



## News & Updates

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### 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 Committee [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](mailto:erowe@lsnl.ca) **no later than 22 May 2024.**

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

## Law Library Notices

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### Curated Book List for New Lawyers

The Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador is delighted to introduce our new [Curated Book List for New Lawyers](#). This compilation aims to offer some of the finest resources available in our Law Library, covering a diverse range of topics. These selections are distinguished by their quality, timeliness, and pertinence to the legal profession. Moreover, their endorsement by seasoned practitioners underscores their relevance in contemporary legal practice.

For further details or suggestions for titles not featured on this list, please don't hesitate to reach out to our Library staff at [lawlibrary@lsnl.ca](mailto:lawlibrary@lsnl.ca), (709) 753-7770, or toll-free at (800) 984-7770.

### Access Quantum Searches through the Law Library

Did you know that the Law Library offers access to a range of quantum searches? Through our subscription to the Quicklaw database, we provide access to various quantum of damages tools, including those for personal injury, child support, and sentencing.

To initiate a quantum search, connect with our Law Library staff at [lawlibrary@lsnl.ca](mailto:lawlibrary@lsnl.ca). When making your request, please provide as much detail as possible, including any jurisdictional restrictions. Please note that it is not possible to have a single symptom response.

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### 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](#).

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# RESOURCES

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](#)

COMMUNICATION

## 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 [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

- [Bite Size CPD Series: Artificial Intelligence](#)



#### [Consultation on Mechanics' Lien Act](#)

The Department of Digital Government and Service NL is launching a consultation on the *Mechanics' Lien Act* (the Act), including a [survey](#).

The Act enables individuals to register a claim for lien against real property for work performed, materials provided, or to be provided on a specific property. It prioritizes payments to builders, contractors, suppliers, and subcontractors. However, the Act has undergone minimal amendments since its inception in 1970, while other provinces have updated their legislation.

The focus is on:

- Modifying lien registration time limits
- Establishing a prompt payment framework
- Introducing an alternative dispute resolution process

Your input is valuable. The consultation is open until 31 May 2024. For more information or to submit feedback, please [click here](#).



## Mental Health Week 2024

**Mental Health Week** takes place from May 6-12. This year's theme, *A Call to be Kind*, highlights the transformative power of compassion. It's important to recognize how acts of kindness can heal, uplift, and unite us, especially in difficult times.

Listed below are a few ways to take part in Mental Health Week:

- Check out the Law Society's [Wellness Toolbox](#);
- View the [Canadian Bar Association's Wellness Resources](#) and on-demand activities; or,
- Contribute towards creating a safe and supportive environment at your workplace.

To contact your Professionals' Assistance Program for support and counselling for mental health, call (709) 754-3007 or register with Homewood Health™ <https://homeweb.ca/>.

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### Expressions of Interest: Labrador Legal Clinics

The [Public Legal Information Association of NL \(PLIAN\)](#) is seeking expressions of interest from practicing lawyers in the province for a continuing series of legal clinics throughout Labrador. This is a unique opportunity to provide legal advice and increase access to justice for the people of Labrador. Compensation and travel expenses are covered.

Serving various Labrador communities, clinics are led by knowledgeable lawyers who specialize in areas such as Wills and Estates or Family Law, ensuring attendees receive tailored guidance. Participants benefit from summary advice, with no strings attached, empowering them to navigate legal matters confidently. Moreover, participating lawyers have the chance to immerse themselves in Labrador's breathtaking scenery, enhancing their professional and personal experiences.

For more information or to express your interest in participating in a future clinic, please [click here](#).



## Internship Opportunity

Fédération des francophones de Terre-Neuve et du Labrador (FFTNL) has been approached by a Paris-based law student seeking an opportunity for an internship during August 2024 within a reputable law firm in St. John's. The student, currently pursuing her law degree in Paris, possesses a foundational understanding of Common Law and is eager to gain practical experience in a professional legal setting. Both paid and unpaid internship options are being considered.

For further details or to discuss potential opportunities, please contact Anne Pelta at [anne.pelta@fftnl.ca](mailto:anne.pelta@fftnl.ca).



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*
- Financial Violence Among Intimate Partners by FFTNL - *May 16*
- Trauma-Informed Lawyering by the Journey Project - *June 14*

- 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

## 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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Roy Collins

Born January 1, 1944; died April 28, 2015.

Last place of residence was Red Cliff.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Chesley Collins at (709) 486-8113 or [chesley.collins26@outlook.com](mailto:chesley.collins26@outlook.com).

Dr. Hugh Matthew Twomey

Born September 26, 1920; died August 2, 1989.

Last place of residence was Botwood.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Amanda Peakman at [gilbertamanda71@gmail.com](mailto:gilbertamanda71@gmail.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](mailto:paula.whalen@yahoo.ca).

Clementine Anecitus Atkins

Born April 17, 1938; died January 14, 2022.

Last place of residence was Mount Pearl.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact John Atkins at (709) 690-9318.

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## VISIT US



This is a mandatory communication.