



## News & Updates

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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](#).

### SAVE THE DATE

**25 FEBRUARY**

Canada's Black Justice Strategy -  
Onward to Implementation

REGISTER

**10 MARCH**

Mental Health in Sentencing:  
Beyond Mitigation

REGISTER

**27 MARCH**

Real Estate: What is Good Title  
(Revisited)?

REGISTER



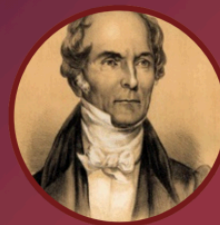
CHIEF JUSTICE SIR FRANCIS FORBES  
ANNUAL LAW LECTURE



FEATURING

**LORNE WALDMAN**

Eminent Canadian Immigration Lawyer



**"Lessons I Have Learned from the Refugees I Have Represented:  
You Can Never Take the Rule of Law for Granted"**



Lorne Waldman has shared the stories of thousands of people in his more than 40 years as an immigration lawyer. Their stories illustrate courage, sacrifice, heartbreak, the best and worst of humanity, the fragility of the rule of law, and the need for accountability.

**Tuesday, March 17, 2026**

**7:00 – 9 :00PM**

**MUN Bruneau Centre Room IIC – 2001**

**Free Parking in Lot 1A**



## Meeting



## Upcoming Benchers' Meeting

Please note that the next Benchers' meeting will take place on 23 February 2026, at 9:30 am. Anyone wishing to attend a Benchers' meeting:

1. is required to provide notice of attendance to the Law Society by emailing [erowe@lsnl.ca](mailto:erowe@lsnl.ca);
2. will not be permitted to use audio or video recording devices or communication devices during the meeting;

3. shall not speak, unless invited to do so by the President;
4. must observe and obey all rulings of the President; and
5. shall leave if the meeting is declared closed to the public or if asked to do so by the President.

At this time, attendance shall be via Zoom. An invite will be provided upon receipt of an attendance notice. Agendas will be posted on the [Law Society website](#) in advance of each meeting, and the Minutes for the Public portion of each meeting will also be posted on the website.

Please RSVP by noon on 19 February 2026 to Erin Rowe at [erowe@lsnl.ca](mailto:erowe@lsnl.ca) if you plan to attend the Benchers' Meeting.



### [Notice of Entrance Monitoring and Anti-Loitering Measures](#)

Please be advised that a monitoring system has been installed at the Law Society building's front entrance to help prevent loitering and ensure safety.

The entrance is monitored by a recorded camera system. In addition, an anti-loitering alarm has been activated outside the front door. If an individual remains directly in the building entrance for longer than 10 seconds, an audible alarm and flashing light may be activated. This alarm feature is active only during the hours of 12:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m., and is intended solely to deter loitering during overnight hours.

These measures are in place to promote safety, security, and unobstructed access to the entrance.



## 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

- [A Young Lawyer's Guide to Litigating Adverse Self-Represented Litigants](#)



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

ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING AND CLIENT IDENTIFICATION VERIFICATION

## 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.

- [Smokers' Helpline](#)
- [Lifeline Canada Foundation - Survivors of Suicide Loss](#)
- [Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety](#)

## 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

- Law Student - WorkplaceNL
- Legal Counsel - College of Physicians and Surgeons of Newfoundland and Labrador
- Commissioner - Office of the Commissioner of Indigenous Languages
- Director - Office of the Commissioner of Indigenous Languages
- Crown Attorney - Department of Justice and Public Safety
- Legal Appointments Board - Department of Justice and Public Safety
- Crown Prosecutor - Ministry of Justice

- Commercial Lawyer - Nasdaq
- Associate General Counsel - Nasdaq
- Associate Lawyer - Brothers Law
- 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

[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.

### 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](mailto:kathleenralph@hotmail.com).

### Norma Jean Richards

Born 22 February 1939; died 3 February 2026.

Last place of residence was St. John's.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Doug Dewling at [dougd@nfld.com](mailto:dougd@nfld.com).

### Claudine Horan

Born 7 March 1936; *not deceased*.

Place of residence is St. John's.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Rosalie Brown at (709) 745-5933.

### Charmaine Loder

Born 4 July 1964; died 19 January 2026.

Last place of residence was CBS.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Matthew Ballard at [ballard\\_17@outlook.com](mailto:ballard_17@outlook.com).

### Leslie Wilbur White

Born 26 March 1934; died 13 December 2024.

Last place of residence was Grand Falls-Windsor.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Les White at (403) 580-9825.

### Wilfred Moulard

Born 27 February 1943; died 24 May 2025.

Last place of residence was Hawke's Bay.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Olga McWilliam Benson at [omcwilliambenson@coxandpalmer.com](mailto:omcwilliambenson@coxandpalmer.com).

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This is a mandatory communication.