



News & Updates

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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](#).

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10 MARCH

Mental Health in Sentencing:
Beyond Mitigation

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

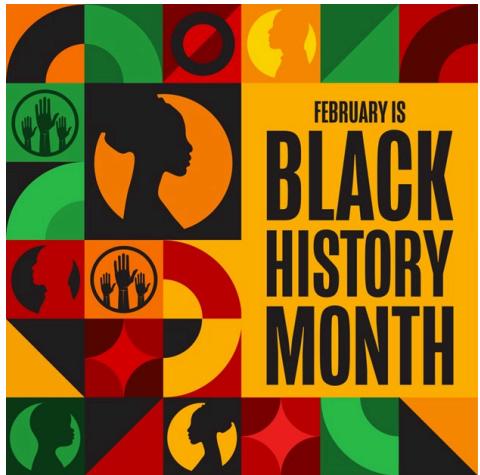
Notes from the Trust Compliance Auditor

For matters which require Client Identification, the recording of the client's employer information is addressed in [Rule 16](#). Please ensure that the employer address and phone number of a client are documented without exception. This includes public employers such as hospitals and universities. This also includes documenting the employer information of tradespeople. For example, indicating "carpenter" or "driller in an oilfield" is not adequate. If the client is retired, self-employed, a homemaker, or unemployed, this needs to be documented as part of the 'Know Your Client' obligations.

Additionally, for matters which require verification of client identification, recording the origin of the source of funds is addressed in our Practice Resources. When a client is paying funds into the trust fund, such as a down payment, the economic activity that produced the funds must be recorded. For example, recording the source of funds as

“savings from employment”, “sale of asset”, “inheritance”, etc., would be satisfactory if this information matches what is known of the customer profile. Professional judgement is required to determine if further questions are needed, and any risk assessment taken would also have to be recorded.

Violations of the record keeping requirements of Rule 16 may be subject to an administrative penalty. Please refer to our [Practice Resources](#), or contact Jenn Friesen, Trust Auditor at jfriesen@lsnl.ca if you have further questions.



Black History Month 2026

In 1995, the House of Commons recognized February as [Black History Month](#). The motion was brought by the Honourable Jean Augustine, the first Black Canadian woman elected to Parliament. In 2008, Senator Donald Oliver, the first Black man appointed to the Senate, brought forward the Motion to Recognize Contributions of Black Canadians and February as Black History Month, which was unanimously adopted.

Join us in celebrating the many contributions that Black communities have made to the social, cultural, political, and economic fabric of Canada.

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



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](#)

COMMUNICATION

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.

- [DoorWays](#)
- [Emergency Services](#)
- [Mental Health Care and Treatment Act](#)

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](#).

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Current Opportunities

- Commercial Lawyer - Nasdaq
- Associate General Counsel - Nasdaq
- Associate Lawyer - Brothers Law
- Lawyer - Government of Nova Scotia
- Regional Manager, Legal Services - Government of Nova Scotia
- Income and Employment Support Appeal Board - Government of Newfoundland and Labrador
- Muskrat Falls Project Land Use and Expropriation Arbitration Panel - Government of Newfoundland and Labrador
- Associate Lawyer - Browne Fitzgerald Morgan & Avis
- Legal & Privacy Manager - ClearRisk
- Prothonotary and Registrar - Prince Edward Island Court of Appeal and Supreme Court of Prince Edward Island
- Corporate Commercial Securities Lawyer - McLennan Ross (Yellowknife)
- 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

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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.

Victor Robert Richards

Born 15 August 1945; died 21 January 2025.

Last place of residence was Mount Pearl.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Susan Collins at s.collins71@telus.net.

Cynthia Philpott

Born 21 March, 1963; died 21 January 2026.

Last place of residence was St. John's.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Amanda Hiscock at (709) 765-5277.

Patricia Lynn Dawe

Born 2 January 1956; died 22 January 2026.

Last place of residence was St. John's.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Carol Meed at (709) 693-4453.

Fabian Rose

Born 9 December 1956; died 9 December 2025.

Last place of residence was Mount Pearl.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Brianna Kielly at brianna@avalonlawyers.ca.

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