



News & Updates

May 28, 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

JUNE 9

Empowering Legal
Professionals: Mastering
Lexis+ AI for Research
Excellence

[ADD TO CALENDAR](#)

JUNE 11

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

[ADD TO CALENDAR](#)

JUNE 13

Swearing-In Ceremony of The
Honourable Judge Andrew
Owen Brown

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OTHER DATES OF INTEREST

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

[June 16 & 17 - Free Workshops: Brain Injury and Intimate Partner Violence](#)

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

Annual Dinner and Cocktail Reception

The Law Society's Annual Dinner and Cocktail Reception will be held on the evening of Friday, 6 June 2025, at the Emera Innovation Exchange.

Cost: \$100.00 per person (\$86.95 + \$13.05 HST)

Cash Bar: 6:30 p.m.

Dinner: 7:00 p.m.

Dress: Business Suit, Semi-Formal

To RSVP, please complete the [registration form](#) and send it to Erin Rowe at erowe@lsnl.ca, **no later than 29 May 2025**.

ADD TO CALENDAR



Report Insurance Claims Before Policy Year End

The current professional liability insurance policy for practising members expires on 30 June 2025. To protect your coverage, it is essential to report any circumstances that could potentially give rise to a claim before this date.

If you are aware of any issues, such as a possible error in the provision of professional services or if you have received allegations (even if unfounded), please complete the Reporting Form and submit it to Janice Ringrose, Insurance & Risk Manager, at insurance@lawsociety.nf.ca.

Timely reporting ensures that the Lawyers' Insurance Programme is put on notice within the current policy year. This step is crucial to preserving your coverage under the existing policy.



CALENDAR

Important Reminders

- **Law Library Orientation for Summer Students & New Members:** Group sessions available May 29 - June 19. RSVP [here](#).
- **Indigenous Law Student Scholarship:** Apply before the deadline on June 1.

- **Annual General Meeting:** Mark your calendar for June 6. RSVP by June 2 [here](#).
- **Benchers' Meeting:** Mark your calendar for June 6. RSVP by June 2 [here](#).



National AccessAbility Week

National AccessAbility Week (NAAW) is an opportunity to celebrate the contributions of people with disabilities and promote efforts to increase accessibility and inclusion in our communities and workplaces across Canada. Accessibility is a human right. Everyone should be able to participate in our society, barrier-free.

The Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador recognizes that accessibility requires a proactive approach. We are committed to the principle of accessibility, and work to identify, remove, and prevent barriers to inclusion. For more information on AccessAbility Week, please click [here](#).

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

- [CLIA Loss Prevention Repository: Client Management](#)



[Opportunity to Contribute to Research on Access to Justice in Both Official Languages in Canada](#)

Is your work related to the justice system in Canada, and do you offer services in the minority official language in your province or territory, i.e., French outside Québec or English in Québec?

Whether you are a lawyer, judge, or court employee, or you hold another position in the justice system, we want to hear about your experience and perspective. To participate, click on the relevant link:

- To complete the survey about justice in French outside Québec, click [here](#).
- To complete the survey about justice in English in Québec, click [here](#).

By participating, you are contributing to a more equitable and inclusive justice system. For more information, please click [here](#).

CBA Contact List for Matters Involving Mortgage Discharges

Please find updated contact lists for matters involving mortgage discharges, provided by the [Canadian Bankers Association](#) (CBA) noted below:

- [Mortgage Discharge Escalation Contact List - English](#)
- [Mortgage Discharge Escalation Contact List - French](#)



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](#)

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

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.

- [Mindful Business Charter](#)
- [Online Supports](#)
- [Mental Health Promotion and Addiction Prevention](#)

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

- Lawyer - Legal Services Division of the Department of Justice (NS)
- Lawyer - Office of the Public Trustee (NS)
- Crown Attorney - Public Prosecution Service (NS)
- Legal Assistant - Morris Moore Lawyers
- Crown Attorney - Manitoba Justice
- Members – Health Research Ethics Board (HREB)
- Law Student - WorkplaceNL
- Charter Advisory Committee Member - Defence for Children International
- Crown Prosecutor - Ministry of Justice (SK)
- 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

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 Dennis Sparkes

Born November 19, 1969; died April 29, 2025.

Last place of residence was St. John's.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Richard Collins at collins@mac-law.ca.

Edwin John Gale

Born June 13, 1942; died November 1, 2024

Last place of residence was Stephenville.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Anita Sipos at amsipos1@gmail.com.

Hubert Clyde Pearce

Born June 30, 1946 ; died May 14, 2025.

Last place of residence was Channel-Port aux Basques.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Jason Pearce at admin@starkindustrieslpd.com.

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This is a mandatory communication.