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Newfoundland & Labrador

Upcoming Continuing Professional Development Opportunity

An Afternoon with The Right Honourable Richard Wagner, P.C.,
Chief Justice of Canada

Date: 22 September 2026

Time: 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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Courts across the country are facing significant pressures as they endeavour to fulfil their essential role in society. In Newfoundland and Labrador, these pressures are reflected in growing case backlogs and were brought into sharper focus when the Provincial Court was required to indefinitely adjourn certain civil hearings, traffic matters, and Contraventions Act cases. Circuit court sittings have also been reduced indefinitely in some regions. These developments highlight broader challenges facing the justice system and the impacts that delay and limited court capacity can have on litigants, lawyers, and the public.

Against this backdrop, the Law Society is pleased to host the Chief Justice of Canada for a special event featuring remarks on the challenges currently facing Canada's courts. Drawing on his national perspective, the Chief Justice will situate these developments within broader trends affecting courts across the country. The discussion will consider issues such as delay, accessibility, modernization of court processes, and maintaining public confidence in the administration of justice.

The session will also explore the respective roles of courts, governments, and the legal profession in responding to these challenges and strengthening the justice system. Following his remarks, the Chief Justice will engage in a moderated discussion and respond to questions from attendees.

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