

News & Updates

October 23, 2024



Obituary Notice

We regret to inform you of the passing of Harold Stephen Roy.

The Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador would like to extend its deepest condolences to family, friends, and colleagues. Stephen's obituary can be found here.

Deadline for PLC Licence Applications, Amendments, and Cancellations

Please be advised that all initial applications for, amendments to, or cancellations of Professional Law Corporation (PLC) licences **must be submitted by 6 December 2024** to ensure sufficient time for review and processing before the Christmas break. Applications received after this date may not be processed until the New Year.

The necessary forms are available as follows:

- Form 11.03A: Application for Licence as a Professional Law Corporation. Please carefully review the instructions before completing the form.
- Form 11.03B: Certified Statement of Disclosure. Submit this form, along with the applicable fee and any required supporting documentation, to the Law Society for amendments to your PLC.
- Form 11.07: PLC Application for Cancellation of Licence. If you wish to cancel your PLC licence, please submit this completed form and the required documentation as outlined in section 2

To view the full notice, please click here.



Upcoming Continuing Professional Development Opportunity

Join Chris King, K.C. and Kyle Rees for a practical seminar on key issues in employment law, focusing on common mistakes in termination from both employer and employee perspectives. Employer-side topics will include preparing termination letters, assessing just cause, and avoiding exposure to moral damages. Employee-side counsel will learn how to screen employment cases, advise on mitigation, and explore potential claims to maximize client outcomes.

Employment Law: How to Not Get Tricked is ideal for lawyers looking to stay current on wrongful dismissal trends, whether you handle employment law regularly or occasionally.

Refreshments and a light lunch will be provided for in-person attendees. For more information or to register for this event on 22 November 2024, 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.

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

- The Value of Practice Advisors in Reducing Claims
- Cyber Security Awareness Month



Francophone Presentation Opportunity

The NL Francophone Justice Network, in partnership with the Francophone Health Network, are seeking a lawyer to develop, finalize, and present a PowerPoint presentation and lead a 90-minute workshop in French on the subject of mental health and discrimination with a focus on the mental health tribunal initiative.

What You Get

- An opportunity to contribute to the Francophone community
- \$3,000 (taxes included)

The workshop will take place in the last two weeks of November. For more information, please click here.



Call for Volunteer Lawyers: Court of Appeal Legal Assistance Clinic

The Court of Appeal Legal Assistance Clinic offers free legal advice to selfrepresented litigants with appeals in civil, criminal, or family matters. Held monthly, volunteer lawyers provide up to 30 minutes of advice and may guide users to additional services.

The Court seeks new volunteer lawyers for 2024-25. Bilingual or multilingual abilities are particularly welcome. Your involvement helps improve access to justice for those in need across the province. For more information or to volunteer, please click here.



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

• Employment Law: How to Not Get Tricked - November 22

Third-Party Events

- Free Peace of Mind Virtual Conference by the Canadian Lawyers Insurance Association - October 24
- Atlantic Immigrant Career Loan Fund (AICLF) Online Information Session by the Immigrant Services Association of Nova Scotia - October 28
- Using Trusts in Estate Planning by the Seminar Partners October 30
- Peace Jurisprudence and Constitutional Reform Incorporating Mediation Principles into Supreme Law by the Commonwealth Lawyers Association - October 31
- Preventing & Dealing with Will Drafting Errors by the Seminar Partners November
- Mediation Advocacy: The Ignored Middle Child by the Commonwealth Lawyers Association - November 7
- Interplay of Psychology, Neuroscience and Conflict in Mediation by the Commonwealth Lawyers Association - November 14
- Transaction In A Day: Buying or Selling a Business by the Canadian Bar Association NL - November 29
- 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 Osqoode 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

- Associate Lawyer Curtis Dawe
- Research Lawyer (Labour & Employment) - Stewart McKelvey
- Members Employment Insurance Board of Appeal
- Public Representatives Dispensing Opticians Board of Newfoundland and Labrador
- Legal Counsel Nunatsiavut Government

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.

<u>Hayward Raymond Clarke</u> Born January 13, 1935; died May 9, 2022.

Last place of residence was Gander.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Hayley Clarke at carpe_diem@rogers.com.

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This is a mandatory communication.