



## News & Updates

15 April 2026



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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

**30 APRIL**

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

REGISTER

**20 MAY**

Rules, Standards, and Strategy: Using AI to Map the Evolution of Judicial Reasoning - *with Professor Norman Siebrasse, University of New Brunswick*

REGISTER

**22 SEPTEMBER**

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

REGISTER

### OTHER DATES OF INTEREST



30 April 2026: Susan LeDrew, KC - Disciplinary Hearing

7 May 2026: Sustaining Performance Under Pressure - Practical Tools for Legal Professionals

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## 2026 Bencher Election

We will be continuing with the electronic voting process this year, utilizing the services of Truverus. Please be assured that Truverus is a neutral third party; your vote will not be shared with anyone, and only the overall vote totals will be reported by Truverus.

Within the next couple of weeks, you will be receiving an email invite from Truverus to provide you with a secure password and link to proceed with your vote. All invitations, reminders, and final reminders will come directly from Truverus.

This year, there are four nominees for three vacancies in the Eastern District. The nominees are as follows:

- Don Anthony, KC
- Darlene Lucas
- Alex Templeton
- Joe Thorne

We received one nomination for the one vacancy in the Labrador District, and the following member is acclaimed as Bencher in that district (term effective 5 June 2026 following the Law Society's Annual General Meeting):

- Jonathan Regan

We encourage you to take part and help shape the direction of the Law Society through your vote.

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## WELLNESS IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION



### Upcoming Well-Being Sessions with CLIA

Throughout May, the [Canadian Lawyers Insurance Association](#) will offer four free, one-hour webinars focused on well-being in the legal profession; a full list can be found below. Each session will take place from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

- [13 May 2026: From Law School Debt to Financial Confidence](#)
- [14 May 2026: How to be a Lawyer and a Human Being at the Same Time](#)

- 21 May 2026: Mindfulness and Lawyer Wellbeing
- 28 May 2026: Nutrition as Self Care: A Non-Diet, Additive Approach to Well-being

MORE INFORMATION

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### 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

- [Shovels Down: Lessons from Kapahi Real Estate Inc. v. Elite Real Estate Club of Toronto Inc, 2026 ONSC 1438](#)



### Invitation to Participate in Child and Youth Care Research Study

[Relationships First Newfoundland and Labrador](#) invites members of the legal community to participate in an important research study led by Dr. Michelle Sullivan and Dr. Gale Burford. The project, titled *Futurespective: Evolving Child & Youth Care Movement and Services in Newfoundland & Labrador (1980s – Now)*, explores the development of child and youth care work and services across the province.

Members with direct or indirect experience working with children and

young people who are in care, at risk of entering care, or transitioning out of care or custody are encouraged to participate. Survey findings will inform follow-up interviews and a facilitated discussion at the [June 2026 Child and Youth Care Conference in St. John's](#).

For more information or to participate in the survey, please click [here](#).

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## LEGAL COMMUNITY UPDATES

### Practice Status Update

Please be advised that William Samuel Kennedy of William S. Kennedy Law Office is no longer practicing. You may contact [Saunders, Collins & Loeb Law](#) regarding ongoing matters.



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](#)

ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING AND CLIENT IDENTIFICATION AND VERIFICATION

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## 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.

- [Treatment Centres](#)
- [Housing Services](#)
- [Eating Disorder Counselling](#)

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## 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 caution has been issued** by the Law Society. You can view the list of counsels and cautions at the link below. Additionally, a **new disciplinary decision has been issued** by an Adjudication Tribunal of the Disciplinary Panel of the Law Society:

[Andrew J. Martin](#)

An Adjudication Tribunal of the Disciplinary Panel of the Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador, having conducted a hearing pursuant to the *Law Society Act, 1999*, concluded that Andrew J. Martin is guilty of conduct deserving of sanction. Andrew J Martin practiced with Morris Martin Moore at 184 Park Avenue, Mount Pearl, NL. The conduct deserving of sanction includes twenty-five breaches of the Law Society Rules and the Code of Professional Conduct.

The Adjudication Tribunal ordered:

1. The Respondent, Andrew J. Martin, be disbarred, and
2. The Respondent, Andrew J. Martin, pay costs to the Law Society in the amount of \$6,200.00 plus disbursements.

[DISCIPLINARY DECISIONS](#)

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## Current Opportunities

- Board Member - Perchance Theatre
- Crown Attorney - Department of Justice and Public Safety
- Crown Prosecutor - Public Prosecutions (SK)
- Director - Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21
- Summer Student Position - Public Legal Information Association of NL
- Board Member - Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada
- Adjudicator, Human Rights Commission Panel - Justice and Public Safety Department
- Board Member - United Way Newfoundland and Labrador
- Parliamentary Counsel - Office of the Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island

[VIEW ALL OPPORTUNITIES](#)

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## 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.

[Frederick Michael FitzPatrick](#)  
Born 25 October 1955; died 6 March 2026.

Last place of residence was Kilbride.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Elizabeth Fitzpatrick at [elizabeth.fitzpatrick@uottawa.ca](mailto:elizabeth.fitzpatrick@uottawa.ca).

[Eric Salter](#)  
Born 21 June 1940; died 24 March 2026.

Last place of residence was St. John's.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Erika Colson at [afghanhoundy@gmail.com](mailto:afghanhoundy@gmail.com).

[Charles Barry Hynick](#)  
Born 13 June 1953; died 9 March 2026.

Last place of residence was St. John's.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Elaine Hynick at [wtelaine@hotmail.com](mailto:wtelaine@hotmail.com).

[Rochelle Paula Dennis](#)  
Born 15 January 1940; died 28 March 2026.

Last place of residence was Howley.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Michael O'Brien at (403) 636-0625.

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