



## News & Updates

May 1, 2024

### *Important* **INFORMATION**

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

Benchers have approved amendments to Rules 15 and 16 to provide for administrative monetary penalties to address breaches of Anti-Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing (AMLTF) Rules. The revisions are designed to emphasize lawyers' obligations with regard to AMLTF and provide appropriate and proportionate sanctions for violations. Administrative penalties of up to \$2,500 in the first instance of non-compliance and up to \$5,000 for subsequent instances may be assessed. The Law Society is consistently seeing client files where members have not fully satisfied their regulatory requirements under the AMLTF Rules. These Rules underpin our efforts to combat money laundering and terrorist financing activities in the legal profession as lawyers' trust accounts may be targeted and utilized as a vehicle to commit criminal activities.

**These amendments will be effective June 30, 2024.** The amended Rules can be viewed [here](#).

Members can find helpful practice resources to assist in understanding their responsibilities, on our [website](#) and on the Federation of Law Societies of Canada [website](#).

The Federation of Law Societies of Canada has also developed a five-module program "Anti-Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing in the Canadian Legal Profession" which can be found [here](#). It is a complimentary course and is eligible for CPD credits once completed.

If you have any questions related to these amendments, please contact Brenda B. Grimes, KC, Executive Director, at [bgrimes@lsnl.ca](mailto:bgrimes@lsnl.ca), or Nicole Miller, Trust Compliance



## Financial Statements 2023

The Law Society's annual audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 incorporate the operating results of the Law Society, the Lawyers' Insurance Programme, the Assurance Fund, the Endowment Fund, and the Internal Restricted Fund as well as comparative results for 2022. The audited financial statements will be presented at the Annual General Meeting of the Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador on 7 June 2024.

The financial statements can be read [here](#).

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The Law Society Extends Congratulations to the Newest Members of the Bar



Giuseppe Antonio Reitano  
Oluwabiyi Ayodeji Olafimihan  
Scott Douglas Marshall

Cassidy Marie LaCosta  
Leah Marie Robertson  
Christina Elizabeth Driscoll

Jeffrey Stephen Thomas  
Noor Tayyaba  
Kristie Kathleen Smith

Welcome to the legal community and best wishes for a successful and fulfilling career!

Indigenous Law Student  
SCHOLARSHIP



## Indigenous Law Student Scholarship

Our Indigenous Law Student Scholarship, supported by the recommendation of the Indigenous Education and Action Committee, underscores our commitment to advancing Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples.

This annual scholarship is dedicated to supporting Indigenous students pursuing a Juris Doctor degree, a Master of Laws degree, or a PhD in law. Each year, up to three candidates will be awarded a one-time grant of \$5,000. The application deadline is June 1 annually.

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

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## Law Library Orientation 2024 for Summer Students and New Members

As you may know, we are organizing orientation sessions for summer students and new members at the Law Library. Whether you prefer an in-person tour or a virtual session via Zoom, both options are available. For those attending in-person sessions, please note that the tour covers both floors of the Law Library, with an elevator available for anyone requiring accommodation.

To schedule your orientation, kindly provide the following details to Jenny Thornhill, Law Librarian, at [jthornhill@lsnl.ca](mailto:jthornhill@lsnl.ca):

1. Preferred Date and Time Slot
2. Firm Name
3. Name of Each Student/New Member (include email and year at law school/Call to Bar)
4. Total Number of Attendees

If none of these times suit your schedule, please reach out to [Jenny Thornhill](#) to explore alternative arrangements. Virtual tours are available upon request for those unable to attend in person. Students attending the Bar Course orientations this summer will receive library orientation as part of that program.

For more information or to book an orientation, please [click here](#).



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](#)

## 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](#)

### [Not So Risky Business Blog by CLIA](#)

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

- [Bite Size CPD Series: Cyber Security](#)
- [Effective Email Communication](#)





## Notice of KC Ceremony

Eight new King's Counsel will be sworn in at a Ceremony to be held on **Friday, 10 May 2024**, at 10:00 a.m. The Honourable Raymond P. Whalen, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Newfoundland and Labrador, will preside at the Ceremony. The Letters Patent appointing the eight new King's Counsel will be read and the Oaths and Affirmations will be administered to each new King's Counsel. Chief Justice Whalen will then invite each new King's Counsel to the Inner Bar.

The King's Counsel Ceremony will take place in Courtroom No. 1 at the Courthouse, 309 Duckworth Street, St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador.



## Candidates Seeking Judicial Appointment

Lawyers seeking appointment to the Provincial Court of Newfoundland and Labrador should note that guidelines regarding the selection of candidates for judicial appointment have been issued. To access these guidelines and relevant forms, please click the link below.

[VIEW FULL NOTICE](#)



## Lawyer Referral Service Recruitment

Join the [Public Legal Information Association of NL \(PLIAN\)](#) in commemorating 40 years of commitment

to legal education and access to justice in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Amidst this celebration, individuals are invited to be part of PLIAN's Lawyer Referral Service for the 2024-2025 term. In the past year alone, PLIAN received 4,591 inquiries, highlighting the growing need for accessible legal guidance.

As the sole referral service in the province, PLIAN plays a pivotal role in connecting those in need with affordable legal advice.

For more information or to register for the Lawyer Referral Service, please [click here](#).



## AMPLIFY 2024: Call for Host Organizations

CSCNL and the [Department of Immigration, Population Growth and Skills \(IPGS\)](#) are announcing the return of [AMPLIFY](#) in 2024.

AMPLIFY empowers targeted youth with limited work experience, offering employment opportunities and personal development support. Participants connect with peers and gain valuable career skills.

CSCNL is seeking nonprofit or business groups as Host Organizations to facilitate employment and learning.

For more information or to **apply by 14 June 2024**, please [click here](#).



The Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador website has an events section with updated CPD opportunities, events, conferences, and more.

### Upcoming Events

- Emerging Issues in Elder Law by Osgoode Hall Law School - *May 9*
- Understanding Organizational Risks and Having Adequate Cyber Insurance in Place by the International Association of Privacy Professionals - *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*
- Atlantic Immigrant Career Loan Fund Online Information Session by the Immigrant Services Association of Nova Scotia - *May 13*
- Current Issues in Social Media and Copyright Law 2024 by the Continuing Legal Education Society of British Columbia - *June 17*
- Screening - Best Practices for Identifying and Managing Power Imbalances and Family Violence by MDW Mediation - *June 19*
- Summary Trials 2024 by the Continuing Legal Education Society of British Columbia - *June 25*
- 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

- Crown Prosecutor - Ministry of Justice (SK)
- Complaints and Discipline Coordinator - Newfoundland & Labrador Pharmacy Board
- General Counsel - Workers' Compensation Board of Nova Scotia
- Legal Services Solicitor - Nova Scotia Department of Justice
- Associate Litigation Lawyer: Stewart McKelvey
- Crown Attorney - Department of Justice and Public Safety (Happy Valley-Goose Bay & Wabush)
- Crown Attorney - Department of Justice and Public Safety (Stephenville)
- Co-Counsel (multiple positions) - Commissioners of the Inquiry Respecting the Treatment, Experiences and Outcomes of Innu in the Child Protection System

[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.

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[Linda Dorothy LeGrow](#)

Born September 3, 1948; died April 1, 2024.

Last place of residence was Bay Roberts.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Chris Langmead at (709) 682-3744.

[Gloria O'Connell](#)

Born March 31, 1942; died February 3, 2023.

Last place of residence was Pasadena.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Kathleen O'Connell at (709) 660-6904.

Christopher Maurice Dubois

Born February 3, 1947; died November 2023.

Last place of residence was Brigus.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Bob Caron at [bobcaron@telus.net](mailto:bobcaron@telus.net) or (250) 801-8966.

Leslie Cable

Born May 5, 1928; died April 29, 1994.

Last place of residence was Conception Bay South.

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

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 [jane.crosbie@occolaw.com](mailto:jane.crosbie@occolaw.com) or (709) 702-8900.

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This is a mandatory communication.