



News & Updates

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Survey to Members on Court Technology

The Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador's 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](#)



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](#).

Law Library



Law Library - Missing Item

The Law Library is asking members to review their checked-out materials as a book is currently missing. We are looking for the following text:

Principles of Property Law 7th ed.
KF 5402 .J66 2020 RES

This book can be returned via the blue book drop-off at the Law Society building. If you wish to discuss this item, please contact Jenny Thornhill, Law Librarian at (709) 758-0815 or jthornhill@lsnl.ca.

RESOURCES

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](#)

RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LAW SOCIETY

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



International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

Observed annually on March 21, this day is an opportunity to recognize that injustices and prejudices fueled by racial discrimination take place every day. It's a day to recommit our efforts to combat all forms of racial discrimination, injustice, systemic racism and hate to ensure a world where everyone is

respected, safe, and has equitable opportunities to contribute meaningfully to all aspects of society.

Racism, xenophobia and intolerance are problems prevalent in all societies. But every day, each and every one of us can stand up against racial prejudice and intolerant attitudes. Find more information on the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination at the link below.

[READ MORE](#)



TAKE ACTION

[RCMP & Canadian Centre for Child Protection Launch Sextortion Awareness Campaign](#)

The RCMP and Canadian Centre for Child Protection have launched a joint effort to combat sextortion, aiming to educate the public, empower youth, and provide assistance. Sextortion, a form of online blackmail, predominantly targets youth on digital platforms, coercing them into sharing sexual content and demanding money or further explicit material.

Consider sharing this [poster](#) to help raise awareness and empower youth. For more information, please [click here](#).

[Understanding CLIA's Cyber Coverage: Mandatory Insurance and Enhanced Protection](#)

Understanding cyber coverage is important for lawyers. Cyber-attacks present significant risks to individuals and firms online, highlighting the necessity of cyber insurance. The [Canadian Lawyers Insurance Association](#) (CLIA) administers a Mandatory Cyber insurance program providing coverage for members with mandatory lawyers' professional liability insurance. Additionally, CLIA offers an optional Stand-

alone Cyber insurance product for enhanced protection against potential expenses and lost revenues from breaches or attacks.

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Fraudulent Facsimile

We've received a report of fraudulent communications via email and facsimile falsely claiming to represent the office of Dawe & Burke. Please be aware and disregard any suspicious communications from their office.

For more information on how to recognize and report fraud and scams in Canada, 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 1*
- An Introduction to Intimate Partner Violence Intervention Court in Central, Western, and St. John's Metro (Free Webinar) - *March 21*

Third-Party Events

- Complimentary Webinar: Mediation-Arbitration - A Dispute Resolution Option by the Family Dispute Resolution Institute Atlantic - *March 22*
- Justice Camp for Youth Gala by the Fédération des francophones de Terre-Neuve et du Labrador - *March 25*
- Atlantic Immigrant Career Loan Fund Information Session by the Immigrant Services Association of Nova Scotia - *March 25*
- 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*
- 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

- Board Member - National Arts Centre
- Construction Adjudicators - Government of Canada
- Legal Services Technician 3 (Paralegal) - Nova Scotia Department of Justice
- Legal Appointments Board Member - Department of Justice and Public Safety
- Crown Prosecutor - Alberta Crown Prosecution Services Division
- Crown Attorney - Nova Scotia Public Prosecution Service
- Estate Planning Lawyer - IG Wealth Management

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.

Flora Louise Crane

Born January 18, 1942; died February 14, 2024

Last place of residence was St. John's.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Jane Crosbie at (709) 702-8900 or jane.crosbie@occolaw.com.

Edward Franklin Crane

Born 1936; died July 21, 2011.

Last place of residence was Shea Heights.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Paula Whalen at (709) 749-9005, or paula.whalen@yahoo.ca.

VISIT US



This is a mandatory communication.