



## News & Updates

November 27, 2024



### New Homepage Layout for LSNL Website

We've updated the layout of our [homepage](#) to streamline navigation and make it easier for you to find the information and resources you need. This update includes the addition of dropdown menus at the top of the page to enhance your browsing experience.

As always, we're committed to serving the public interest and supporting our members with access to the best practice resources and more.

If you have any questions, concerns, or feedback about the updated homepage, please feel free to contact Amelia White, Communications Specialist at [awhite@lsnl.ca](mailto:awhite@lsnl.ca).

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### Benchers' Meeting

Please note that the next Benchers' meeting will take place on 9 December 2024. Anyone wishing to attend a Benchers' meeting:

1. is required to provide notice of attendance to the Law Society by emailing [erowe@lsnl.ca](mailto:erowe@lsnl.ca);
2. will not be permitted to use audio or video recording devices or communication devices during the meeting;
3. shall not speak, unless invited to do so by the President;
4. must observe and obey all rulings of the President; and

5. shall leave if the meeting is declared closed to the public or if asked to do so by the President.

At this time, attendance shall be via Zoom. An invite will be provided upon receipt of an attendance notice. Agendas will be posted on the [Law Society website](#) in advance of each meeting and the Minutes for the Public portion of each meeting will also be posted on the website. Please note that members are invited to attend the Public portion of the Benchers' meeting, however, the In-Camera portion of the meeting is closed to the public.

**Should you wish to attend the Public portion of the Benchers' meeting on 9 December 2024, please email [erowe@lsnl.ca](mailto:erowe@lsnl.ca) no later than noon, 5 December 2024.**



### Benchers' Reception

The President and Benchers of the Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador request the pleasure of your company at the Benchers' Reception. Please see the details below:

**Where:** 196-198 Water Street, St. John's

**When:** 11 December 2024

**Time:** 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**Please send your RSVP to Erin Rowe at [erowe@lsnl.ca](mailto:erowe@lsnl.ca) by 4 December 2024.**

### 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](#).



## The Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador Recognizes Nunatsiavut Day

We would like to extend our best wishes to the people of Nunatsiavut who are celebrating the 18<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Nunatsiavut Day on 1 December 2024.

The Canadian Inuit territory of Nunatsiavut, which means *Our Beautiful Land* in Inuktitut, was established within the boundaries of Newfoundland and Labrador. The area includes territory in Labrador extending to the Quebec border. In 2002, the Labrador Inuit Association submitted a proposal for limited autonomy to the provincial government. The constitution was ratified on 1 December 2005, and Nunatsiavut became the first of the Inuit regions in Canada to achieve self-government.

We hope you join us in wishing residents of the region a happy Nunatsiavut Day.



International  
Day of  
**Persons with  
Disabilities**

**3 DECEMBER**

## International Day of Persons with Disabilities

The annual observance of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD) on 3 December was proclaimed in 1992 and aims to promote an understanding of disability issues while mobilizing support for the dignity, rights, and well-being of persons with disabilities.

This year's theme is *amplifying the leadership of persons with disabilities for an inclusive and sustainable future*. Disability inclusion is essential to upholding human rights, sustainable development, and peace and security. IDPD reaffirms the commitment to acknowledging the rights of persons with disabilities as not only a matter of justice but an investment in a common future.

For more information, please [click here](#).

## RESOURCES

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](#)

ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING

### WELLNESS TOOLBOX

#### [Wellness Toolbox: Weekly Resources for Your Well-Being](#)

Your wellness toolbox includes resources to support your health and resilience. As a lawyer, prioritizing your well-being is essential for yourself, and those you serve.

Here's a list of resources from the Law Society's [Wellness Toolbox](#) for

consideration. Stay tuned for new recommendations each week.

- [The Trauma-Informed Lawyer Podcast](#)
- [The Well-Being Hour](#)
- [Tips on How to Stay Calm in Crisis](#)

## 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



### [Practice Note on Requesting Installation of Special Equipment](#)

The Supreme Court of Newfoundland and Labrador has updated its process for requesting the installation of special courtroom equipment or computer applications in criminal, civil, and family matters.

Legal professionals requiring specialized technology to present evidence must:

- Indicate their needs in the appropriate court form for pre-trial or trial readiness.
- Submit a written request to the relevant Court centre at least two weeks prior to the proceeding.
- Test the equipment or application no later than two days before trial to avoid delays.

For more information please click [here](#).



## Quadrennial Judicial Compensation and Benefits Commission Begins Inquiry

The Judicial Compensation and Benefits Commission has commenced its quadrennial inquiry into the adequacy of salaries and benefits for federally appointed judges and associate judges of the Federal Court, as mandated by the Judges Act.

The Commission welcomes public comments and has established the following schedule:

- 20 December 2024: Deadline for the Government, judges, and associate judges to file principal submissions
- 10 January 2025: Deadline for other parties to file principal submissions
- 24 January 2025: Deadline for reply submissions
- 20-21 February 2025: Public hearings in Ottawa

For more information 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](#).



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*

- Benchers' Reception by the Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador - *December 11*
- West Coast Benchers' Reception by the Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador - *December 12*

#### *Third-Party Events*

- Introduction to Digital Forensics by Hexadata Forensics - *On Demand*
- Digital Forensics Half Day by Hexadata Forensics - *On Demand*
- Digital Forensics Part 1 by Hexadata Forensics - *On Demand*
- Digital Forensics Part 2 by Hexadata Forensics - *On Demand*
- Child Sexual Exploitation Investigations by Hexadata Forensics - *On Demand*
- 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*
- 2024 Holiday Party by the Canadian Bar Association - Newfoundland and Labrador Branch - *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 - 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.

[Joan Miriam Sears](#)

Born October 11 1934; died July 24, 2024.

Last place of residence was Mount Pearl.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Jen Murphy at [constancemary2015@gmail.com](mailto:constancemary2015@gmail.com).

### 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.



