



News & Updates

20 August 2025



Obituary Notice

The Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador was recently notified of the 3 March 2025 passing of Edward Pierce Poole and would like to extend its deepest condolences to family, friends, and colleagues.

Edward'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 DATES OF INTEREST

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26 August 2025: Susan LeDrew, KC, Disciplinary Hearing

9 September 2025: Free Environmental Law Workshop in Happy Valley-Goose Bay

10 September 2025: Effective Strategies in Working with High Conflict Personalities

11 September 2025: Free Environmental Law Workshop in St. John's

15, 18 & 19 September 2025: Gregory Stack Disciplinary Hearing

[VIEW ALL EVENTS HERE](#)

Notice of Adjudication Tribunal Decision and Disbarment Kenneth LeDrew

By Order of an Adjudication Tribunal of the Disciplinary Panel of the Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador dated 27 June 2025, Kenneth LeDrew has been disbarred. Having been previously disbarred, Kenneth LeDrew remains struck from the Roll of Barristers in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador and all his rights and

privileges as a member of the Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador have ceased.

Kenneth LeDrew previously practiced at 24 Hillcrest Road, Corner Brook, NL. The conduct that was found to be deserving of sanction included:

- That the Respondent had been disbarred by a governing body of the legal profession in another province for reason of professional misconduct, conduct unbecoming the legal profession, failure to maintain the standards of practice or failing to adhere to a code of legal ethics established or adopted by the governing body of the legal profession.

The Adjudication Tribunal ordered:

1. The Respondent, Kenneth LeDrew, be disbarred.

The Adjudication Tribunal Decision can be found [here](#).

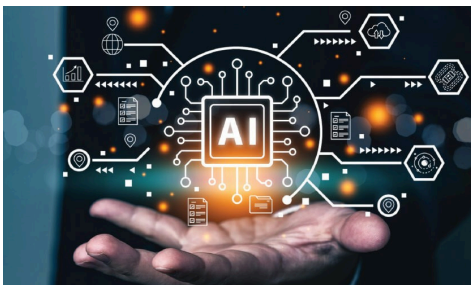


Call for Expressions of Interest

The Law Society is seeking expressions of interest from members who would like to join the Insurance Committee. Serving on this Committee offers an important opportunity to contribute meaningfully to matters that affect the legal profession and support the Society's work.

To learn more about the role and responsibilities, please review the [Terms of Reference for the Insurance Committee](#).

Please submit your resume or a brief summary of your qualifications to Erin Rowe at erowe@lsnl.ca by 29 August 2025.



Curious About AI in Legal Research?

It's a complex subject that requires careful consideration and attention to ethics.

The [Law Society of Saskatchewan Law Library](#) has developed a helpful guide on the use of AI in legal research, which can be viewed [here](#).

For questions about legal research, or for help finding resources, please contact our Law Library at (709) 753-7770 or lawlibrary@lsnl.ca.



National Défense
Defence nationale

Request for Information on Legal Services for the SMSRC's Independent Legal Assistance Program

The [Department of National Defence](#) (DND) [Sexual Misconduct Support and Resource Centre](#) (SMSRC) launched a national [request for information](#) (RFI) to seek input from legal professionals and law firms across Canada.

This consultation will inform the next phase of the [Independent Legal Assistance](#) (ILA) Program, which aims to improve access to legal services for people affected by sexual misconduct in a DND or Canadian Armed Forces context.

Participation is voluntary, non-binding, and for consultation purposes only. For more information or to contribute to this initiative before the deadline on 12 September 2025, please click [here](#).



CLIA Not So Risky Business Blog

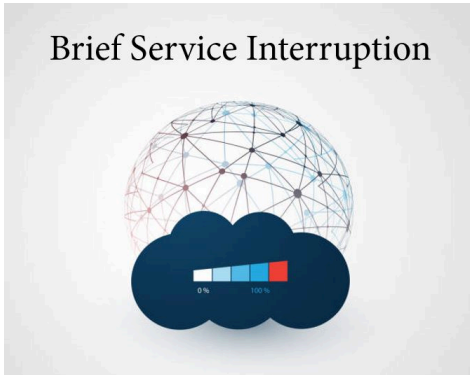
The [Canadian Lawyers Insurance Association](#) (CLIA) [Not So Risky Business Blog](#) aims to assist legal professionals in practice management, error avoidance, and gaining a deeper insight into insurance coverage requirements. Every Wednesday, CLIA's blog will cover informative topics such as loss 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

- [Roundup: Bite Size CPD](#)

- [Practice Tips](#)

Brief Service Interruption



Temporary Service Interruption

The office of [Murphy & Watton](#) is currently experiencing a disruption in email service.

During this time, their office may be reached via telephone at [\(709\) 634-3231](#).



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.

- [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](#).

Please note that **a new disciplinary decision has been issued** by an Adjudication Tribunal of the Disciplinary Panel of the Law Society.

[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 - Department of Justice (NS)
- 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](#)[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.

Hubert Clyde Pearce

Born 30 June 1946; died 14 May 2025.

Last place of residence was Port aux Basques.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Stuart Pearce at (709) 695-5644.

Ethel Young

Born 19 November 1931; died 17 July 1992.

Last place of residence was Bell Island.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Kayla Mosher at kmosher@odeaearle.ca.

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This is a mandatory communication.