



News & Updates

April 2, 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

APRIL 10

Free Webinar - Overview of
Amendments to the Family
Violence Protection Act

[REGISTER](#)

JUNE 11

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

[REGISTER](#)

[VIEW ALL EVENTS HERE](#)

OTHER DATES OF INTEREST

[April 11 - Benchers' Meeting](#)

[April 14 - Free Family Law Information Session - Supreme Court of Newfoundland and Labrador](#)

[May 29 - Kenneth LeDrew Disciplinary Hearing](#)

[June 17 - Gregory Stack Disciplinary Hearing](#)



Connect with Us on Bluesky

We invite you to connect with us on our new Bluesky account at [@LawSocietyNL](#) to stay updated on news in the legal community. By following, liking, and sharing our posts,

you contribute to the ongoing dialogue within the profession, while staying informed about key developments and opportunities.

You can also visit our website's [news section](#) for more resources and updates.

Thank you for helping us strengthen our online presence!

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TEMPORARY DISRUPTION

Temporary Service Disruption: Online Catalogue

Please be advised that our Law Library's [online catalogue](#) will be unavailable on 29 March 2025 from 9:00 a.m. - 5 p.m. due to maintenance. We appreciate your understanding.

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NEW RELEASE

New Search Tool for Historical NL Statutes Now Available

The [Legislative Assembly Library](#) has launched a [new search tool](#) featuring searchable indexes for Newfoundland and Labrador statutes from 1833 to 1970. This index includes the full text of consolidations and annual statute volumes, allowing users to search by title, keyword, or date. Digital copies of the statutes were sourced from the Digital Archives Initiative, courtesy of the Centre for Newfoundland Studies at Memorial University Libraries.

To explore other valuable resources, please visit our Law Library online [here](#).

Upcoming Benchers' Meeting

Please note that the next Benchers' meeting will take place on Friday, 11 April 2025 at 9:30 am. Anyone wishing to attend a Benchers' meeting:

1. is required to provide notice of attendance to the Law Society by emailing 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.

Should you wish to attend the Benchers' meeting on 11 April 2025, [please email erowe@lsnl.ca](mailto:erowe@lsnl.ca) no later than 5:00 pm Friday, 4 April 2025.

ADD TO CALENDAR

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



Nominations

The Law Society is seeking nominations for the vacancies created by the expiry of terms as follows:

Eastern District

- Lauren Chafe, KC*
- Carey Majid, KC*
- David Williams*

Western District

- Mark Mills*
- Lorilee Sharpe*

* Lauren Chafe, KC, Carey Majid, KC, David Williams, Mark Mills, and Lorilee Sharpe are eligible to seek election.

In accordance with s. 11 of the *Law Society Act, 1999*, interested members of the Law Society who are in good standing, practising, and are resident in either the Eastern or Western Districts, should file completed nomination papers in [form 4.01A](#) with the Executive Director at the Law Society offices no later than **5:00 p.m., Monday, 7 April 2025**.

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.

The remaining Elective Benchers are:

Eastern District

- Gladys Dunne, KC
- Johnathan Earle
- Valerie Hynes, KC
- Sheilagh Murphy, KC
- Steve Scruton
- Alexander Templeton
- John Whelan

- Douglas Wright
- Rodney Zdebiak, KC

Central District

- Gregory French
- Derek Ford

Labrador District

- Jonathan Regan

The election results will be announced at the Law Society Annual General Meeting on 6 June 2025.



CLIA Not So Risky Business Blog

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

- [Voluntary Excess Program Renewal Opening May 5](#)
- [How To Know When To Take Time Away From Work](#)



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

MANAGING MONEY

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.

- [Mental Health First Aid](#)
- [Health and Community Services](#)
- [Doorways](#)

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

- Crown Attorney - Public Prosecution Service of Nova Scotia
- Legal Counsel - Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities
- Labour Relations Officer - Association of Allied Health Professionals
- Staff Solicitor - Legal Aid NL
- Legal Information Coordinator - PLIAN
- Lawyer - Government of Nova Scotia
- Lawyer - Department of Justice and Public Safety
- Crown Prosecutor - Department of Justice and Public Safety (NB)
- Senior Crown Prosecutor - Department of Justice and Public Safety (NB)
- Legal Research Officer - Manitoba Justice
- Crown Attorney - Government of Nova Scotia

[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.

John Everett Kynnersley Nicolle
Born October 11, 1958; died March 27, 2025.

Last place of residence was St. John's.

Any member with information regarding the last will is asked to contact Cathy Nicolle at (709) 685-1080.

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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.