



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

10 MARCH	Mental Health in Sentencing: Beyond Mitigation	REGISTER
17 MARCH	Chief Justice Sir Francis Forbes Annual Law Lecture	REGISTER
18 MARCH	Current Trends and Emerging Challenges in Immigration Law	REGISTER
27 MARCH	Real Estate: What is Good Title (Revisited)?	REGISTER
17 APRIL	GenAI in Contemporary Legal Research Professional Intensive	REGISTER



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.



International Women's Day

8 March 2026 marks [International Women's Day](#), a global celebration dedicated to recognizing the remarkable achievements of women. This day honours women's social, economic, cultural, and political achievements. The 2026 theme, [Give to Gain](#), encourages a mindset of reciprocity and collaboration. Whether through knowledge, resources, visibility, advocacy, education, or time, contributing to women's advancement helps create a more supportive and interconnected world.

The Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador, guided by its Equity and Diversity Committee, supports efforts to advance women's interests across all sectors, including the legal profession. Visit the following websites for more information on International Women's Day and promoting gender equality:

- [International Women's Day](#)
- [UN Women](#)
- [Women and Gender Equality Canada](#)
- [Canadian Human Rights Commission](#)

Join us in recognizing the invaluable contributions of women worldwide.

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

- [Bite Size CPD February Showcase - Cyber Insurance Obligations and Multi-Factor Authentication](#)



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

ETHICS

**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.

- [Time to Reflect?](#)
- [Ideas with Nahlah Ayed](#)
- [Safe Works Access Program \(SWAP\)](#)

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

- 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

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.

Daphne Saunders

Born 3 December 1932; died 12 October 2025.

Last place of residence was Leading Tickles.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Judy Saunders Al-Hani at alhanijudy@gmail.com.

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This is a mandatory communication.