



## 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](#).

### SAVE THE DATE

<b>17 MARCH</b>	Chief Justice Sir Francis Forbes Annual Law Lecture	REGISTER
<b>18 MARCH</b>	Current Trends and Emerging Challenges in Immigration Law	REGISTER
<b>27 MARCH</b>	Real Estate: What is Good Title (Revisited)?	REGISTER
<b>20 MAY</b>	Rules, Standards, and Strategy: Using AI to Map the Evolution of Judicial Reasoning - <i>with Professor Norman Siebrasse, University of New Brunswick</i>	REGISTER

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## Transaction Levy

Please note that the first quarter period of 2026 ends on 31 March 2026 and that the next Transaction Levy due date is 30 April 2026. The following recently adopted levy rates became applicable to all transactions as of 1 January 2026. Accordingly, all levies reported for the first quarter, and for all future transactions, should be remitted at these new rates:

- Real estate transactions - \$25
- Civil proceeding transactions - \$85
- Personal property transactions - \$25

The updated Transaction Levy reporting form can be found [here](#).



## Nominations

The Law Society is seeking nominations for the vacancies created by the expiry of terms as follows:

### Eastern District

- Valerie Hynes, KC
- Gladys Dunne, KC
- Alexander Templeton\*

### Labrador District

- Jonathan Regan\*

\* Alexander Templeton and Jonathan Regan are eligible to seek election.

In accordance with s. 11 of the *Law Society Act, 1999*, interested members of the Law Society who are in good standing, practising, and are resident in either the Eastern or Labrador Districts, should file completed nomination papers in [form 4.01A](#) with the Executive Director at the Law Society offices no later than **5:00 p.m., 6 April 2026**.

When reflecting on whether to send an expression of interest, please take into account if you have some, if not all, of the skills and attributes identified in the [Skills Matrix](#). We also ask that you review the following key traits that contribute to effective decision-making:

- The ability to think strategically and analytically and to effectively communicate thoughts and the reasons for them;
- Possession of earned respect of key stakeholder group members, including, but not limited to, the public and the members;
- The ability to work well with others as a member of a collaborative group with decision-making authority and an understanding of the duty to act with due care, diligence, and skill, honestly, in good faith, and in the best interests of the Law Society;
- Demonstrated understanding of the differences between “oversight” and “supervision”;
- Earned reputation for emotional maturity, personal integrity, and honesty; and
- A demonstrated familiarity with the body of knowledge related to both the Law Society’s mandate, governing legislation, policies, and procedures.

The remaining Elective Benchers are:

### **Eastern District**

- Lauren Chafe, KC
- Johnathan Earle
- Carey Majid, KC
- Sheilagh Murphy, KC
- Steve Scruton
- David Williams
- John Whelan
- Doug Wright
- Rodney Zdebiak, KC

### **Central District**

- Gregory French
- Derek Ford

### **Western District**

- Mark Mills
- Lorilee Sharpe

*The election results will be announced at the Law Society Annual General Meeting on 5 June 2026.*



### [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

- [British Columbia Workers' Compensation Appeal Tribunal Comments on Acceptable Use of AI](#)

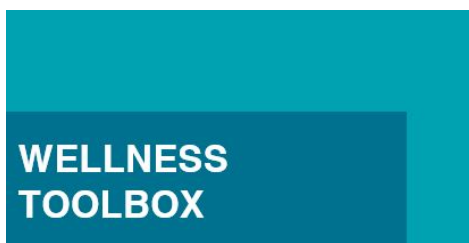


Our [practice resources](#) offer valuable insights regarding the complexities of law practice management. Created to help lawyers navigate the requirements and obligations outlined in the *Law Society Act, 1999*, Law Society Rules, and Code of Professional Conduct, they serve as supportive tools. While 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](#)

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS



#### [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.

- [The Trauma Informed Lawyer Podcast](#)
- [Freeing the Imperfect Lawyer](#)
- [The Well-Being Hour](#)

# 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

- Parliamentary Counsel - Office of the Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island
- Oil and Gas Corporation of Newfoundland and Labrador Board of Directors - Government of Newfoundland and Labrador
- Mineral Rights Adjudication Board - Government of Newfoundland and Labrador
- Muskrat Falls Project Land Use and Expropriation Arbitration Panel - Government of Newfoundland and Labrador
- Crown Attorney - Government of Nova Scotia
- Board Member - Provincial Health Authority Board of Trustees
- Crown Prosecutor - Government of Saskatchewan
- Independent Commissioner - Town of Torbay
- Board Member - Jimmy Pratt Memorial Outreach Centre
- Crown Attorney - Public Prosecution Service (NS)
- Member - Canada Council for the Arts
- Director - Office of the Commissioner of Indigenous Languages

[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.

### 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](mailto:s.collins71@telus.net).

### Edward Patrick Byrne

Born 13 May 1943; died 9 February 2025.

Last place of residence was St. John's.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Ingrid Quilty at [iquilty@williamokeefelaw.ca](mailto:iquilty@williamokeefelaw.ca).

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This is a mandatory communication.