



## News & Updates

December 18, 2024



Happy Holidays from the Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador

Benchers and staff of the Law Society would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year. You can [view our Christmas card here](#).

Please note that we will be closed for the holidays after 23 December 2024 and will reopen for regular business hours starting on 2 January 2025. Staff will not be monitoring email and will respond to inquiries upon return on Tuesday, 2 January 2025.

The [Law Library](#) will be accessible by members and approved legal professionals with a valid fob card. Please remember that only circulating items may be borrowed.

Happy holidays!



Loss Prevention Tip #63: Have a Cyber Safe Holiday

Scammers frequently target firms just before a holiday, as they know that this is a time when offices are often short-staffed and transaction details might not be checked as closely as they might otherwise be. This Holiday season, the Government of Canada is offering a [Get Cyber Safe](#) campaign on staying cyber safe during the holiday season.

There are fun holiday articles such as [Santa Got Hacked](#) and [The Night Before Unboxing Day](#) as well as information about cyber security and simple steps to protect yourself online. A list of [loss prevention tips](#) is also available on our website.

For more information or to read up on what to do in the event of a cyber breach, please click [here](#).



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### 'Tis the Season to De-Stress

On behalf of your Professionals' Assistance Program provider, Homewood Health is pleased to provide the following article ['Tis the Season to De-Stress](#). In this article, you will find information on how to stay stress-free this holiday season and learn ways to beat the winter blues.

For more information or questions on wellness, register [here](#) using this one-time invitation code LSN171 or phone in confidence, 24 hours a day at 1-800-663-1142.

### Call for Expressions of Interest: Bencher Vacancy in the Western District

The Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador is seeking expressions of interest from members wanting to fill a Bencher vacancy in the Western district.

Dean Porter (Western District) has been appointed as a Justice of the Supreme Court of Newfoundland and Labrador effective 29 November 2024. The *Law Society Act, 1999*, provides that Benchers must appoint a person to fill the vacancy.

Any interested member in good standing, who is practicing and residing in the Western District, should submit their name and a brief outline of their qualifications by 2 January 2025. Subject to eligibility, Benchers will appoint one of these individuals to fill the vacancy until June 2025, at which time the person appointed can stand for election for a four-year term.

When reflecting on whether to send an expression of interest, please take into account if you have some, if not all, of the skills and attributes identified in the [Skills Matrix](#). We

also ask that you review the following key traits that contribute to effective decision-making:

- The ability to think strategically and analytically and to effectively communicate thoughts and the reasons for them;
- Possession of earned respect of key stakeholder group members, including, but not limited to, the public and the members;
- The ability to work well with others as a member of a collaborative group with decision-making authority and an understanding of the duty to act with due care, diligence, and skill, honestly, in good faith, and in the best interests of the Law Society;
- Demonstrated understanding of the differences between “oversight” and “supervision”;
- Earned reputation for emotional maturity, personal integrity, and honesty; and
- A demonstrated familiarity with the body of knowledge related to both the Law Society’s mandate, governing legislation, policies, and procedures.

**Any interested member in the Western District is asked to send their expression of interest along with a completed [Skills Matrix](#) to Erin Rowe at [erowe@lsnl.ca](mailto:erowe@lsnl.ca) by 2 January 2025.**



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

**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.

- [Peer Support Canada](#)
- [The Health Library](#)
- [Eating Disorder Services](#)

## 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](#).

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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](#)

[Not So Risky Business: First Year in Review](#)



## Invitation to Participate in a Class Actions Survey

Are you a legal professional whose practice involves class actions? J r my Boulanger-Bonnely, a professor at [McGill University's Faculty of Law](#), invites you to participate in a survey examining perspectives on key issues and potential reforms in class actions.

The survey is anonymous, takes about 15 minutes, and is open until 20 February 2025. It is conducted independently in partnership with the [Quebec Institute for Law and Justice Reform](#) and the [Uniform Law Conference of Canada](#).

For more information and to participate, [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](#).

- Stress Management by ACHIEVE Centre for Leadership - *January 8*
- Intellectual Property Law: The Year in Review by the Law Society of Ontario - *January 17*
- Critical Incident Group Debriefing by the Crisis and Trauma Resource Institute - *January 21*
- The Civil Litigator's Survival Guide to Evidence by Osgoode Hall Law School - *January 22*
- Calculating Income for Child Support: Top Ten Cases by the Law Society of Saskatchewan - *January 22*
- Aboriginal Law: Critical and Emerging Issues by Osgoode Hall Law School - *February 3*
- Conference on Addiction, Mental Health and the Law by the Canadian Institute for the Administration of Justice - *February 3*
- Conflict Resolution Skills by ACHIEVE Centre for Leadership - *February 18*

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

- Crown Prosecutor - Ministry of Justice (SK)
- Lawyer - The Department of Justice, Legal Services Division (NS)
- Staff Solicitor - Legal Aid NL (Grand Falls-Windsor area)
- Staff Solicitor - Legal Aid NL (Corner Brook area)

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.

#### Patrick Drake

Born October 20, 1942; died April 11, 2011.

Last place of residence was Marystown.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Karen Drake at [k.drake74@hotmail.com](mailto:k.drake74@hotmail.com).

#### Violet Black

Born March 12, 1926; died February 15, 2023.

Last place of residence was Grand Falls-Windsor.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Gwen Kier at [gwen.keir@outlook.com](mailto:gwen.keir@outlook.com).

#### Recep Veysoglu

Born July 26, 1935; died April 14, 2024.

Last place of residence was St. John's.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact John French at [jbfrench@french-associates.com](mailto:jbfrench@french-associates.com).



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This is a mandatory communication.