



News & Updates

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The rule of law upholds our shared values - and it is *ours to protect*. Learn more [here](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

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](#).



Happy Holidays from the Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador

Benchers and staff of the Law Society would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. You can view our Christmas card [here](#).

Please note that we will be closed for the holidays after 23 December 2025 and will reopen for regular business hours starting on 5 January 2026. Staff will not be monitoring email and will respond to inquiries upon return on 5 January 2026.

The [Law Library](#) will be accessible to members and approved legal professionals with a valid fob card. Please remember that only circulating items may be borrowed.



Fraud Prevention Advisory: Phishing Attack Targeting Law Firm Trust Accounts

A recent case of fraud, which led to significant unauthorized wire transfer withdrawals from a member's trust account as a result of a suspected email-phishing attempt, has underscored the need for ongoing vigilance and regular, up-to-date training for all legal professionals. Even the most risk-aware individuals can inadvertently engage with malicious communications, highlighting the importance of continued education and awareness.

Many risk-averse legal professionals avoid electronic banking; however, not having access to real-time banking can increase the risk of fraudulent transactions going undetected. For firms without full online banking access, it is possible to limit access to *inquiry only*. This allows you to monitor transactions in real time and identify any suspicious activity as it occurs, increasing the likelihood that the bank can intervene to reverse or stop unauthorized transactions.

Please review our resources on [fraud prevention](#).

In addition to these materials, members can find further guidance and CPD opportunities through our [News](#) and [Events](#) sections. These updates are designed to help all members, including those without dedicated IT resources, remain supported and aware of evolving cybersecurity risks.

Please see some quick tips below, specifically aimed at alleviating phishing risks.

How to avoid email hacks:

- Use strong, unique passwords for every account.
- Enable multi-factor authentication wherever possible.
- Be cautious of phishing emails. Avoid clicking on links or downloading attachments from unknown sources, and always verify the communication by following up with the sender by phone.
- Avoid public Wi-Fi for sensitive tasks unless using a VPN.
- Regularly review security settings on your email account.

Immediate steps to take if you click on a malicious link:

- Disconnect from the internet to reduce the risk of additional data being transmitted in case malware is downloading.
- Report the incident to your IT team or email provider.
- Do not enter any information.
- If the link led to a fake login page, close it immediately.
- Change the passwords on your email and any potentially compromised accounts, ensuring they are strong, unique, and protected with multi-factor authentication wherever possible.

- Clear browser cache and cookies to help remove any malicious scripts or tracking.
- Report cyber-related attacks as quickly as possible to your cyber insurer at [Cyber Claim Reporting](#).



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

- [Not So Risky Business: 2025 Year in Review](#)



Consultations to Improve Protection Orders

The [Law Commission of Ontario](#) (LCO) is pleased to release its new [Consultation Paper on Improving Protection Orders in Family, Child Protection, and Civil Law](#), and is seeking comments on how to make protection orders more accessible and effective in intimate partner and family violence cases in Ontario.

The Consultation Paper sets out key issues, options for reform, and questions for feedback from survivors, community advocates, service providers, legal professionals, police, and the broader public.

The LCO welcomes written submissions, feedback, and insights from individuals with personal or professional experience with protection orders, as well as from organizations and members of the public

interested in improving safety and access to justice.

For more information or to participate before the deadline on 13 March 2026, please click [here](#).



National Judicial Institute Annual Review

The National Judicial Institute (NJI), is pleased to share their [Annual Review](#).

The NJI is an independent, not-for-profit organization that develops and delivers innovative bilingual programs and resources to all members of the Canadian judiciary, ensuring that judicial leadership is at the core of their in-person programs and online content.

The NJI's Annual Review provides an overview of their contributions to the Canadian judiciary, including designing and delivering over 70 national and court-based in-person education programs and launching podcasts, interactive self-study courses, decision-making trees and judicial toolkits on critical topics.



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.

- [How To Stay Sober During The Holidays](#)
- [Supporting Loved Ones In Recovery During The Holidays](#)
- [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

- Executive Director - Pro Bono Law Saskatchewan
- Serious Incident Response Team Director - Department of Justice and Public Safety
- Crown Prosecutor - Ministry of Justice (SK)
- Estates & Trusts Lawyer - Stewart McKelvey
- Crown Attorney - Government of Nova Scotia
- Director, Legal Support and Operations - Government of Nova Scotia
- Paralegal - Budden Hiscock Lawyers
- Lawyer - Whalen Law
- Crown Attorney - Department of Justice and Public Safety
- Staff Solicitors - 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.

Philip Francis Walker

Born 8 October 1915; died 19 April 2006.

Last place of residence was Brigus.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Donny Quenneville at donbev10@gmail.com.

Eleanor June Walker

Born 10 March 1925; died 5 February 2008.

Last place of residence was Brigus.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Donny Quenneville at donbev10@gmail.com.

Doreen Helen Quenneville

Born 15 April 1946; died 18 February 2006.

Last place of residence was Cupids.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Donny Quenneville at donbev10@gmail.com.

Gregory William Walker

Born 2 January 1976; died 16 July 2022.

Last place of residence was Toronto, ON.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Donny Quenneville at donbev10@gmail.com.

Clayton Arnott

Born 28 November, 1950; died 7 December, 2025.

Last place of residence was Conception Bay South.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Sherry-Lynn Butler at (709) 740-2632 or at sherrylynna@hotmail.com.

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