

# News & Updates

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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 DATES OF INTEREST**

26 August 2025: Susan LeDrew, KC, Disciplinary Hearing
10 September 2025: Effective Strategies in Working with High Conflict Personalities
15, 18 & 19 September 2025: Gregory Stack Disciplinary Hearing

VIEW ALL EVENTS HERE



## Upcoming Seminar: Navigating High-Conflict Personalities in Legal Practice

High-conflict personalities can escalate disputes, strain professional relationships, and complicate legal proceedings. This engaging and practical seminar will provide you with a deeper understanding of these dynamics and the tools to manage them with confidence.

Ideal for lawyers, mediators, and other professionals working in high-conflict environments who want to strengthen skills, reduce stress, and achieve better outcomes.

For more information or to register for this session taking place on 10 September 2025, please click here.



# 2025-2026 Cyber & Privacy Liability Coverage Policy

The mandatory 2025-2026 Cyber & Privacy Liability Coverage Policy from the Canadian Lawyers' Insurance Association (CLIA) is now available. To obtain a copy, please email Janice Ringrose, Insurance & Risk Manager, at insurance@lsnl.ca.

The Policy is also available through the Law Society Members' Portal. To be eligible for coverage, you must meet the minimum cybersecurity standards listed below.

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- Backup Controls
- Patching
- Antivirus & Firewalls
- Multifactor Authentication
- Email Scanning
- Employee Awareness Training

For more information, please click here.



### **CALENDAR**

## Important Reminders

 Call for Expressions of Interest: Insurance Committee Members.
 Deadline: 15 August 2025.



### 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**

Roundup: Fraud



Notice from the Supreme Court of Newfoundland and Labrador: Policy on Service and Support Animals at Court

The Supreme Court of Newfoundland and Labrador has outlined its policy on accommodating individuals who attend court with service or support animals at the General and Family Division in all judicial centres. The policy aligns with the Service Animal Act (SNL 2012, c S-13.02) and the Human Rights Act (SNL 2010, c H-13.1), and applies only to animals assisting a person for a disability-related reason. It applies to all members of the public for any purpose, including attending hearings or Registry appointments, and may be supplemented by Court Order in certain circumstances.

Under the *Court Security Act, 2010*, persons entering or leaving the courthouse may be screened. Please allow extra time for security when attending.

Animals not related to a disability, such as pets or emotional support animals, are not permitted entry or service.

For more information, please click here.



Avalon Law Group Operating Remotely During Fire Evacuation Preparedness Alert

Avalon Law Group is currently operating remotely under the Evacuation

Preparedness Alert to ensure the safety of its staff and clients.

Phone service is limited at this time. Clients are encouraged to contact their lawyer directly by email or send inquiries to info@avalonlawyers.ca.

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

CLIENT IDENTIFICATION AND VERIFICATION



# 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.

- Smokers' Helpline
- Nar-Anon Family Groups
- Lifewise Warmline

# **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**

- Privacy Representative Health Research Ethics Board
- Legal Representative Health Research Ethics Board
- Agent of the Director of Public Prosecutions Public Prosecution Service of Canada
- Legal Representative Mental Health Care and Treatment Review Board
- Staff Solicitor (multiple positions) Legal Aid NL

VIEW ALL OPPORTUNITIES

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This is a mandatory communication.