



## Upcoming Continuing Professional Development Opportunities

### Enhancing Trial Processes: The Role of Amicus Curiae and Case Management

Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

This seminar explores two critical tools for managing complex legal proceedings in the post-Jordan era: the role of amicus curiae and the case management process in the Supreme Court of Newfoundland and Labrador. John Brooks, a senior lawyer with extensive experience as amicus curiae in high-profile cases, will discuss the appointment process, responsibilities, and ethical challenges of the role, highlighting its practical applications in court proceedings. Chief Justice Raymond Whalen will lead the second part, offering insights into the resolution-focused case management process, its practical applications, and opportunities for enhancing trial efficiency. Attendees will benefit from real-world examples, a deeper understanding of these tools, and an interactive Q&A session to explore practical improvements.

Attendees are invited to stay after the seminar for an informal social and lunch, with drinks and other refreshments.

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### From Advocate to Adjudicator - Putting it in Neutral

Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

This seminar offers valuable insights into the journey of becoming and serving as a neutral decision-maker from an administrative law perspective.

There is no definitive roadmap for lawyers aspiring to take on the role of a neutral adjudicator. For many, this is an unfamiliar and uncertain shift from the role of an advocate. This seminar will explore how lawyers transition into neutral roles and what it entails to act impartially. The session will feature a panel discussion, with presenters addressing questions posed by the moderator. Topics to be covered include:

- Why and how a lawyer becomes a neutral decision-maker

- The impact of becoming a neutral on a lawyer's career path
- The advantages and challenges of being a neutral compared to an advocate
- Key "dos" and "don'ts" for lawyers appearing before neutral decision-makers
- Insights into writing decisions, especially in the context of appellate or judicial review

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