



LAW SOCIETY

Newfoundland & Labrador

News & Updates

September 25, 2024

2024 Recipients of the Law Society's Indigenous Law Student Scholarships

In alignment with the Law Society's strategic priority to Promote Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples and at the recommendation of the Indigenous Education and Action Committee, we are proud to continue our Indigenous Law Student Scholarship.

This \$5,000 award is available for up to three candidates annually to support Indigenous law students pursuing a Juris Doctor degree, a Master of Laws degree, or a PhD in law.

This year, the Law Society proudly recognizes three outstanding individuals: Brianna Ludlow, Robert Kavanagh, and Chase Holwell as the recipients for 2024. The Law Society extends sincere congratulations and best wishes. Further details about the recipients, and the scholarships may be found on our [website](#).



Free Continuing Professional Development Opportunity

Legal AI in Canada: What is it, why it is important and why you need to know will explore the critical aspects of responsible AI development, focusing on the fast-evolving field of Generative AI. Participants will learn best practices for safe deployment, along with key issues like transparency, accountability, and risk management.

Join us on 26 September 2024 for this informative session.

✨ Exciting Giveaways ✨

All registrants will be entered to win

LexisNexis swag, including t-shirts and more! In-person attendees can also compete in a quiz for special prizes.

MORE INFORMATION & TO REGISTER

IMPORTANT DATES & OBSERVATIONS

National Day
for Truth and
Reconciliation

September 30th



Canada

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

The Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador is committed to promoting reconciliation with Indigenous peoples through the ongoing implementation of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action and the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Calls for Justice. As part of this commitment, our office will be closed on 30 September 2024, in recognition of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. This day offers an opportunity to engage with and explore the rich cultures, voices, experiences, and stories of Indigenous peoples. We encourage everyone to wear an orange shirt and learn to observe this important day meaningfully. Read more [here](#).



Women's History Month

October marks Women's History Month, a time to celebrate the monumental contributions of women to history, culture, and society. It is a reminder to continue honouring women who challenge the status quo and work tirelessly to improve the lives of others. To read more about the role of women in our province's legal history, please [click here](#).



Islamic History Month

Islamic History Month is also observed in October, celebrating the rich heritage, contributions, and accomplishments of Muslim communities in fields such as science, medicine, astronomy, and the humanities. It's a chance to recognize the ongoing positive impact of Muslim Canadians and raise awareness about tackling Islamophobia. Learn more about how to tackle islamophobia and help raise awareness [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



Notice from the Supreme Court of Newfoundland and Labrador

Please be advised that the replacement of the elevator in the St. John's Supreme Court, General Division courthouse is ongoing. The elevator is anticipated to be out of operation until 30 November 2024.

If any assistance or accommodation is required to attend a Court proceeding in the St. John's General Division courthouse, please contact the Court directly at inquiries@supreme.court.nl.ca.



New Report: Missing Records, Missing Children

Despite progress on uncovering the truth about Indian Residential Schools, Indigenous peoples continue to lack complete and timely access to historical records, according to a new report by

the [Senate Committee on Indigenous Peoples](#).

Missing Records, Missing Children describes the barriers to accessing residential school records and outlines ways to help Indigenous communities find information on their missing children.

LEARN MORE

Law Commission of Canada: Call for Proposals

The Law Commission of Canada (LCC) invites proposals for financial support of up to \$10,000 for events that advance the understanding and evolution of law in Canada.

Eligible conferences, seminars, or meetings should align with the LCC's mission to foster justice and engage diverse perspectives, including Indigenous legal traditions.

Proposals should outline the event's themes, participants, and budget. Successful submissions will receive funding and recognition from the LCC. For more information or to [apply before the deadline on 1 November 2024](#), please click [here](#).



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

[From the Vault: Caution: Friends and Family Ahead](#)

[Peace of Mind Virtual Conference](#)

CLIA is pleased to partner with the Law Society of Saskatchewan to bring the CLIA Peace of Mind Virtual Conference. This free half-day virtual conference, taking place on 24 October 2024, will provide sessions to help improve your practice and avoid errors. For more information or to register, please click [here](#).

Support for Lawyers – Mental Health Peer Services from Lifewise

Lawyers play an essential role in our society and deserve access to meaningful mental health support. Whether they are first responders, represent first responders, or otherwise experience trauma as a result of work, or life, lawyers can access free, anonymous and confidential services through Lifewise, the only provincial organization in Newfoundland & Labrador founded by and for individuals living with mental health and addiction challenges. The Lifewise Warmline, available in both French and English, provides a confidential space where you can receive encouragement, information, and assistance from trained Lifewise staff. It operates 14 hours a day, seven days a week, and includes a dedicated Warmline for first responders, ensuring access to necessary care and support. For more information, please click [here](#). You can also access additional details about Lifewise through [this presentation](#).



Office Relocation Notice: Kennedy Law Office

Please be advised that Kennedy Law Office will be relocating to 367 Duckworth Street, St. John's, effective October 1, 2024.

To accommodate the move, the office will be closed from 26–27 September 2024. It is expected that operations will resume at the new location by 30 September 2024.

For further information, please contact Kennedy Law Office at (709) 747-9613.

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

- 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*
- Parenting Coordination by the Family Dispute Resolution Institute Atlantic - *October 4*
- Workplace Investigation Pitfalls & How to Avoid Them by the Seminar Partners - *October 10*
- Free Peace of Mind Virtual Conference by the Canadian Lawyers Insurance Association - *October 24*
- Using Trusts in Estate Planning by the Seminar Partners - *October 30*
- Preventing & Dealing with Will Drafting Errors by the Seminar Partners - *November 7*
- Aboriginal Law: Critical and Emerging Issues by Osgoode Hall Law School - *December 5*
- Thinking Fast and Slow: Strategies and Tools to Enhance Decision Making by Osgoode Hall Law School - *December 11*
- De-escalating Potentially Violent Situations by the Crisis & Trauma Resource Institute - *December 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 Attorney - Public Prosecution Service (Shubenacadie, NS)
- Crown Prosecutor - Ministry of Justice (SK)
- Senior Legislative Counsel - Alberta Legislative Counsel Office
- Member - Canada's Volunteer Awards National Advisory Committee
- Crown Attorney - Public Prosecution Service (Dartmouth, 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)

[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.

Verbena Florence Dorey

Born September 17, 1940; died December 14, 2023.

Last place of residence was Twillingate.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Darren John Dorey at (416) 230-0895.

Hector Sterling Dorey

Born March 28, 1932; died August 4, 2009.

Last place of residence was Lewisporte.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Darren John Dorey at (416) 230-0895.

Cavell Sybil Normore (Bennett)
Born July 18, 1938; died September 24, 2023.

Last place of residence was St. John's.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Geraldine Normore at (709) 682-2601.

Gerald Walter Normore
Born July 14, 1934; died October 6, 2008.

Last place of residence was St. John's.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Geraldine Normore at (709) 682-2601.

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This is a mandatory communication.