



News & Updates

22 October 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 DATES OF INTEREST

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27 October 2025: AI and Access to Justice in the Canadian Criminal Justice System

28 October 2025: Gregory Stack Disciplinary Hearing

13 November 2025: Trauma-Informed Restorative Justice for Healthier Schools, Communities, and Systems in NL

14 November 2025: The Declaratory Judgment: Its Availability and Its Limitations

20 November 2025: Andrew Martin Disciplinary Hearing

[VIEW ALL EVENTS HERE](#)



Call for Expressions of Interest

The Law Society is seeking expressions of interest from members who would like to join the Indigenous Education and Action Committee. Serving on this Committee offers an important opportunity to contribute meaningfully to Indigenous education and reconciliation, and to support the Society's work.

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

Please submit your resume or a brief summary of your qualifications to Erin



Louise Maud Saunders (1897–1969)

Louise Saunders Recognized Under Provincial Historic Commemorations Program

Greenspond native Louise Maud Saunders (1897–1969) has been recognized as an Exceptional Person under the [Provincial Historic Commemorations Program](#).

Saunders was the first woman in Newfoundland and Labrador to be called to the Bar in 1933 and, in 1964, became the first woman in the province to be appointed Queen's Counsel (now King's Counsel).

Throughout her distinguished career, she helped pave the way for future generations of women in the legal profession.

A ceremony held recently at The Rooms honoured her lasting contributions to the province's legal history. Congratulations to all involved in recognizing her remarkable legacy.

Read more [here](#).



Modernizing Canadian Courtrooms: Join the Conversation

The [Courts Administration Service](#) (CAS) supports the [Federal Court of Appeal](#), the [Federal Court](#), the [Court Martial Appeal Court of Canada](#) and the [Tax Court of Canada](#) by delivering judicial, registry, and corporate services at arm's length from the [Government of Canada](#). This independence is essential to safeguarding the integrity of our justice system.

As part of the [National Court Facilities Modernization Program](#), CAS is transforming courtrooms across the country to support in-person, virtual, and hybrid hearings, ensuring timely access to justice for all Canadians. A key part of this initiative is the [Courtroom Technology Standard](#) (CTS), a national framework for courtroom design and technology that emphasizes flexibility, accessibility, and innovation.

To learn more and share your feedback:

- [Watch a short video](#) introducing the CTS
- Complete a brief survey in [English](#) or [French](#) before the deadline on 25 November 2025

Your input is essential to ensure our courtrooms meet real-world needs. 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](#)

- [Cybersecurity Awareness Month: Risks of AI-Powered Deepfakes](#)



211 NL - Information and Referral Resource for Legal Professionals

Legal professionals may encounter clients facing challenges beyond legal issues, such as housing insecurity, mental health concerns, or financial hardship, that can affect their ability to navigate the legal system. [211](#)

[Newfoundland and Labrador](#) is a free, confidential, 24/7 service providing access to thousands of community, social, health, and government resources across the province.

Legal professionals can use 211 to:

- Access up-to-date referrals for housing, mental health, financial, employment, and accessibility supports
- Consult with trained Service Navigators who can provide guidance on available resources
- Support clients more effectively by understanding the broader range of services available

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](#)

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.

- [The Health Library](#)
- [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

- Crown Attorney - Department of Justice and Public Safety
- Counsel - Public Prosecution Service of Canada
- Lawyer - Government of Nova Scotia
- Administrative Support Clerk - Government of Nova Scotia
- Associate Lawyer - Stewart McKelvey
- Legal Counsel - Intact Insurance
- Lawyer (multiple positions) - Department of Justice (NS)
- Staff Solicitors - Legal Aid NL
- Crown Prosecutor - Government of Saskatchewan
- Board Members - Family Dispute Resolution Institute Atlantic
- Director - Public Prosecution Service
- Lawyer - Browne Fitzgerald Morgan & Avis
- Board Member - Golf NL
- Telephone Legal Advice Lawyer - Assistance Services Group

[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.

Hayward Leonard Ralph

Born 24 September 1955; died 22 February 2025.

Last place of residence was Jackson's Arm.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Kathleen Jewers, kathleenralph@hotmail.com.

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