



## News & Updates

April 9, 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

**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

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## OTHER DATES OF INTEREST

[April 11 - Benchers' Meeting](#)

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

[May 7 - Preventive Justice: The Quest for Certainty in Predicting Future Harm](#)

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

## 2025 Benchers Election

We will be continuing with the electronic voting process this year, utilizing the services of ClearPicture. Please be assured that Clearpicture is a neutral third party; your vote will not be shared with anyone, and only the overall vote totals will be reported by ClearPicture.

Within the next couple of weeks, you will be receiving an email invite from ClearPicture to provide you with a secure password and link to proceed with your vote. All invitations, reminders, and final reminders will come directly from ClearPicture.

This year, there are four nominees for three vacancies in the Eastern District. The nominees are as follows:

- Lauren Chafe, KC
- Carey Majid, KC
- Joe Thorne
- David Williams

We received two nominations for the two vacancies in the Western District, and the following members are acclaimed as Benchers in that district (terms effective 6 June 2025 following the Law Society's Annual General Meeting):

- Mark Mills
- Lorilee Sharpe



### 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.

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Since 1889, our Law Library has been simplifying legal research for members, ensuring the resources you need are always within reach.



## Launch of Bail Supervision Program

The Bail Supervision Program will officially launch on 9 April 2025, in both the Provincial and Supreme Courts in St. John's.

The referral form for new cases can be viewed [here](#). All referrals should be sent to [bailsupervision@gov.nl.ca](mailto:bailsupervision@gov.nl.ca).

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

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**YOU'RE INVITED**

## CHIEF JUSTICE SIR FRANCIS FORBES ANNUAL LAW LECTURE



**7 MAY, 2025. 7-9 PM**

INCO INNOVATION CENTRE LECTURE THEATRE 2001  
FREE PARKING IN ADJACENT LOT 17  
MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY CAMPUS

**Dr Bernadette McSherry**  
Emeritus Professor of Law  
University of Melbourne



# PREVENTIVE JUSTICE: THE QUEST FOR CERTAINTY IN PREDICTING FUTURE HARM



Brought to you by Memorial University,  
the Law Society of Newfoundland and  
Labrador and the Law Foundation of  
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The term "preventive justice" was first used in the 18th century and linked to laws aimed at preventing future crime. In many jurisdictions based on the common law, the past few decades have seen preventive justice schemes reinvigorated in association with a focus on risk assessment tools aimed at predicting the risk of future harmful behaviour. Recently, predictive machine learning algorithms have been used to inform judicial decision-making, including sentencing. Using case studies, this lecture will explore some of the legal and ethical issues raised by preventive justice schemes and will consider whether the quest for certainty in predicting future harm is any closer to being fulfilled.



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## 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

- [The Value of a Reciprocal](#)



### Mock Trial Competition – Call For Volunteers

[PLIAN](#) is proud to introduce a new mock trial competition for high school students, taking place on 5 May 2025, at the Supreme Court, General Division, in St. John's.

To support this event, PLIAN is seeking active or retired lawyers and judges to help adjudicate the mock trials. Volunteers will provide feedback and guidance to participating students, helping them develop their advocacy skills.

A reception will be held to celebrate the participating students following the completion of the mock trial, at the [Law Society Building](#), on the 3rd floor.

To learn more or to volunteer, 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](#)

## 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.

- [Takeaways Toolkit](#)
- [AI-Anon Family Groups](#)
- [Eating Disorder Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador](#)

## 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](#).

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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

- Board Member - PLIAN
- Palmer Fellow in Policy and Advocacy - Dalhousie University
- 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
- 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)

[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.

### Frank Joseph Ryan

Born August 29, 1936; died April 14, 2014.

Last place of residence was St. John's.

Any member with information regarding the last will is asked to contact Jessica Hunt at (709) 754-4845.

### Phyllis Marie Ryan

Born April 26, 1938; died April 19, 2023.

Last place of residence was St. John's.

Any member with information regarding the last will is asked to contact Jessica Hunt at (709) 754-4845.

### Karen Helen Eichler

Born May 26, 1975; died June 22, 2020.

Last place of residence was Gander.

Any member with information regarding the last will is asked to contact Elizabeth Eichler Kitt at (403) 200-6189.

### Daphne Frances Penney

Born October 21, 1925; died June 3, 2002.

Last place of residence was Springdale.

Any member with information regarding the last will is asked to contact Terri Smith at [dennis.terri1205@gmail.com](mailto:dennis.terri1205@gmail.com).

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