



News & Updates

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Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador Seeking Trust Compliance Auditor

The Trust Compliance Auditor plans, organizes, leads, and manages the Trust Audit Program for the Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador in accordance with the *Law Society Act*, Rules and Code of Professional Conduct.

For more information on this opportunity, including the job description, click [here](#). To apply in confidence, **please provide a resume and cover letter by 5:00 p.m. on 29 January 2025**, to recruitment@lsnl.ca.

2025 Membership Fees

Please note that invoices for 2025 Membership Fees have been emailed to the membership. If you have not received your invoice, please contact Erin Rowe at erowe@lsnl.ca.



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Preparing for the New Year: Maintaining your Mental Health

Homewood Health, your professional assistance program provider, is pleased to release *Preparing for the New Year: Maintaining your Mental Health*.

Time to pack away the decorations, organize the home, and look ahead to a

brand new year. Looking forward to the next 365 days often brings about hopes of new beginnings, the potential to do better, and perhaps the resolve to tackle new and existing aspirations.

As always, help and resources are available by contacting [Homewood Health](#) at 1-800-663-1142, 24 hours a day.

2025 Award Submissions

The Honours and Awards Committee is seeking submissions for the following:

1. Degree of Doctor of Laws
2. Gordon M. Stirling Distinguished Service Award
3. Jean Bruneau, OC, Certificate of Merit
4. The Kenneth W. Jerrett Award
5. Early Career Achievement Award
6. Early Career Pro Bono Award

Descriptions and requirements for each of these Honours can be found [here](#).

Nominees must complete a [Consent and Eligibility Form](#) confirming their agreement to the nomination and also confirming whether, in any province or territory of Canada, they are the subject of an ongoing allegation or complaint; whether they have pleaded guilty before an adjudication tribunal to conduct deserving of sanction or were found guilty by an adjudication tribunal of conduct deserving of sanction; and/or whether they were found guilty of, or are subject to, previous or ongoing litigation matters.

Please forward the names of any nominees, and any other required documentation, on or before 1 March 2025, to the Chair of the Honours and Awards Committee, Linda Harnett at lindadianeharnett@gmail.com.



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.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

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.

- [Crisis Text Line](#)
- [The Grace Centre](#)
- [Reflections on Mental Health](#)

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



Supreme Court Notices

Rule Amendments

The Rules Committee of the Supreme Court has approved amendments to the Rules of the Supreme Court, 1986. Published in the Newfoundland and Labrador Gazette on 27 December

2024, these amendments take effect on 20 January 2025.

Key changes include updates to service by electronic transmission or fax, cost consequences for interim family law applications, leave requirements for certain applications, and new processes under the *Family Orders and Agreements Enforcement Assistance Act*. Additional amendments address emergency applications, affidavit formats, and the creation or revision of various forms.

To view the full notice, please click [here](#).

Courtroom Attire

The Supreme Court of Newfoundland and Labrador has updated its guidelines on appropriate attire for counsel in all proceedings, including those conducted via video. This Notice applies to both the General and Family Divisions and replaces the previous directive issued on 10 March 2016.

Key Points:

- Gowning is required for criminal proceedings (excluding conferences), summary conviction appeals, and trials such as civil, family, child protection, and divorce cases.
- When gowning is not required, counsel must wear dark business attire or chambers attire as outlined in the full notice.
- Accommodations for personal circumstances, such as pregnancy, medical conditions, disabilities, or religious dress requirements, are permitted, provided the attire is dark and maintains court decorum.

This Notice takes effect on 13 January 2025.

To view the full notice, 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](#).

Recent Articles

- [Not So Risky Business Named One of the Best Legal Blogs of 2024](#)
- [Loss Prevention Online Repository Sneak Peek: Will and Estates](#)



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](#).

- Atlantic Immigrant Career Loan Fund Online Information Session by the Immigrant Services Association of Nova Scotia - *January 13*
- 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

- Court Officer IA (Bilingual - French/English) - Department of Justice and Public Safety
- Manager, Operations and Projects - Nova Scotia Department of Justice
- Vulnerable Person's Lawyer - Department of Justice & Public Safety (PEI)
- Solicitor IV - NL Health Services
- Crown Prosecutor - Public Prosecutions (SK)
- Crown Prosecutor - Ministry of Justice (SK)
- Articled Clerk - Nova Scotia Legal Aid Commission
- Solicitor - City of Saint John

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.

[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.

[Alder Walter Arthur Ford](#)

Born February 17, 1926; died April 19, 1991.

Last place of residence was Makkovik.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Violet Ford at violet@inukshuklaw.com.

[Melanie Ann Jobe](#)

Born February 21, 1964; died November 26, 2024.

Last place of residence was St. John's.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Alysa O'Keefe at aokeefe@coxandpalmer.com.

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You are receiving this communication in accordance with your membership with the Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador.

This is a mandatory communication.