



## News & Updates

October 9, 2024

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

#### Amendments

##### **Part II – Organization of the Society**

Benches have approved amendments to Rule [2.16 \(2\)](#), revising the composition of the Executive Committee to include a Lay Bench.

This change reinforces our commitment to transparency and accountability by integrating a unique and important perspective on the public interest. View the Law Society Rules [here](#).

##### **Code of Professional Conduct**

Benches have approved amendments to Section 7.7, addressing judges returning to practice. These changes clarify that a former judge, upon retiring, resigning, or being removed, must not communicate with or appear before any Canadian court as a lawyer, except in exceptional cases approved by Benches.

This amendment reinforces fairness and public confidence in the legal system. View the Code of Professional Conduct [here](#).



## Borrowing Resources from the Law Library

Did you know that members in good standing can borrow resources from the Law Library without visiting in person? Simply contact us, and we'll sign out the items on your behalf. Members located from St. John's to Conception Bay South may arrange a courier to pick up the materials. For out-of-town members, we offer shipping services.

For more information or to make a request, please email us at [lawlibrary@lsnl.ca](mailto:lawlibrary@lsnl.ca) or call (709) 753-7770.



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](#)

ETHICS

**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



### Call for Papers: Charitable Practices and Legal Frameworks in Canada

The [Law Commission of Canada](#) is pleased to share the call for papers for Part II of Charity and Law in Canada: *Looking Around: Current Challenges and Directions for Charitable Organizations in Canada*.

This Call for Papers seeks proposals for papers addressing current issues, questions, and concerns in the regulation and administration of charitable organizations in Canada.

For more information or to submit before the deadline on 8 November 2024, please click [here](#).



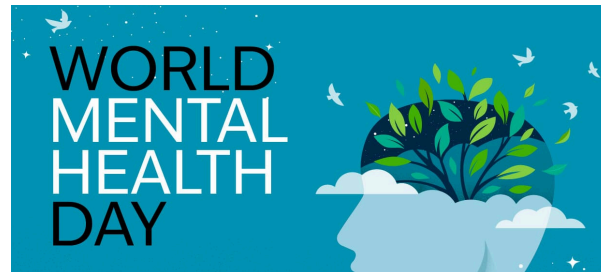
### You're Invited: Swearing-In Ceremony

The Honourable Raymond P. Whalen, Chief Judge of the Supreme Court of Newfoundland and Labrador, cordially invites you to attend the Administration of the Oaths of Office to the Honourable Trina D. Simms as a Justice of the Supreme Court of Newfoundland and Labrador at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, 18 October 2024.

The ceremony is being held in Courtroom No. I, 309 Duckworth Street, St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador.

To RSVP, please contact Tina Hiscock at  
(709) 729-5147 or  
[tinahiscock@supreme.court.nl.ca](mailto:tinahiscock@supreme.court.nl.ca).

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As we approach World Mental Health Day on October 10, we encourage you to take a moment to reflect on the importance of mental well-being. The legal field can be demanding, and prioritizing our mental health is essential for both personal and professional success. This year's theme focuses on cultivating a supportive environment where mental health can thrive. We urge all legal professionals to engage in open conversations, seek resources, and support one another. For valuable information and resources, please click [here](#).

Together, let's promote mental wellness in our workplaces and create a culture of support and understanding. Take care of yourselves and each other. Your mental health matters!

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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 Articles](#)

[Importance of Early Reporting](#)

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## Evaluating AI-Generated Summaries on CanLII: A Survey for the Legal Community

[CanLII](#) is launching a survey to gather feedback from the legal community on its AI-generated summaries of Canadian case law and legislation. Administered by Lux Insights and funded by the Alberta Law Foundation, this survey aims to assess the utility and support for these summaries introduced on CanLII's website over the past year. This is a valuable opportunity to help shape the future of legal research tools in Canada.

For more information or to participate in this survey before the deadline on 15 November 2024, please click [here](#).



## Expressions of Interest: Opportunity to Acquire Established Law Practice

[Stack & Associates PLC Inc.](#) is inviting expressions of interest from members of the legal community for the acquisition of a well-established, full-service law practice. The firm's owner, Gregory Stack, is retiring after nearly 40 years of practice, offering a unique opportunity for someone to take over a thriving law

practice with a strong client base. The firm's premises at 135 Campbell Avenue, St. John's, are also available for purchase or rent as part of the transition.

Inquiries can be directed to Gregory Stack at [gstack@stacklaw.ca](mailto:gstack@stacklaw.ca) or (709) 753-6066.



### Legal Assistance Needed

The [Pottle Centre](#), a non-profit organization offering an inclusive space for individuals affected by mental illness and other vulnerable groups, is urgently seeking legal expertise to assist with a specific legal matter, as the Board currently lacks a lawyer.

Your support would have a meaningful impact on both the organization and the community it serves. For more information or to volunteer, please contact the Pottle Centre at (709) 753-2143.



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](#).

#### *Upcoming Events*

- Workplace Investigation Pitfalls & How to Avoid Them by the Seminar Partners - *October 10*
- Atlantic Immigrant Career Loan Fund Information Session by the Immigrant Services Association of Nova Scotia - *October 14*
- Mediation - The Changing face of Access to Justice: Part 3 of 6 - Mediation Guest Lecture Series by the Commonwealth Lawyers Association - *October 17*

- Swearing-In Ceremony for Justice Trina Simms by the Supreme Court of Newfoundland and Labrador - *October 18*
- Fall Regional Meeting by the Family Dispute Resolution Institute Atlantic - *October 18*
- 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

- Members - Employment Insurance Board of Appeal
- Senior Counsel - Department of Justice Canada
- Public Representatives - Dispensing Opticians Board of Newfoundland and Labrador
- Legal Counsel - Nunatsiavut Government
- Lawyer - Legal Services Division of the Department of Justice (NS)
- Senior Legislative Counsel - Alberta Legislative Counsel Office
- Member - Canada's Volunteer Awards National Advisory Committee

[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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Herald Brake Thomson

Born August 17, 1976; died October 6, 2024.

Last place of residence was Corner Brook.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Patrick Sheppard at (709) 660-6492.

## 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.