide a resume and cover letter by 5:00 p.m. on 26 June 2024**, to [recruitment@lsnl.ca](mailto:recruitment@lsnl.ca).

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### New Release by *S.S. Daisy* Legal History Committee: Newfoundland's 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> Century Judicature

The *S.S. Daisy* Legal History Committee is pleased to announce the release of their latest work, *Newfoundland's 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> Century Judicature: The Path to 1792 and the Role of the Law Officers of the Crown*. Presented in two volumes, this work delves into the development of legal principles in Newfoundland during the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries, from the Western Charter to the establishment of a Supreme Court of appellate and inherent jurisdiction in 1792. The volumes explore how early Chief Justices interpreted and applied laws to resolve diverse legal matters brought before them. Additionally, they shed light on the crucial contributions of the Law Officers of the Crown in shaping Newfoundland's legal landscape—an aspect of history often overlooked until now. For further details, please click [here](#).



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### Opportunity to Get Involved with the Law Society

Contribute to honoring the rich legal legacy of Newfoundland and Labrador by becoming involved with the *SS Daisy* Legal History Committee. Your participation is vital as we work to preserve the legal history of our province.

We're currently seeking expressions of interest for the following opportunity:

[The Law Society's \*SS Daisy\* Legal History Committee](#)

- Review the Terms of Reference for the *SS Daisy* Legal History Committee [here](#)

To express your interest, **please send your resume or a synopsis of your qualifications** to Erin Rowe at [erowe@lsnl.ca](mailto:erowe@lsnl.ca) **no later than 28 June 2024.**

Join us in celebrating our legal heritage and shaping the future of legal history in Newfoundland and Labrador.

## RESOURCES

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](#)

CLIENT IDENTIFICATION AND VERIFICATION

## 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](#).



## Not So Risky Business Blog by CLIA

The [Canadian Lawyers Insurance Association \(CLIA\) Not So Risky Business Blog](#) 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

- [Last Minute Excess Coverage Info](#)
- [Update: Generative AI Guidance](#)



## Resources for Animal Law

For lawyers and legal professionals keen on animal law, the following resources may prove invaluable:

### [Brooks Animal Law Digest: Canada Edition](#)

- A bi-monthly update on Canadian animal law developments, published by the University of Toronto Faculty of Law in partnership with The Brooks Institute for Animal Rights Law and Policy.

### [Animal Law Research Guide](#)

- An extensive guide launched by the Bora Laskin Law Library at the University of Toronto Faculty of Law,

listing key sources in Canadian animal law, including books, journal articles, legislation, and more.

These resources offer comprehensive insights and updates in the field of animal law, which can be helpful for both new researchers and seasoned scholars. For more information please click [here](#).



### CBA Contact List for Matters Involving Mortgage Discharges

Please find updated contact lists for matters involving mortgage discharges, provided by the Canadian Bankers Association (CBA) noted below:

- [Mortgage Discharge Escalation Contact List - English](#)
- [Mortgage Discharge Escalation Contact List - French](#)

### Temporary Closure of Miller & Hearn

Due to the ongoing Churchill Falls forest fire causing a power outage, [Miller & Hearn](#) has temporarily closed its Labrador City office. The reopening date is currently uncertain, and the firm has limited access to phones and email. Please visit our website for updates as they become available.



The Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador website has an events section with updated CPD opportunities, events, conferences, and more. [Seminar recordings are available here](#).

## Upcoming Events

- Animals and the Law 2024 by the Law Society of Ontario - *July 3*
- Stress Management for Legal Professionals by the Law Society of Ontario - *July 4*
- 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*
- Recovering the Balance: Practical guidance on flexible work, the right to disconnect, and avoiding burnout by Lancaster House - *August 15*
- Can We Be Friends? Navigating workplace interactions in an increasingly conflicted world by Lancaster House - *August 27*
- Legal French for Beginners Series by the Fédération des Francophones de Terre-Neuve et du Labrador - *September 10*
- Introduction to Family Dispute Resolution by the Continuing Legal Education Society of British Columbia - *September 12*
- Family Mediation - Theory, Skills, and Practice by MDW Mediation - *September 19*
- Killer Correspondence by the Toronto Lawyers Association - *October 1*

[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

- In-House Legal Counsel - Intact Insurance
- Crown Counsel - Manitoba Justice
- Articled Clerk - Public Prosecution Service (NS)
- Crown Attorney - Public Prosecution Service (NS)
- Trust Compliance Auditor - Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador
- Crown Prosecutor - Alberta Crown Prosecution Services Division
- Associate Lawyer - Brothers Law
- Crown Attorney - Manitoba Justice
- Crown Prosecutor - Ministry of Justice (SK)

- Crown Prosecutor - Meadow Lake  
Public Prosecutions (SK)

[VIEW ALL OPPORTUNITIES](#)

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This is a mandatory communication.