

News & Updates

26 November 2025



The rule of law upholds our shared values - and it is *ours to protect*. Learn more 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 EVENTS

8 DECEMBER 2025

Benchers' Meeting

ADD TO CALENDAR

10 DECEMBER 2025

Benchers' Reception

ADD TO CALENDAR

Money Laundering Risks in
Legal Practice - What Every
Lawyer Needs to Know

ADD TO CALENDAR

OTHER DATES OF INTEREST

27 November 2025: FDRIA Conference 2025: Advancing Family Dispute Resolution in Atlantic Canada
10 December 2025: Understanding the Duty to Accommodate
11 December 2025 - CBA-NL Holiday Party

VIEW ALL EVENTS HERE



Employment Opportunity with the Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador

We are looking for an Administrative
Assistant to support our risk
management initiatives, as part of a
maternity leave replacement. The
successful candidate will manage,
review, and edit a variety of confidential
legal documents and correspondence,
ensuring accuracy and quality in all
communications. Additional
responsibilities include preparing agenda
packages, coordinating meeting
logistics, and providing general
administrative support as needed.

To learn more about this opportunity or to apply before the deadline on 2 December 2025, please click here.



Deadline for PLC Licence Applications, Amendments, and Cancellations

Please be advised that all initial applications for, amendments to, or cancellations of Professional Law Corporation (PLC) licences <u>must be submitted by 5 December 2025</u> to ensure sufficient time for review and processing before the Christmas break. Applications received after this date may not be processed until the New Year.

The necessary forms are available as follows:

- Form 11.03A: Submit this form along with the required documentation to apply for a Professional Law Corporation Licence. <u>Please</u> <u>carefully review the 'Instructions for</u> <u>Completion' found at the beginning of</u> Form 11.03A.
- Form 11.03B: Submit this form, along with the applicable fee and any required supporting documentation,

- to the Law Society for amendments to your PLC.
- Form 11.07: If you wish to cancel your PLC licence, please submit this completed form and the required documentation as outlined in section 2.



The Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador Recognizes Nunatsiavut Day

We would like to extend our best wishes to the people of Nunatsiavut who are celebrating the 20th anniversary of Nunatsiavut Day on 1 December 2025.

The Canadian Inuit territory of Nunatsiavut, which means *Our Beautiful Land* in Inuktitut, was established within the boundaries of Newfoundland and Labrador. The area includes territory in Labrador extending to the Quebec border. In 2002, the Labrador Inuit Association submitted a proposal for limited autonomy to the provincial government. The constitution was ratified on 1 December 2005, and Nunatsiavut became the first of the Inuit regions in Canada to achieve self-government.

We hope you join us in wishing residents of the region a happy Nunatsiavut Day.



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 15 December 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

 Working Effectively with Support Staff: Tenets of a Successful Lawyer-Staff Relationship



Internationally Trained Lawyers Program

The Faculty of Law at the University of Manitoba has released the Internationally Trained Lawyers (ITL) Program Prospectus for the 2026-2027 academic year.

This program offers a clear, flexible pathway for students and lawyers educated outside of Canada to obtain the academic credentials necessary for a Certificate of Qualification from the Federation of Law Societies of Canada's National Committee on Accreditation (NCA). Applications are now being accepted for the Fall 2026 cohort.

Key Benefits

- Meet NCA requirements while developing practical legal skills.
- Access career services to help secure articling positions.
- Gain insights into Canadian legal systems, including Indigenous Legal Orders.

For more information, please click here.



2026 Scholarships for Canadian Law Graduates

The Canadian Institute for Advanced Legal Studies is inviting applications for its 2026 scholarships for Canadian law graduates pursuing advanced legal studies. These prestigious awards include the Paul Martin Sr. Scholarships and the Paul-André Crépeau Scholarship.

Eligible candidates must hold a Canadian law degree from the past four years. These awards offer an opportunity to study at world-leading institutions and gain international legal experience.

For more information or to apply before the deadline on 31 December 2025, please click here.



Generative AI for Small and Midsize Law Firms: Insights and Getting Started

Generative AI is opening exciting possibilities for the legal profession, but navigating how to use it effectively can feel daunting. To help support this effort, INQ Consulting has created a session designed to offer practical strategies for adopting AI tools thoughtfully. Whether firms are just beginning to explore AI or aiming to implement it more intentionally, participants will gain actionable insights and real-world examples to support ongoing learning and professional growth.

The session explores opportunities suited to smaller firms, addresses common considerations such as accuracy, workforce impact, and client expectations, and offers advice to approach AI with confidence and curiosity. 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: 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.

- Humberwood
- Narcotics Anonymous NL
- Provincial Recovery Council

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 **new counsels have been issued by the Law Society**. You can view the list of counsels and cautions at the link below.

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

- Administrative Assistant Risk Management (Maternity Leave Replacement) Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador
- Crown Prosecutor Ministry of Justice (SK)
- Associate Lawyer Goodland Buckingham
- Articled Clerk Nova Scotia Public Prosecution Service
- Legal Counsel Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Energy Regulator
- Board Member Campia Gymnastics
- Lawyer Whalen Law
- Board Member Young Adult Cancer Canada
- Associate Lawyer Mills Pittman Twyne Law Offices
- Crown Attorney Department of Justice and Public Safety
- Staff Solicitors Legal Aid 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.

<u>Jennie Irene Bursey</u> Born 15 September 1928; died 13 December 2024.

Last place of residence was St. John's.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Rebecca Munden at (709) 738-0001.

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This is a mandatory communication.