



News & Updates

May 22, 2024

Benchers' Meeting

Please note that the next Benchers' meeting will take place on Friday, 7 June 2024, at 9:30 am. 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 RSVP by noon, Wednesday, 5 June 2024, to Erin Rowe at erowe@lsnl.ca if you plan to attend the Benchers' Meeting.

Meeting



Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador will be held, in person, at 2:00 pm on Friday, 7 June 2024 at the Law Society Building, 196-198 Water Street, St. John's.

Please RSVP by noon, Wednesday, 5 June 2024, to Erin Rowe at

erowe@lsnl.ca if you plan to attend the AGM.

Creating Safe Spaces: Understanding and Supporting LGBTQ2S+ Families

Join us in understanding and supporting LGBTQ2S+ families through *Creating Safe Spaces: Understanding and Supporting LGBTQ2S+ Families Through Acceptance and Advocacy to Help Them Move Towards Inclusion in Every Community*, provided by Homewood Health.

LGBTQ2S+ families, representing a range of identities including lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and two-spirit individuals, often face unique challenges like discrimination, bullying, and family rejection. This impacts the well-being of everyone involved.

In this article, Homewood Health shares supportive strategies for promoting acceptance and inclusivity. Let's work together towards a more compassionate and equitable society for all families, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.



Opportunity to Get Involved with the Law Society

Take part in the dynamic and crucial work of the Law Society as we strive to regulate the practice of law and uphold the public interest. Your voice matters, and your contribution is invaluable.

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

The Law Society's Disciplinary Panel

- Review the Terms of Reference for the Disciplinary Panel [here](#)
- Mandatory adjudicator training will be provided for members of the Disciplinary Panel. Find further details in a message from the Chair of the Disciplinary Panel, David Eaton, KC, available [here](#)

To express your interest, **please send your resume or a synopsis of your qualifications** to Erin Rowe at

erowe@lsnl.ca no later than 22 May 2024.

Join us in serving the public interest and shaping the future of our legal profession.

Annual Dinner and Cocktail Reception

The Law Society's Annual Dinner and Cocktail Reception will be held on the evening of Friday, 7 June 2024, at the Emera Innovation Exchange.

Cost: \$100.00 per person (\$86.95 + \$13.05 HST)

Cash Bar: 6:30 p.m.

Dinner: 7:00 p.m.

Dress: Business Suit, Semi-Formal

Register for this event promptly to guarantee your spot, as seats are filling up quickly. For more information or to RSVP, 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](#)

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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](#).

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[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](#)

- [Do You Need Excess Coverage After Retirement?](#)

[Volunteer Opportunity: Join the St. John's Youth Justice Committee](#)

The St. John's Youth Justice Committee is looking for volunteers. This is a great opportunity to help young people and support restorative justice.

The committee operates under the Department of Children, Seniors and Social Development, providing alternatives to the court system for youth aged 12 to 18 through Extra Judicial Sanctions, as authorized by the *Youth Criminal Justice Act*. The

goal is to help youth make amends for harm done to the community by facilitating restorative justice between youth and victims.

Interested individuals are invited to send their resume to sherithomas@gov.nl.ca. Join the St. John's Youth Justice Committee in making a difference in the community through restorative justice.



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 has been released:

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

Procedures for Requesting Student/Employee Files for Litigation

Members representing an injured client who is a student or employee of the College of the North Atlantic (CNA) and require a full copy of their student or employee file for litigation purposes are reminded to include a signed authorization of release from their client. This authorization must specifically cover employment and/or educational records. Requests should be directed to CNA's Registrar, or General Counsel at:

College of the North Atlantic Headquarters
432 Massachusetts Drive, PO Box 5400
Stephenville, NL
A2N 2Z6

Please do not send requests to any local CNA campus. For urgent requests, email the [Registrar](#) and include [Geoff Peters](#) in the correspondence.



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

Upcoming Events

- Atlantic Immigrant Career Loan Fund Information Session by the Immigrant Services Association of Nova Scotia - *May 27*
- Open Doors at Justice 2024 by the Department of Justice Canada - *May 30*
- Trauma-Informed Lawyering by the Journey Project - *June 14*
- An Exclusive Insight: Marie Henein's Legal Expertise by the Canadian Bar Association - *June 17*
- 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*
- 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*
- 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 of Directors - Canada Lands Company Limited
- Director of Legal Services - Royal Newfoundland Constabulary
- Associate Lawyer (Litigation) - Stewart McKelvey
- Crown Attorney - Public Prosecution Service (NS)
- Construction Adjudicators – Government Of Canada
- Solicitor - Nova Scotia Department of Justice
- Board Member - Employment Insurance Board of Appeal
- Crown Prosecutor - Ministry of Justice (SK)

[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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James Richard Oliver

Born October 26, 1944; died December 14, 2017.

Last place of residence was Northern Bay.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Rebecca Oliver at (514) 546-7644.

Jerry Robinson

Born August 9, 1953; died September 3, 2022.

Their last place of residence was Springdale.

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.

Kenneth George Hoddinott

Born April 20, 1974; died December 16, 2021.

Last place of residence was Charlottetown, PEI.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Jeremy Robinson at (709) 650-0950.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Andrew Hoddinott at (782) 377-7506.

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This is a mandatory communication.