



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](#).

2026 Award Submissions

The Honours and Awards Committee is seeking submissions for the following:

1. Degree of Doctor of Laws
2. Gordon M. Stirling Distinguished Service Award
3. Jean Bruneau, OC, Certificate of Merit
4. The Kenneth W. Jerrett Award
5. Early Career Achievement Award
6. Early Career Pro Bono Award

Descriptions and requirements for each of these Honours can be found [here](#).

Nominees must complete a [Consent and Eligibility Form](#) confirming their agreement to the nomination and also confirming whether, in any province or territory of Canada, they are the subject of an ongoing allegation or complaint; whether they have pleaded guilty before an adjudication tribunal to conduct deserving of sanction or were found guilty by an adjudication tribunal of conduct deserving of sanction; and/or whether they were found guilty of, or are subject to, previous or ongoing litigation matters.

Please forward the names of any nominees and any other required documentation, on or before 1 March 2026, to the Chair of the Honours and Awards Committee, Linda Harnett at lindadianeharnett@gmail.com.

A graphic consisting of a black trapezoid with a pink rectangle inside. The pink rectangle contains the text "IMPORTANT REMINDER" in white, bold, uppercase letters.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

2026 Membership Fees

Please note that invoices for 2026 Membership Fees have been emailed to the membership. If you have not received your invoice, please contact Erin Rowe at erowe@lsnl.ca.



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

- [Ko v Li - AI Hallucination Case Referred for Criminal Contempt Proceedings](#)



THE CANADIAN
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Professional Development & Networking Events with CBA-NL

CBA-NL is offering a variety of professional development opportunities to help you start your 2026 strong. Learn more by clicking on the events below:

- 19 January 2026:
[Fight the Blue Monday Blues](#)
- 4 February 2026:
[French Speaking Lawyers Family Law Discussion](#)

- 5 February 2026:
[AI in Legal Practice - Tools, Trends, and Time-Saving Strategies](#)
- 13 February 2026:
[Oral and Written Advocacy](#)
- 17 February 2026:
[Tax Section Lunch and Learn](#)



Notice of Updated Contact Information: Blackmore Law Office

Please note that Blackmore Law Office has updated its email addresses as follows:

- Benjamin Blackmore:
ben@blackmorelaw.net
- Margaret Blackmore:
mblackmore@blackmorelaw.net

The previous email address, bblackmore@bb.nf.net, is no longer active.

The office may also be reached by telephone at (709) 489-1334.



Special Offer for Members of the Law Society and CBA-NL

The [Grotto](#) is pleased to offer 2-for-1 sushi to members of the Law Society as well as members of the CBA-NL on Thursdays through Saturdays, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

This offer is available now through March, in appreciation of the legal community.



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](#)

MANAGING MONEY

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.

- [Helplines and Navigator](#)
- [Apps For Teaching Mindfulness & Meditation](#)
- [Homeweb](#)

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

- Prothonotary and Registrar - Prince Edward Island Court of Appeal and Supreme Court of Prince Edward Island
- Corporate Commercial Securities Lawyer - McLennan Ross (Yellowknife)
- Crown Attorney - Government of Nova Scotia
- Articled Clerk - Government of Nova Scotia
- Strategy & Innovation Advisor - Stewart McKelvey
- Associate Lawyer (Estates and Trusts) - Stewart McKelvey
- Associate Lawyer (Intellectual Property) - Stewart McKelvey
- Associate Lawyer - Mills Pittman Twyne Law Offices
- Corporate Counsel - J.D. Irving, Limited
- Senior Corporate Counsel - J.D. Irving, Limited
- Lawyer (Litigation) - Government of Nova Scotia
- Director, Legal Services - Professional Engineers and Geoscientists Newfoundland and Labrador

[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.

[Delores Mary Byrne](#)

Born 10 March 1959; died 31 December 2025.

Last place of residence was CBS.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Michael Byrne at mikebyrne747@hotmail.com.

[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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This is a mandatory communication.