



News & Updates

April 16, 2025

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

MAY 8

Artificial Intelligence in Legal Practice: Ethics, Innovation, and Regulation

REGISTER

MAY 23

Court of Appeal: Rule Changes, Court Procedures, Technology, and Advocacy
limited capacity

REGISTER

JUNE 11

The Anatomy of a Personal Injury Claim - Best Practices, Caselaw, and Trends

REGISTER

[VIEW ALL EVENTS HERE](#)

OTHER DATES OF INTEREST

May 7 - Preventive Justice: The Quest for Certainty in Predicting Future Harm

May 21 - Trauma-Informed Lawyering: Free Training for the Journey Project Legal Support Service

May 29 - Kenneth LeDrew Disciplinary Hearing

June 17 - Gregory Stack Disciplinary Hearing

Loss Prevention Tip #64: Verify Pay Out Instructions Before Transferring Funds
A BC law firm recently lost over \$4 million to fraudsters after wire instructions were manipulated via a compromised email account. The fraud could have been prevented with a simple verification call.

Before transferring funds, always verify payment instructions by phone or in person using trusted contact details from your file or a reliable source—not the email providing the instructions. This applies whether the instructions come from a client, another law firm, or a financial institution.

To help prevent wire fraud, ensure your firm:

- Has a verification protocol for all trust fund transfers.
- Uses multi-factor authentication and strong password practices.
- Trains all staff regularly on cybersecurity risks.
- Implements routine backups and robust email security.

If you suspect fraud, act immediately:

- Notify your bank and request a claw-back.
- Contact your IT support and cyber insurer.
- Report any potential loss of trust funds to the Law Society/Lawyers' Insurance Program.

For full details, read [Loss Prevention Tip #64](#). You can view our full list of Loss Prevention Tips [here](#).



Consultation: Draft Competency Framework for Entry to Practice

We are seeking your feedback on a draft [Competency Framework for Entry to Practice](#). This proposed framework outlines the knowledge, skills, and professional behaviours expected of newly called lawyers and is intended to replace the current [Articling Skills and Experience Checklist](#).

The framework is a key step in ensuring that lawyers enter the profession equipped to practise competently and ethically.

We welcome your input as we enter the consultation phase. In particular, we encourage you to consider:

- Do the listed competencies reflect what we expect of new lawyers?
- Are there gaps or unnecessary overlaps?
- Is the language clear, specific, and accessible?

Please click [here](#) for more information and to **share your feedback by 16 May 2025**.

Thank you for supporting this important initiative. Your insights will help shape the final framework and ensure it reflects the realities of legal practice in Newfoundland and Labrador.

WE WANT TO
HEAR FROM
YOU

Member Communications Survey - Share Your Input

The Law Society is seeking member feedback on its communications. Insights from this survey will help refine the content, format, and overall effectiveness of how information is shared.

This anonymous survey takes just 3–5 minutes to complete. Your input will help shape future communication efforts.

We appreciate your time and feedback.

TAKE THE SURVEY

ACCESS TO
JUSTICE



Research on Access to Justice in Canada's Official Languages

A team of researchers from [McGill University](#) is conducting a survey focused on access to justice in both official languages in Canada. This project seeks input from professionals working within the justice system, including those offering services in the minority official language of their province or territory.

The survey is open to a wide range of individuals involved in the legal field, including lawyers, judges, court employees, and other related positions. Your perspective and experience are valuable to this research.

Please click the applicable survey below to participate before the deadline on 16 May 2025:

- [Survey on justice in French outside Québec](#)
- [Survey on justice in English in Québec](#)

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



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](#)

COMMUNICATION

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](#)
- [BounceBack](#)
- [Lifewise Warmline](#)

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



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

- Paralegal - African Nova Scotian Justice Institute
- Director - African Nova Scotian Justice Institute

- Appeal Board Member - Government of Newfoundland and Labrador
- Board Member - PLIAN
- Legal Advisor - Memorial University Interdisciplinary Committee for Ethics in Human Research
- Associate Lawyer - Mills Pittman Twyne Law Offices
- Legal Counsel - Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities
- Lawyer - Government of Nova Scotia
- Lawyer - 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.

Owen Patrick Crotty

Born May 8, 1945; died July 18, 2008.

Last place of residence was St. John's.

Any member with information regarding the last will is asked to contact Jason Crotty at Jason.crotty@edmontonpolice.ca.

Tony Garfield Clarke

Born September 30, 1965; died April 8, 2025.

Last place of residence was Gander.

Any member with information regarding the last will is asked to contact Brent Clarke at brentclarke39@gmail.com.

William Edward Tricco

Born 1937; died April 2025.

Last place of residence was Paradise.

Any member with information regarding the last will is asked to contact Vera Mercer at (613) 837-9449 or at vmercerseguin@sympatico.ca.

Bertha Tricco

Born 1937.

Last place of residence was Paradise.

Any member with information regarding the last will is asked to contact Vera Mercer at (613) 837-9449 or at vmercerseguin@sympatico.ca.

William C. Dunne

Born June 18, 1948; died March 28, 2025.

Last place of residence was St. John's.

Any member with information regarding the last will is asked to contact Ian F. Kelly of Curtis Dawe at (709) 722-5181 or at PO Box 337, St. John's, NL, A1C 5J9

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