



## News & Updates

May 7, 2025



### Obituary Notice

We regret to inform you of the passing of Jean Lorraine Bruneau.

The Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador would like to extend its deepest condolences to family, friends, and colleagues. In recognition of Jean's outstanding contributions to the legal profession and the administration of justice, the Law Society established the [Jean Bruneau, OC, Certificate of Merit](#) - an award presented to lay persons who exemplify the same dedication to public service and commitment to the justice system that Jean demonstrated throughout her life. Jean served with distinction as a Lay Benchers with the Law Society from 1982 to 2000.

Jean's obituary can be found [here](#).

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](#)

**MAY 27**

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

[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

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May 12 - Well-Being in the Legal Profession - Concrete Strategies for Positive Change

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

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

### Excess Program Renewal Now Open

The Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador is a subscribing member of the [Canadian Lawyers Insurance Association](#) (CLIA), a reciprocal insurance exchange established in 1988. As a practising insured member, you have:

- Mandatory Errors and Omissions (E & O) insurance with a limit of \$1M per claim and a \$2M annual aggregate limit; and
- Mandatory Cyber insurance ranging from \$100K to \$250K for various common cyber claims. See the [Cyber Insurance Overview](#) information to better understand your mandatory coverage.

Additional or excess insurance is also available through CLIA's [Voluntary Excess Program](#) (VEP). Excess insurance is optional coverage that law firms can purchase as additional protection beyond the mandatory coverage required by the Law Society. Coverage options under the VEP include limits of \$1M, \$2M, \$3M, \$4M, \$6.5M, \$9M, \$14M, \$19M, \$24M, \$29M, and \$34M. In addition, CLIA also provides additional cyber

coverage limits above the mandatory insurance. For more information, please click [here](#).

If you have any questions, please contact CLIA at [service@clia.ca](mailto:service@clia.ca).



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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 [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 41.5% 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.



### New Release: Technical Compliance Publication Now Available

The [Federation of Law Societies of Canada](#) has published a landmark document outlining how Canada's law societies meet the [Financial Action Task Force](#) (FATF) technical compliance requirements on anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing. This

publication comes ahead of the FATF's review of [Canada's AML framework](#) and highlights the regulatory tools, ethical standards, and oversight powers that support compliance within the legal profession. Please see below for more information.

- [News Release](#)
- [Technical Compliance Document](#)

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## HAPPENING TONIGHT

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# CHIEF JUSTICE SIR FRANCIS FORBES ANNUAL LAW LECTURE



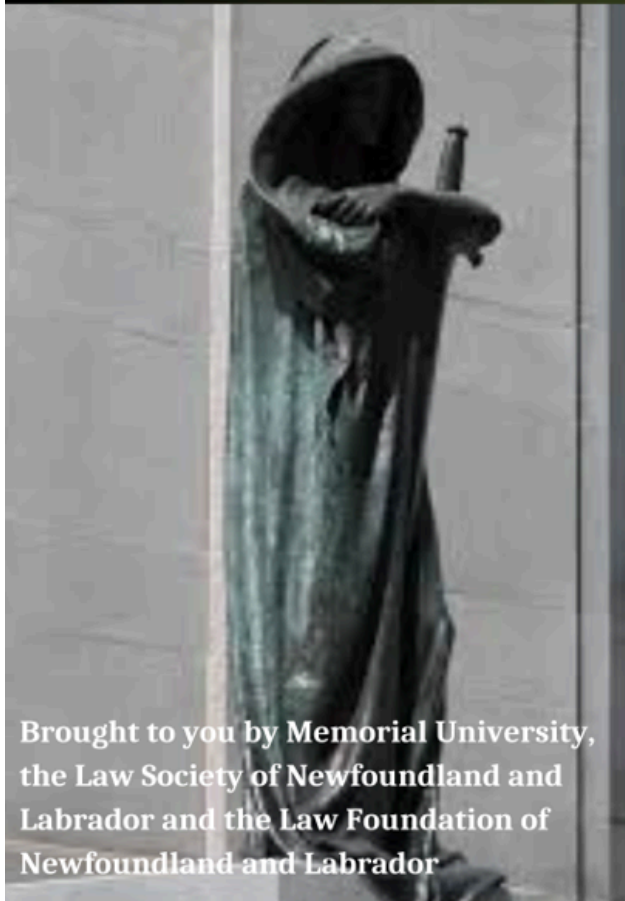
**7 MAY, 2025. 7-9 PM**

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



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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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](#)

COMPLAINTS

## 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.

- [Community Food Sharing Association](#)
- [Centre for Addiction and Mental Health](#)
- [Lifeline Canada Foundation - Survivors of Suicide Loss](#)

## 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

- 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)
- Crown Prosecutor - Ministry of Justice (SK)
- Law Student - WorkplaceNL
- 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.

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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.

Cyril McKenna

Born August 3, 1959; died April 26, 2025.

Last place of residence was Island Harbour.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Cindy Boyer at [cboyer@llf.ca](mailto:cboyer@llf.ca).

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.

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