



## 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>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
<b>30 APRIL</b>	Dealing with Conflict in Legal Practice: A Communications Framework for Challenging Interactions	REGISTER

### OTHER DATES OF INTEREST



30 April 2026: Susan LeDrew, KC - Disciplinary Hearing  
24 May 2026: Canadian Association of Law Libraries Annual Conference



## 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.*

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### Newfoundland and Labrador Historical Society Heritage Award

The Newfoundland and Labrador Historical Society Heritage Award, presented by the [Newfoundland and Labrador Historical Society](#), is awarded to individuals or organizations who have made significant contributions to the preservation and dissemination of the written record of the history of Newfoundland and Labrador.

This year's Heritage Awards were presented to Dr. Margot Duley and to the Law Society's *SS Daisy* Legal History Committee.

Congratulations to the recipients on receiving this prestigious award.

*Pictured in the accompanying image are The Honourable John Joy (retired judge) and Anna Wadden, accepting on behalf of the SS Daisy Legal History Committee, with The Honourable Joan Marie Aylward, Lieutenant Governor of Newfoundland and Labrador.*

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## Transgender Day of Visibility

March 31 is the day that annually marks the Transgender Day of Visibility (TDOV). On TDOV we honour and empower the lives of transgender, non-binary people, and gender non-conforming people.

The Law Society, through its Equity and Diversity Committee, is committed to diversity and inclusiveness and increasing awareness among its members and the community. Today, we take the opportunity to celebrate those who identify as transgender, non-binary, or gender non-conforming, and to recognize their struggle in society.

To learn more, 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

- [Knowing the Law - Setting Up Research Alerts](#)



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

#### CLIENTS

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A graphic for the Wellness Toolbox. It consists of a teal square with a darker teal horizontal bar at the bottom. The words "WELLNESS TOOLBOX" are written in white, bold, uppercase letters on the dark bar.

## 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.

- [Peer Support Canada](#)
  - [Mental Health First Aid](#)
  - [Bridge the Gapp](#)
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A graphic for Disciplinary Matters. It features a dark green background with a pattern of lighter green arrows pointing in various directions. The words "Disciplinary Matters" are written in white, bold, sans-serif font in the center.

## 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](#).

Please note that **a new disciplinary decision has been issued** by an Adjudication Tribunal of the Disciplinary Panel of the Law Society:

#### [Gregory Stack](#)

*An Adjudication Tribunal of the Disciplinary Panel of the Law Society has decided that Gregory Stack is not guilty of conduct deserving of sanction pursuant to section 50(2) of the Law Society Act, 1999. The Adjudication Tribunal ordered that the complaint be dismissed with no order as to costs.*



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### Current Opportunities

- Board Member - Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada
- Crown Attorney - Government of Nova Scotia
- Adjudicator, Human Rights Commission Panel - Justice and Public Safety Department
- Board Member - United Way Newfoundland and Labrador
- Board Member - Income and Employment Support Appeal Board
- 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
- Board Member - Provincial Health Authority Board of Trustees
- Crown Prosecutor - Government of Saskatchewan

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This is a mandatory communication.