



## Upcoming Continuing Professional Development Opportunities

### FEATURED EVENT

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Dealing with Conflict in Legal Practice:  
A Communications Framework for Challenging Interactions

**Date:** 30 April 2026

**Time:** 12:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.

**CPD Credit:** 1.25 hours

Conflict is a natural part of legal practice, but managing it effectively makes all the difference.

This webinar provides participants with a structured approach to navigating difficult conversations with clients, opposing parties, and others facing stress or crisis. Attendees will learn why emotions intensify in legal settings and how to de-escalate tension. The session explores strategies for handling challenging behaviours, setting boundaries, and responding to incivility, while also addressing situations involving cultural differences, trauma, and mental health concerns. Lawyers will also gain practical tools to maintain composure in the moment and manage the ongoing impact of high-conflict interactions.

Leave with clear, actionable techniques to strengthen communication, reduce conflict, and support both effective client service and professional well-being.

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Real Estate: What is Good Title (Revisited)?

**Date:** 27 March 2026

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**CPD Credit:** 6 hours

In the long-awaited follow-up to the seminal *What is Good Title?* seminar delivered in 1990, this session builds on the Law Society's *2024 Report of the Ad Hoc Land Titles Committee*, which examined present-day standards and recurring areas of uncertainty in real estate practice in Newfoundland and Labrador.

This session provides a practical examination of title, including how practitioners establish a root of title through possessory title, Crown grants, and other foundational sources. It offers applied guidance on assessing possessory title claims, preparing affidavits of possession, navigating Crown Lands' approach to title issues, and advancing applications to quiet title under the *Quieting of Titles Act*.

The program further explores issues that arise after title has been established, including conveyancing standards, co-ownership and family land matters, municipal considerations, easements, and other recurring complexities in title review, with attention to areas where practice approaches may vary.

It concludes with a broader discussion of what constitutes "good title" in modern practice, including approaches to problematic or non-standard title scenarios and the evolving role of title insurance, followed by a plenary Q&A session offering attendees the opportunity to engage directly with presenters on practical and emerging issues.

*Lunch will be provided for in-person attendees.*

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**Rules, Standards, and Strategy:  
Using AI to Map the Evolution of Judicial Reasoning**

**Date:** 20 May 2026

**Time:** 12:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.

**CPD Credit:** 1.25 hours

Professor Norman Siebrasse of the University of New Brunswick will lead this seminar examining the Supreme Court of Canada's judicial reasoning style, informed in part by his work on one of the earliest large-scale, AI-assisted empirical studies of Canadian Supreme Court jurisprudence. In that research, he systematically mapped how the Court's reasoning has evolved over time. The discussion will focus in particular on the distinction between rules and standards, and why that distinction is significant for practising lawyers.

The session will explore how judicial reasoning style affects predictability, litigation risk, evidentiary burdens, and appellate strategy. Using a structured and validated rubric, Professor Siebrasse and his team analyzed decades of Supreme Court decisions across subject areas, identifying measurable trends in doctrinal reasoning over time. Participants will gain insight into the project's methodology, including how AI can be deployed to analyze qualitative legal concepts and the strengths and limitations of that

approach. The seminar will also consider how similar structured methodologies may be adapted by practitioners, academics, and regulators in their own contexts.

Professor Siebrasse will also provide an overview of a separate AI drafting and editing tool designed to assist lawyers in refining written work while preserving their individual voice.

*This is a free session.*

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