



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.



International Women's Day

8 March 2024, marks International Women's Day, a global celebration dedicated to recognizing the remarkable achievements of women. This day honors women's social, economic, cultural, and political achievements. The theme for 2024, "Inspire Inclusion," urges action to foster diversity, equity, and belonging for women of all backgrounds. It emphasizes creating environments where every woman feels valued and empowered.

The Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador, guided by its Equity and

Diversity Committee, supports efforts to advance women's interests across all sectors, including the legal profession. Visit the following websites for more information on International Women's Day and promoting gender equality:

- [International Women's Day](#)
- [UN Women](#)
- [Women and Gender Equality Canada](#)
- [Canadian Human Rights Commission](#)

Join us in recognizing the invaluable contributions of women worldwide.

[READ MORE](#)

Sponsorship Opportunity for Law Library Access

Did you know that as a member in good standing, you have the opportunity to sponsor paralegals, law clerks, as well as first and second-year students to utilize the Law Library's resources for research and borrowing on your behalf? Simply access the Secondary Clientele Application Form on our [website](#). Please note that both the sponsoring member and the individual being sponsored must complete this form.

It's important to remember that forms for paralegals and law clerks will remain valid until the individual leaves the firm. However, forms for first and second-year students must be renewed annually until they are eligible to article.

Don't miss out on this valuable opportunity to extend access to legal resources within your network. You can submit this application via email to Jenny Thornhill, Law Librarian, at jthornhill@lsnl.ca.



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](#)

LAW OFFICE ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

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](#).



Federation of Law
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Fédération des ordres professionnels
de juristes du Canada

Federation of Law Societies Competency Project

The Federation of Law Societies of Canada is inviting all members to participate in a survey geared toward supporting the development of a competency-based assessment system for internationally educated lawyers and law graduates applying to the Federation's National Committee on Accreditation.

Your anonymous feedback on the draft competency profile is invaluable.

For more information and to complete the survey by 17 March 2024, please [click here](#).



2024 Granting Program - The Law Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador

The Law Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador welcomes applications for its 2024 granting program. Proposed projects must fall within one or more of the Foundation's statutory objects set forth in the *Law Society Act, 1999*. Potential grantees should contact Law Foundation Executive Director, [Kirsten Morry](#) to discuss their application concept. Applications must be submitted by 18 April 2024.

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

NEW RELEASE

Revisions to Section 4600 of the Practice-specific Standards for Actuarial Evidence – Calculation of Criminal Rate of Interest

The mission of the Actuarial Standards Board (ASB) is to develop, establish, and maintain Standards of Practice governing actuarial practice in Canada.

The following publication was released on February 29, 2024:

- [Revisions to Section 4600 of the Practice-specific Standards for Actuarial Evidence – Calculation of Criminal Rate of Interest](#)

Should you wish to provide feedback, you may do so by emailing Kelley McKeating at kelley@mckeating-actuarial.com and Chris Fievoli at standardsconsultationnormes@cia-ica.ca by March 31, 2024.



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

- Sleep and Your Mental Health: Tools for a Healthy Life by the Law Society of Ontario - *March 7*
- Atlantic Immigrant Career Loan Fund Online Information Session by the Immigrant Services Association of Nova Scotia - *March 10*
- AI and Ethics in Data Privacy and Cybersecurity by the Commonwealth Lawyers Association - *March 13*
- Privacy Certifications: Tips Tricks and Lessons Learned by the International Association of Privacy Professionals - *March 15*
- Deep Dive into Legal AI in 2024 by LexisNexis - *March 20*
- Justice Camp for Youth Gala by the Fédération des francophones de Terre-Neuve et du Labrador - *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*
- Diversity Trial Advocacy Program (Toronto) by the American College of Trial Lawyers - *May 10*

[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

- Crown Prosecutor - Saskatchewan Public Prosecution Service
- President - CBC/Radio-Canada
- Staff Solicitor - Legal Aid NL
- Crown Attorney - Nova Scotia Public Prosecution Service
- Crown Prosecutor - Alberta Crown Prosecution Service
- Crown Prosecutor - Ministry of Justice
- Crown Prosecutor - Alberta Crown Prosecution Service

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.

Christina Grace Baird-Duncan

Born February 16, 1936; died January 8, 2024

Last place of residence was St. John's.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Kenneth Baird at (709) 691-5586 or bairdkw@gmail.com.

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 Eric McHugh at e.mcq@hotmail.com.

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This is a mandatory communication.