



## 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

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

9 September 2025: Voices Under Pressure - Defending Freedom of Expression for Lawyers and Journalists

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

16 September 2025: CBA-NL Overview of the Public Procurement Act and Related Obligations

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### Guidance for Lawyers as Title Insurers Become Reporting Entities for the Purposes of Anti-Money Laundering on 1 October 2025

On 1 October 2025, [Regulations Amending Certain Regulations](#) made under the *Proceeds of Crime (Money Laundering) and Terrorist Financing Act* (PCMLTFA) come into force, introducing regulatory requirements for Title Insurers, including reporting to the [Financial Transactions and Reports Analysis Centre of Canada](#) (FINTRAC).

Title Insurers, as reporting entities, will be required to:

- Develop an Anti-Money Laundering compliance program
- Meet identity verification and record-keeping requirements
- Submit reports to FINTRAC, including suspicious transaction and terrorist property reports
- Follow ministerial directives

To meet these requirements, title insurers may rely on agents, including legal professionals, to verify client identity.

#### Key Considerations for Legal Professionals:

- Obtain client consent before disclosing any confidential information or acting as an agent
- Fully inform clients about what information may be shared and how it could be reported to FINTRAC
- Consider confidentiality and solicitor-client privilege before disclosure
- Document all steps and obtain written consent from clients

It's important to carefully review agency agreements and advise clients of any risks associated with sharing information with title insurers.

To view the full notice, please click [here](#).



#### Supreme Court Notice - Elevator Operations

Please be advised that the replacement of the elevator in the St. John's Supreme Court, General Division courthouse remains ongoing. The elevator is anticipated to be out of operation until 30 September 2025.

If any assistance or accommodation is required to attend a Court proceeding in the St. John's General Division courthouse, please contact the Court directly at [inquiries@supreme.court.nl.ca](mailto:inquiries@supreme.court.nl.ca).



#### Registry of Deeds - Online Registration System

The [Registry of Deeds](#) advises that while paper submissions continue to be accepted, members are strongly encouraged to transition to electronic submission of registrations. Electronic filing provides immediate search access, whereas paper-based filings currently require approximately six business days from receipt to compliance review and entry into the Registry system.

For guidance on using the online registration system, please contact the Registry of Deeds directly at (709) 729-3317 or consult the available materials on the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador [website](#).



## 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

- [Retirement](#)
- [Client Relations](#)



## Call for Proposals: NAC National Conference on Access to Justice Research

The [National Action Committee on Access to Justice in Civil and Family Matters](#) (NAC) invites proposals for its first national conference, [Advancing People-Centred Justice in Canada: Data Sharing and Knowledge Building](#).

Submissions are welcome from researchers, policymakers, practitioners, and program leaders on topics related to data, knowledge, and people-centred justice. Presentations, panels, workshops, and roundtables are all encouraged.

For more information or to participate before the deadline on 1 October 2025, please click [here](#).



## Call for Legal Workshop Facilitator

The [NL Francophone Justice Network](#) (Réseau Justice en français) is seeking a lawyer to deliver a 45-minute presentation in French on the legal resources available to the 2SLGBTQI+ community.

### What You'll Gain:

- An opportunity to make a meaningful impact by supporting access to justice for the 2SLGBTQI+ community
- A chance to showcase your expertise and contribute to important conversations
- \$1,000 compensation (taxes included)

For more information or to contribute to this initiative, 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](#)

COMMUNICATION

## 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.

- [Gamblers Anonymous](#)
- [Mental Health Care and Treatment Act](#)
- [Tips on How to Stay Calm in Crisis](#)

## 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

- Crown Prosecutor - Public Prosecutions (SK)

- Adjudicator - CanDACC
- Privacy Representative - Health Research Ethics Board
- Legal Representative - Health Research Ethics Board

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