



News & Updates

May 14, 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 23

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

[ADD TO CALENDAR](#)

MAY 27

Autism Acceptance and
Understanding: Supporting
Neurodivergent Clients,
Colleagues, and Loved Ones
Free Session

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JUNE 9

Empowering Legal
Professionals: Mastering
Lexis+ AI for Research
Excellence

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JUNE 11

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

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[VIEW ALL EVENTS HERE](#)

OTHER DATES OF INTEREST

May 15 - Well-being is a Team Sport

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

May 29 - Kenneth LeDrew Disciplinary Hearing

Indigenous Law Student SCHOLARSHIP



Indigenous Law Student Scholarship

In line with the Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador's commitment to advancing Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples and following the recommendation of the Indigenous Education and Action Committee, we are pleased to offer the *Indigenous Law Student Scholarship*.

This annual scholarship aims to assist Indigenous law students pursuing a Juris Doctor degree, a Master of Laws degree, or a PhD in law. It will provide a one-time award of \$5,000 each to up to three candidates. **The deadline for applications is June 1 annually.** To apply, please submit completed application forms via email to churley@lsnl.ca.

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



CALENDAR

Important Reminders

- **Competency Framework Consultation:** Feedback due May 16
- **Annual Dinner & Reception:** Mark your calendar for June 6. RSVP by May 29 [here](#).
- **Annual General Meeting:** Mark your calendar for June 6. RSVP by June 2 [here](#).
- **Bencher's Meeting:** Mark your calendar for June 6. RSVP by June 2 [here](#).
- **Law Library Orientation for Summer Students & New Members:** Group sessions available May 26 - June 19. RSVP [here](#).

Reminder: Cast Your Vote in the Bencher Election

Voting is now open, and we've seen a 48% participation rate so far. Make sure your voice is heard in shaping the future of the Law Society. **Vote before the deadline on 23 May 2025.**

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



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Mental Health Toolkit: Navigating Uncertainty

Feeling overwhelmed by uncertainty? Homewood Health, your Professionals' Assistance Program provider, has created a [Mental Health Toolkit](#) to support your mental health. This toolkit offers confidential support and practical tools to manage stress, build resilience, and take control of our mental well-being.

Some of the Toolkit Highlights are:

- Practical stress management tips
- Guided exercises to reduce anxiety
- When and how to seek support
- Quick access to EFAP services
- Guidance for leaders supporting their teams

Help and resources are available 24 hours a day online at homeweb.ca or by phone at 1-800-663-1142.



International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia

The International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia recognizes the violence and discrimination experienced by lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex people, and all other individuals with diverse sexual orientations, gender identities, or expressions, and sex characteristics.

This year's theme, *the power of communities*, celebrates the diversity and vibrancy of LGBTQIA+ communities, honouring the wide spectrum of identities, experiences, and backgrounds that shape and strengthen our collective story.

May 17 is an opportunity to celebrate diversity and work toward equal rights and choices for all individuals. For more information, please click [here](#).



[Invitation to Contribute to Review of Search Warrant Procedures](#)

As part of a review of the procedures used by the Provincial Court in issuing search warrants, members are invited to provide input on their experiences with the process.

The review seeks to identify any difficulties or concerns counsel may have encountered, as well as suggestions for improving the process. Feedback is also welcome regarding any challenges in accessing a search warrant or the related information through a court registry after the warrant has been issued and executed.

If you would like to contribute to this review, please submit your response [here](#).



[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

- [Well-Being in the Legal Profession: Concrete Strategies for Positive Change](#)
- [Mental Health, Well-Being and Issues Facing Law Students/Young Lawyers](#)



Free Cultural Intelligence Workshop

The [Association for New Canadians](#) is offering free Cultural Intelligence (CQ) Workshops for individuals aged 16 and older. This two-hour certificate training focuses on workplace diversity, inclusion, and anti-racism. Sessions can be delivered on-site or virtually.

To request a session, host a workshop at your organization, or learn more about the Cultural Intelligence Workshops, please click [here](#).



Opportunity to Publish Legal Notices

The following resources may be helpful for lawyers seeking to share legal notices within Newfoundland and Labrador:

The [Shoreline Newspaper](#) offers legal notice publication in both print and online formats, combining the reliability of traditional print with the accessibility of a growing digital audience.

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](#)

RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LAW SOCIETY

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.

- [Reflections on Mental Health](#)
- [The Litigator and Mental Health](#)
- [CBA Well-Being Programs](#)

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

- Board Member - Newfoundland & Labrador Folk Arts Society
- Civil Litigator - Department of Justice and Public Safety
- Legal Counsel - Department of Justice and Public Safety
- Legal Services Technician - Government of Nova Scotia
- Crown Attorney - Public Prosecution Service (NS)
- Charter Advisory Committee Member - Defence for Children International
- Crown Prosecutor - Ministry of Justice (SK)
- Solicitor - NL Health Services
- Appeal Board Member - Government of Newfoundland and Labrador
- 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.

[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.

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.

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