



## News & Updates

April 30, 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

[ADD TO CALENDAR](#)

**MAY 23**

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

[ADD TO CALENDAR](#)

**JUNE 11**

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

[ADD TO CALENDAR](#)

[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



## Financial Statements 2024

The Law Society's annual audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 incorporate the operating results of the Law Society, the Lawyers' Insurance Programme, the Assurance Fund, the Endowment Fund, and the Internal Restricted Fund as well as comparative results for 2023. The audited financial statements will be presented at the [Annual General Meeting](#) of the Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador on 6 June 2025.

- The financial statements can be read [here](#).

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## #65 Protect Client Information When Taking Your Phone or Laptop across the US Border

The [Government of Canada](#) has issued a [travel advisory](#) for Canadians heading to the US, highlighting that US border agents have the authority to search electronic devices without providing a reason. If you refuse to provide access to your device, consequences such as detention, device seizure, or refusal of entry may occur.

As a legal professional, it's your responsibility to protect client information, including during border searches. We encourage you to take steps to safeguard any sensitive data on your devices when travelling.

For more information, please read [Loss Prevention Tip # 65](#). You can view our full list of Loss Prevention Tips [here](#).



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## CALENDAR

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### Important Reminders

- **Disciplinary Panel Expressions of Interest:** Due May 9
- **Competency Framework Consultation:** Feedback due May 16
- **Annual Dinner & Reception:** Mark your calendar for June 6. RSVP by May 29.

- **Annual General Meeting:** Mark your calendar for June 6. RSVP by June 2 to [erowe@lsnl.ca](mailto:erowe@lsnl.ca).
- **Bencher's Meeting:** Mark your calendar for June 6. RSVP by June 2 to [erowe@lsnl.ca](mailto:erowe@lsnl.ca).

### **Reminder: Cast Your Vote in the Bencher Election**

Voting is now open, and we've seen a 36% participation rate so far. Make sure your voice is heard in shaping the future of the Law Society.

Didn't receive your voting invitation? [Let us know](#) so we can help you get access to your ballot.

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### **Law Library Orientation 2025 for Summer Students and New Members**

We are organizing in-person orientation sessions for summer students and new members at the Law Library. Please note that the tour covers both floors of the Law Library, with an elevator available for anyone requiring accommodation.

To schedule your orientation, kindly provide the following details to Jenny Thornhill, Law Librarian, at [jthornhill@lsnl.ca](mailto:jthornhill@lsnl.ca):

- Preferred Date and Time Slot
- Firm Name
- Name of Each Student/New Member (Include email and year at law school/Call to Bar)
- Total Number of Attendees

#### **AVAILABLE GROUP SESSIONS**

May 26  
May 27  
May 28 - 29  
June 2 - 3  
June 5  
June 10  
June 12  
June 16 -19

#### **SESSION TIMES**

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.  
11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

If none of these times suit your schedule, please reach out to [Jenny Thornhill](#) to explore alternative arrangements. Students attending the Bar Course this summer will receive library orientation as part of that program.

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## Notice from the Supreme Court

Please be advised that the replacement of the elevator in the St. John's Supreme Court, General Division courthouse remains ongoing. The elevator is anticipated to be out of operation until 31 May 2025.

If any assistance or accommodation is required to attend a Court proceeding in the St. John's General Division courthouse, please contact the Court directly at

[inquiries@supreme.court.nl.ca](mailto:inquiries@supreme.court.nl.ca).



## Free Well-Being Webinars

In partnership with the [Law Society of Manitoba](#) and the Law Society of Saskatchewan, the [Canadian Lawyers Insurance Association](#) (CLIA) is hosting *Well-Being in the Legal Profession Week*, from May 12-16. Building on the theme of the [Canadian Mental Health Association's Mental Health Week](#) of *Unmasking Mental Health* and the results of the *National Study on the Health and Wellness Determinants of Legal Professionals in Canada*, CLIA will be sharing blog posts and free daily webinars available to members in CLIA jurisdictions.

Upcoming events include:

- May 12 - Well-Being in the Legal Profession - Concrete Strategies for Positive Change (Perfectionism)
- May 13 - Mental Health, Well-Being, and Issues Facing Law Students/Young Lawyers
- May 14 - Mindful Business Charter
- May 15 - Well-Being is a Team Sport

For more information or to register for these sessions, please click [here](#).

## CLIA Not So Risky Business Blog

CLIA's [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](#).

- [Explaining Excess Insurance](#)
- [Real Estate Resources: Loss Prevention Online Repository](#)



### [Make Your Voice Heard: International Survey for Women in Law](#)

The [International Bar Association](#) (IBA) is gathering insights from women in the legal profession worldwide. The anonymous survey is 5 - 10 minutes and available in multiple languages. The information collected will help the IBA better understand women's experiences across all legal sectors, countries, and career stages. Your input will contribute to a global report highlighting the profession's challenges, opportunities, and progress.

To learn more or to participate before the deadline on 30 May 2025, please click [here](#).

TAKE THE SURVEY



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](#)

ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING

## 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.

- [The Well-Being Hour](#)
- [The Health Library](#)
- [The Crisis Text Line](#)

## 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

- Law Student - WorkplaceNL
- Solicitor - NL Health Services

- Executive Director - Department of Justice and Public Safety (NB)
- Crown Prosecutor - Saskatchewan Ministry of Justice
- 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
- 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.

### James Martin Canning

Born March 20, 1978; died February 11, 2025.

Last place of residence was St. John's.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Jennah Turpin at [JennahTurpin@gmail.com](mailto:JennahTurpin@gmail.com).

### Jennie Elaine Roberts

Born November 30, 1960; died March 10, 2025.

Last place of residence was St. John's.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Allan Roberts at (709) 330-2029.

### Myrtle Coombs

Born December 9, 1957; died April 11, 2025.

Last place of residence was Kitchener, ON.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Cindy Coombs at [cindy\\_coombs@hotmail.com](mailto:cindy_coombs@hotmail.com).

### Albert Charles Edmonds Walker

Born January 29, 1937; died April 6, 2025.

Last place of residence was Botwood.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Joanne Stuckey at (709) 484-3564.

### Lloyd John Lear

Born July 15, 1944; died October 19, 2017.

Last place of residence was St. John's.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Jessica Hunt at (709) 754-4845.

### Donna Gail Lear

Born December 17, 1947; died December 15, 2004

Last place of residence was St. John's.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Jessica Hunt at (709) 754-4845.

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This is a mandatory communication.