



# LAW SOCIETY

## Newfoundland & Labrador

## News & Updates

September 18, 2024



### Fraudulent Communications

#### Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador

We have been informed of fraudulent emails falsely claiming to represent the Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador. Please remain vigilant and disregard any suspicious emails that appear to come from our office. If you have any concerns about a communication received from the Law Society, please contact our office directly at (709) 722-4740.

#### John Brooks Law Office

Similarly, we have received a report of fraudulent emails falsely claiming to be from John Brooks Law Office. Please disregard any suspicious emails, particularly those from the address [johnbrookslawoffice@bellaliant.net](mailto:johnbrookslawoffice@bellaliant.net). If you have questions about a communication from this email, please contact John Brooks at (709) 770-5661.

For more information on how to recognize and report fraud and scams in Canada, please click [here](#).

## Benchers' Meeting

Please note that the next Benchers' meeting will take place on **Friday, 27 September 2024**. Anyone wishing to attend a Benchers' meeting:

1. is required to provide notice of attendance to the Law Society by emailing [erowe@lsnl.ca](mailto: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 note that members are invited to attend the Public portion of the Benchers' meeting, however, the In-Camera portion of the meeting is closed to the public.

**Should you wish to attend** the Public portion of the Benchers' meeting on 27 September 2024, **please email [erowe@lsnl.ca](mailto:erowe@lsnl.ca) no later than 12:00 pm, Wednesday, 25 September 2024.**

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### Expressions of Interest – The Newfoundland and Labrador Federal Judicial Advisory Committee

The Newfoundland and Labrador Federal Judicial Advisory Committee screens all applicants for Newfoundland and Labrador judicial appointments to the Supreme Court, Trial Division and Court of Appeal. Members of the Committee include a candidate chosen by the Federal Minister of Justice from a list of three candidates recommended by the Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador. The appointment is for three years and may be renewed.

Candidates must be active members in good standing of the Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador. Applicants must not have applied for a federal judicial appointment and must undertake not to apply within a period of one year following the end of the Committee member's term.

The revised process for federal judicial appointments seeks to achieve a judiciary that reflects the diversity of Canadian society. Pursuant to this goal, the government will seek to ensure gender balance and diversity in appointing committee members.

For more information on the position and its requirements, please see [here](#).

The Law Society will accept expressions of interest from lawyers in Newfoundland and Labrador. If you are applying, please provide:

- A recent resume
- A [certification document](#)
- A [personal information sheet](#)
- A [background check consent form](#)
- A [voluntary self-identification form](#)

You must provide your materials by **5:00 pm on Wednesday, 18 September 2024** by email to: [erowe@lsnl.ca](mailto:erowe@lsnl.ca)



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](#).



## [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

- [Fake Websites](#)

New professional development course by Continuous, Adult and Lifelong Learning (CALL)

# Legal French for Beginners



**15% EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT**

October 1, 2024, to August 16, 2025  
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30 to 8 pm  
No previous French experience is required

<https://bit.ly/MUNLegalFrench>



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Department of Justice  
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

The Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador website has an events section with updated CPD opportunities, events, conferences, and more. A list of recordings is available [here](#).

### *Law Society Events*

- Legal AI in Canada: What is it, why it is important and why you need to know - *September 26*

### *Third-Party Events*

- 6-Part Mediation Guest Lecture Series by the Commonwealth Lawyers Association - *September 19*
- Family Mediation - Theory, Skills, and Practice by MDW Mediation - *September 19*
- Deposing Difficult Witnesses by the Seminar Partners - *September 19*
- Family Law Information Session by the Supreme Court of Newfoundland and Labrador - *September 25*

- The Future of Artificial Intelligence in Public Law Decision Making by the Commonwealth Lawyers Association - *September 26*
- Atlantic Immigrant Career Loan Fund Information Session by the Immigrant Services Association of Nova Scotia - *September 26*
- Legal French for Beginners Series by the Fédération des Francophones de Terre-Neuve et du Labrador - *October 1*
- Killer Correspondence by the Toronto Lawyers Association - *October 1*
- Workplace Investigation Pitfalls & How to Avoid Them by the Seminar Partners - *October 10*
- CLIA Peace of Mind Virtual Conference - *October 24*
- Preventing & Dealing with Will Drafting Errors by the Seminar Partners - *November 7*

[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

- Member - Canada's Volunteer Awards National Advisory Committee
- Crown Attorney - Public Prosecution Service (NS)
- Associate Lawyer - Avalon Law Group
- Associate Lawyer - Rogers Rogers Moyse
- Senior Legal Counsel - Newfoundland Power
- Chairperson - Government of Canada (OT)
- Vice-Chairperson - Government of Canada (OT)
- Deputy Chief Prosecutor - Crown Prosecutors (AB)
- Corporate Commercial Securities Lawyer - McLennan Ross (NT)
- Labour and Employment Lawyer - McLennan Ross (NT)
- Crown Prosecutor - Crown Prosecutors (AB)

[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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### Frazer Douglas Petten

Born September 28, 1960; died September 7, 2024.

Last place of residence was Port de Grave.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact April Petten at (780) 380-5288.

## VISIT US



You are receiving this communication in accordance with your membership with the Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador.

This is a mandatory communication.