

## News & Updates

3 December 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**

10 December 2025: Understanding the Duty to Accommodate11 December 2025 - CBA-NL Holiday Party

VIEW ALL EVENTS HERE



### Notices of Administrative Suspension in Accordance with Law Society Rule Part X (Fees and Related Matters)

Please take notice that the membership of the individuals listed below is suspended effective immediately.

The suspension of membership in the Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador arises from the failure to pay non-practising membership fees.

- Juan O'Quinn, #958
- Carolyn Woolridge, #1984



# Loss Prevention Tip #66: Take Proactive Measures to Reduce Cyber Risk

Did you know that Canada ranks second in the world among countries most affected by ransomware attacks, with 216 victims reported in the first half of 2025? In addition, the average total cost of a data breach for a Canadian company is nearly \$7 million.

It's more important than ever for law firms to take proactive measures to protect themselves.

The Insurance Bureau of Canada (IBC) has created *The Cyber Savvy Canada* website to help increase cyber awareness and provide practical guidance on reducing cyber risk. It includes a cyber insurance checklist, tools for developing a cybersecurity plan, and a brief assessment to evaluate your current level of preparedness.

For more information or to explore our Loss Prevention Tips, please click here.

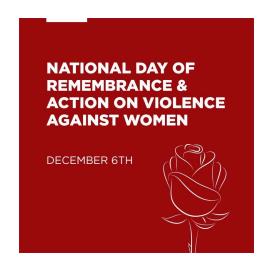


#### Deadline for PLC Licence Applications, Amendments, and Cancellations

Please be advised that all initial applications for, amendments to, or cancellations of Professional Law Corporation (PLC) licences <u>must be</u> <u>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> <u>Form 11.03A</u>.
- 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.



# National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women

On the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women, the Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador joins Canadians across the country in paying tribute to the 14 young women who were senselessly murdered, and 13 others who were injured on 6 December 1989, at the École Polytechnique de Montréal. We honour their memory and unite our voices in

condemning the misogyny that led to this tragedy.

The National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women is about remembering those who have experienced gender-based violence and those whom we have lost to it. We encourage you to stand in solidarity with us on 6 December 2025.

For more information please click here.



## International Day of Persons with Disabilities

The annual observance of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD) on 3 December was proclaimed in 1992 and aims to promote an understanding of disability issues while mobilizing support for the dignity, rights, and well-being of persons with disabilities.

This year's theme is *fostering disability inclusive societies for advancing social progress*. Disability inclusion is essential to upholding human rights, sustainable development, and peace and security. IDPD reaffirms the commitment to acknowledging the rights of persons with disabilities as not only a matter of justice but an investment in a common future.

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**

 Bite Size CPD Series: Mental Wellness Part II



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

COMPLAINTS



## 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.

- Peer Support Canada
- BounceBack
- Housing Services

## **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 Ministry of Justice (SK)
- Board Member Campia Gymnastics
- Lawyer Whalen Law
- 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.

Philip Francis Walker
Born 8 October 1915; died 19 April 2006.

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.

<u>Doreen Helen Quenneville</u> 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.

Last place of residence was Brigus.

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<u>Gregory William Walker</u> 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.

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This is a mandatory communication.