



News & Updates

May 29, 2024



Reminder: Report Insurance Claims Before Policy Year End

Please note that the deadline to report any insurance claims is 30 June 2024.

The current professional liability insurance policy for practicing members expires on 30 June 2024. Therefore, any potential issues leading to an insurance claim must be reported before this date.

If you suspect you may have made an error in providing professional services or if someone is making allegations against you (even if you believe they are without merit), please complete the [Reporting Form](#) and email it to [Janice Ringrose](#), Insurance & Risk Manager, before 30 June 2024, to ensure the Lawyers' Insurance Programme is notified before the policy year ends.

Remember, late reporting can jeopardize your coverage.

Trust Compliance Auditor

Please be advised that Nicole Miller, who held the position of Trust Compliance Auditor, is no longer with the Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Any questions with respect to the Trust Audit program should be directed to Lori Chafe at lchafe@lsnl.ca or (709) 753-8486, or Pamela Marks at pmarks@lsnl.ca or (709) 758-

0816 while we work to fill this position.



Articling Placement Opportunities

The Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador has identified several individuals who are currently seeking articling placements. If your firm or organization is interested in hiring a student for an articling position, please reach out to [Temi Abiodun-Oje](#), Administrative Assistant (Admissions & Education), for further details.

Thank you for supporting the development of future members of our profession.

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.

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. 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](#).

Please note that a **new [counsel](#) has been issued by the Law Society**. You can view the list of counsels and cautions at the link below.

[DISCIPLINARY DECISIONS](#)

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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 Article](#)

- [CLIA Loss Prevention Bulletin #155: Client Selection](#)



National AccessAbility Week: May 26 - June 1

National AccessAbility Week (NAAW) is an opportunity to acknowledge the contributions of people with disabilities and promote efforts to increase accessibility and inclusion in our communities and workplaces across Canada. Accessibility is a human right. Everyone should be able to participate in our society, barrier-free.

The Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador recognizes that accessibility requires a proactive approach. We are committed to identifying, removing, and preventing barriers to inclusion.

Recruitment for the Disciplinary Panel of the Newfoundland and Labrador Dental Board

The **Department of Health and Community Services** is recruiting public interest representatives with legal expertise for the Disciplinary Panel of the Newfoundland and Labrador Dental Board. The Disciplinary Panel hears complaints against licensed practitioners, determines outcomes, and communicates decisions. The panel meets in person approximately four times a year, at the discretion of the chairperson. For more information about this opportunity, or to apply, please click [here](#).



Law Commission of Canada Launches New Website

The **Law Commission of Canada (LCC)** has launched its redesigned website, a comprehensive hub for its research and outreach initiatives. The new site features LCC publications, updates, key law reform resources, and digital archives.

Highlights include:

- [Visual identity](#)
- [What We Heard](#)
- [Letters from the LCC](#)

- [Intersections](#)

The website also serves as a network for law reform and justice actors, featuring sections for news and partner updates, and encourages the submission of noteworthy initiatives for broader audience engagement.

For more information 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

- 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

- Crown Prosecutor - Ministry of Justice (SK)
- Director of Public Education and Professional Responsibility - Law Society of Prince Edward Island
- Manager, Lawyer Development - Stewart McKelvey
- Crown Prosecutor - Meadow Lake Public Prosecutions (SK)
- Board of Directors - Canada Lands Company Limited
- Director of Legal Services - Royal Newfoundland Constabulary
- Associate Lawyer (Litigation) - Stewart McKelvey
- Board Member - Employment Insurance Board of Appeal

[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.

Phoebe Helen Gosse
Born 1917; died 1996.

Last place of residence was Torbay.

The requestor is Phoebe Helen Gosse's child.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Randolph Gosse at (780) 906-6514.

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This is a mandatory communication.