



# LAW SOCIETY

## Newfoundland & Labrador

## News & Updates

November 13, 2024



### Consultation – Framework of Decision-Making

The [Department of Children, Seniors and Social Development](#) is engaged in a consultation process for the development of a Framework of Decision-Making in Newfoundland and Labrador relating to legal capacity. More information on this initiative can be found [here](#).

The Government is seeking input from Law Society members. Feedback can be provided through a [questionnaire](#). **Feedback will be accepted until Tuesday, 26 November 2025.** Please note that the Law Society has requested an extension of this deadline. An update will be provided if an extension is confirmed.



### Using the Law Library: Workspace, Resources, and More

Our Law Library is available to members as a semi-quiet space to work or recharge while waiting for court. While the Library is often viewed primarily as a research resource, it also serves as a comfortable space for general use. Members with access cards are welcome to use the study tables and

Library resources at any time. Food and beverages are permitted; we kindly ask that any food waste be placed in the garbage bins and that unfinished drinks be emptied in the restroom sink before disposing of containers.

We welcome your visits and are here to help you make the most of our Library's resources.

#### ABOUT THE LAW LIBRARY

Don't miss the  
DEADLINE



#### Opportunity to Get Involved with the Law Society

Contribute to the practice of real estate law in Newfoundland and Labrador by joining the Real Estate Committee. Your participation is crucial in identifying tools and resources that will assist members practising in this area of the law. Review the Terms of Reference for the Real Estate Committee [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 Friday, 22 November 2024**.



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



## Notice from the Supreme Court of Newfoundland and Labrador: Ongoing Virtual Appearances and Electronic Filing Guidelines

[This notice](#) confirms that key elements of the Supreme Court's notice from 26 August 2022, regarding virtual appearances and electronic filing remain in effect. While trials, hearings, and conferences will primarily be held in-person, virtual appearances may still be requested under the applicable rules. Electronic filings are restricted, except as specified in the Court's practice notes.



## 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

[New Lawyer's Guide to Avoiding Mistakes: Dear Diary](#)



## Introducing the Human Rights AI Impact Assessment Tool

The [Law Commission of Ontario \(LCO\)](#) and the [Ontario Human Rights Commission \(OHRC\)](#), in collaboration with the [Canadian Human Rights Commission \(CHRC\)](#), have developed an innovative tool to assist organizations in assessing AI systems for human rights compliance. The [Human Rights AI Impact Assessment \(HRIA\)](#) provides valuable guidance for organizations on using AI responsibly, helping them identify and reduce potential risks to human rights.

This tool is the first human rights impact assessment in Canada designed specifically around Canadian human rights law. Aligned with internationally recognized AI principles, the HRIA is an important step toward building reliable and ethical AI.



# 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*

- *S.S Daisy Legal History Committee Dramatic Reading of Leviathan Unbound - November 20*

### *Third-Party Events*

- Interplay of Psychology, Neuroscience and Conflict in Mediation by the Commonwealth Lawyers Association - *November 14*
- IPV Protecting Victims from Cybercrime: Practical and Legal Next Steps by the Commonwealth Lawyers Association - *November 19*
- Access, Privacy, Security and Information Management Conference - *November 28*
- 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 Osgoode Hall Law School - *December 11*
- De-escalating Potentially Violent Situations by the Crisis & Trauma Resource Institute - *December 19*

[VIEW ALL EVENTS](#)

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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

- Staff Solicitor - Legal Aid NL
- Crown Prosecutor - Ministry of Justice (SK)
- Records Administrator - Public Prosecution Service (NS)
- Crown Attorney - Manitoba Justice
- Legal Services Technician - Public Prosecution Service (NS)
- Crown Attorney - Department of Justice and Public Safety

[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.

### Abraham Lewis Welcher

Born in April; died August 10, 2016.

Last place of residence was Clarendville.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Bruce Welcher at (709) 330-9368.

### Olive Mary Clarke

Born June 12, 1938; died September 27, 2017.

Last place of residence was Boat Harbour.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Deborah Lewis Clarke at [dlewis2728@gmail.com](mailto:dlewis2728@gmail.com).

### Claudia Martina Welcher

Born January 1, 1945; died November 5, 2024.

Last place of residence was Clarendville.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Bruce Welcher at (709) 330-9368.

### Hayward Raymond Clarke

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](mailto:carpe_diem@rogers.com).

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