



## News & Updates

November 20, 2024

### Call for Expressions of Interest - Assistance with Custodianships

Our Director of Custodianships will be taking maternity leave beginning January 2025. During the time that she is away from the office, the Law Society may require, from time to time, assistance to deal with ongoing and new custodianships on an urgent, on-demand basis. We are looking for expressions of interest from firms/lawyers who are willing to assist in such circumstances. The Law Society has a Schedule of Fees that it follows when retaining external counsel. The hourly rates are as follows:

Years Post Admission	Remuneration
Articling Students/Paralegals	\$125
Under 5 years	\$175
5-10 years	\$200
10-14 years	\$225
15-19 years	\$245
20+ years	\$275

For more information, please contact our Director of Custodianships, Nakita Ryan by phone at (709) 793-3367 or by email at [nryan@lsnl.ca](mailto:nryan@lsnl.ca).

**Expression of Interests are due by 5:00 pm on 4 December 2024**, and can be submitted to Erin Rowe at [erowe@lsnl.ca](mailto:erowe@lsnl.ca).

### 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](#).

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 22 November 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](#) until 26 November 2024.

**Written feedback following that date can be submitted directly to Ian Tucker at [iantucker@gov.nl](mailto:iantucker@gov.nl) until 15 December 2024.**



## Transgender Day of Remembrance

November 20 marks Transgender Day of Remembrance, dedicated to honoring the memories of those lost to anti-transgender violence. It underscores ongoing struggles against discrimination within the transgender community, aiming for just and inclusive societies. The Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador, through its Equity and Diversity Committee, actively promotes equity, diversity, and inclusion in the legal profession. The committee focuses on raising awareness about crucial issues for equity-seeking groups, including the transgender community, encouraging reflection on oppression and injustice.

Members are encouraged to recognize and appreciate the varied contributions of the transgender community in the legal profession. Consider participating in a vigil on November 20 for Transgender Day of Remembrance or take time to learn more about the challenges faced by the transgender community.

[LEARN MORE](#)



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](#)

LAW OFFICE ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

## 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



## Court Notices Regarding the Canada Post Labour Disruption

The Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) commenced a national strike on 15 November 2024, and Canada Post's operations have been suspended for the duration. During the labour disruption, parties may experience difficulties delivering documents to the Court or serving documents on other parties or persons. Similarly, the Court is experiencing difficulties in sending documents and packages to litigants, lawyers and other persons. These notices are intended to set out options to address these issues for the remainder of the labour disruption.

### Recent Notices

- [Supreme Court of Newfoundland and Labrador](#)
- [Court of Appeal of Newfoundland and Labrador](#)



### 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

[Bite Size CPD Series](#)

On behalf of CBA-NL President Lynn Sullivan, members of the Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador are invited to attend the [CBA-NL 2024 Holiday Party](#).

#### Event Details

When: Thursday, 5 December 2024

Time: 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Where: Grotto, 189 Water Street, St. John's

Send your RSVP to Robyn at [cba-nl@cba.org](mailto:cba-nl@cba.org) by 27 November 2024.



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*

- Restorative Justice Month Film Screening & Panel Discussion by Relationships First NL - *November 25*
- Atlantic Immigrant Career Loan Fund Online Information Session by the Immigrant Services Association of Nova Scotia - *November 25*
- Polarizing Conversations: How to Talk About Triggering Topics by ACHIEVE Centre for Leadership - *November 27*
- Influence: The Art & Science of Changing Minds by the Continuing Legal Education Society of British Columbia - *November 27*
- 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*
- Managing Difficult Phone Calls by ACHIEVE Centre for Leadership - *December 18*
- 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

- Legal Services Technician - Public Prosecutions Service (NS)
- Crown Attorney - Public Prosecutions Service (NS)
- Staff Solicitor - Legal Aid NL
- Crown Prosecutor - Ministry of Justice (SK)
- Crown Attorney - Manitoba Justice
- 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.

### Vivian Ruth Critch

Born June 12, 1956; died October 30, 2024.

Last place of residence was CBS.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Margaret Critch at (709) 740-0016.

### Gerald Harvey Dewling

Born September 1, 1942; died November 5, 2024.

Last place of residence was St. John's.

### Marion Louise Brett

Born July 01, 1943; died July 23, 2020.

Last place of residence was Lewisporte.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Darren Brett at (705) 835-6124.

### Kenneth John White

Born November 24, 1940; died September 15, 2021.

Last place of residence was St. John's.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Janet Dewling at (902) 4120-2802.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Edith Mae White at (709) 689-8107.

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### 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.