



News & Updates

June 11, 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 13

Swearing-In Ceremony of The
Honourable Judge Andrew
Owen Brown

[ADD TO CALENDAR](#)

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OTHER DATES OF INTEREST

June 12 - June 19: [Law Library Orientation for Summer Students & New Members](#)

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

August 26: [Susan LeDrew, KC, Disciplinary Hearing](#)



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.



[Supreme Court Notice: Hours of Operation](#)

Effective 8 September 2025, the hours of operation for the Supreme Court of Newfoundland and Labrador's General Division and Family Division in St. John's will change from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. The Court will also be closed for lunch from 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Appointments at the Court's Registries in St. John's may be booked online by clicking [here](#).

Members of the public are welcome to attend hearings unless access is restricted for all or part of a proceeding. Previously scheduled matters will proceed as planned and are not affected by this change. For more information, please click [here](#).



[Court of Appeal Notices](#)

[Hours of Operation](#)

The Court of Appeal of Newfoundland and Labrador will change its hours of operation effective 8 September 2025. Regular hours will be adjusted from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. The Registry will be open from 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Please note that the Court, including the Registry, will be closed daily for lunch

from 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Previously scheduled matters remain unaffected unless otherwise advised by the Court. For more information, please click [here](#).

New Court Rules

New rules for civil and criminal appeals take effect on 4 September 2025. They apply to all ongoing and future proceedings, without affecting anything lawfully done under the former rules.

Documents filed before that date remain valid if they comply with the current rules. Documents filed on or after 4 September must comply with the new rules. For more information, please click [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

- [Voluntary Excess Insurance: Need and Availability](#)
- [Managing Client Expectations: Tips and Tricks](#)



Understanding Gender Diversity and Inclusion

The [Canadian Bar Association's](#) Gender Diversity Advisory Group's *Understanding Gender Diversity and Inclusion* training is free, available in

English and French, and can be accessed by both legal professionals and the general public.

This self-paced training is open to anyone seeking to deepen their understanding of gender diversity and enhance their ability to serve trans and gender-diverse clients with respect and competence. For more information or to register yourself or a large group, 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

MANAGING MONEY

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.

- [Maintaining Cognitive Abilities as Senior Lawyers Age](#)
- [Freeing the Imperfect Lawyer](#)
- [Addressing Law's Mental Health Crisis Early](#)

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

- Staff Solicitor - Legal Aid NL
- Supervising Lawyer - Université de Moncton Legal Clinic
- Lawyer - MacNab, Fagan & Murphy
- Legal Assistant - MacNab, Fagan & Murphy
- Crown Attorney - Manitoba Justice
- Lawyer - Department of Justice (NS)
- Access and Privacy Analyst - Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner
- Crown Attorney - Manitoba Prosecution Service
- Staff Solicitor - Legal Aid NL
- Lawyer - Office of the Public Trustee (NS)
- Legal Assistant - Morris Moore Lawyers
- Members – Health Research Ethics Board (HREB)
- Charter Advisory Committee Member - Defence for Children International

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.

[Ruby Lorraine Morgan](#)

Born October 18, 1951; died October 27, 2024.

Last place of residence was Bay Roberts.

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

[Gregory Dwayne Porter](#)

Born May 22, 1962; died May 8, 2025.

Last place of residence was Port Rexton.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Bradley Warren at (709) 218-2353.

[Maxine Elizabeth Hunt](#)

Born July 3, 1953; died June 4, 2025.

Last place of residence was Whitbourne.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact David Menchinton at (709) 222-7626.

[Hubert Clyde Pearce](#)

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

Last place of residence was Port aux Basques.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Jason Pearce at (204) 265-3328.

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