



## News & Updates

29 April 2026



The rule of law upholds our shared values - and it is *ours to protect*. Learn more [here](#).

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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

[VIEW ALL EVENTS HERE](#)

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## Law Society Annual Dinner & Cocktail Reception

The Law Society's Annual Dinner and Cocktail Reception will be held on the evening of 5 June 2026, at the [Emera Innovation Exchange](#).

Cost: \$100.00 per person (\$86.95 + \$13.05 HST)

Cash Bar: 6:30 p.m.

Dinner: 7:00 p.m.

Dress: Business Suit, Semi-Formal

To RSVP, please complete the [registration form](#) and send it to Erin Rowe at [erowe@lsnl.ca](mailto:erowe@lsnl.ca), **no later than 29 May 2026**.

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## Financial Statements 2025

The Law Society's annual audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025 incorporate the operating results of the Law Society, the Lawyers' Insurance Programme, the Assurance Fund, the Endowment Fund, and the Internal Restricted Fund as well as comparative results for 2024. The audited financial statements will be presented at the Annual General Meeting of the Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador on 5 June 2026.

The financial statements can be read [here](#).

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## Opportunity to Get Involved with the Law Society

The Law Society is currently seeking expressions of interest for the Disciplinary Panel, which plays a key role in upholding the integrity of the legal profession by hearing disciplinary cases and determining whether conduct meets required ethical standards.

Take part in the important work of the Law Society as we regulate the practice of law and uphold the public interest. Your voice matters, and your contribution is invaluable.

## The Law Society's Disciplinary Panel

- Review the Terms of Reference for the Disciplinary Panel Committee [here](#)
- Mandatory adjudicator training will be provided for members of the Disciplinary Panel. Find further details in a message from the Chair of the Disciplinary Panel, David Eaton, KC, available [here](#)

To express your interest, **please send your resume or a synopsis of your qualifications** to Erin Rowe at [erowe@lsnl.ca](mailto:erowe@lsnl.ca) **no later than 11 May 2026**.

Join us in serving the public interest and shaping the future of our legal profession.

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### Indigenous Law Student SCHOLARSHIP



## Indigenous Law Student Scholarship

In line with the Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador's commitment to advancing Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples and following the recommendation of the Indigenous Education and Action Committee, we are pleased to offer the *Indigenous Law Student Scholarship*.

This annual scholarship aims to assist Indigenous law students pursuing a Juris Doctor degree, a Master of Laws degree, or a PhD in law. It will provide a one-time award of \$5,000 each to up to three candidates. **The deadline for applications is 1 June annually.** To apply, please submit completed application forms via email to [churley@lsnl.ca](mailto:churley@lsnl.ca).

For more information, please click [here](#).

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## Reminder: Cast Your Vote in the Bencher Election

Voting is now open, and we've seen a 26% participation rate so far. Make sure your voice is heard in shaping the future of the Law Society. The *Law Society of Newfoundland & Labrador Bencher Election 2026* email was sent from [invitation@truverusfeedback.com](mailto:invitation@truverusfeedback.com). All invitations, reminders, and final reminders will come directly from Truverus.

Didn't receive your voting invitation? [Let us know](#) so we can help you get access to your ballot.

The deadline to vote is 22 May 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

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

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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

- [The Lawyer Brain 2.0: Redrafting our Thoughts for Greater Success](#)



## Compromised Emails in Circulation

Please be advised that fraudulent emails falsely representing [western@journeyprojectnl.com](mailto:western@journeyprojectnl.com) are being circulated. To verify the authenticity of suspicious communications received from the [Journey Project](#), please contact their office at (709) 722-2805.

If you are unsure about any correspondence, contact the sender via telephone to confirm with the source. Never click on any suspicious links. For more information, please click [here](#).

To learn more about how to recognize and report fraud and scams in Canada, please [click here](#).

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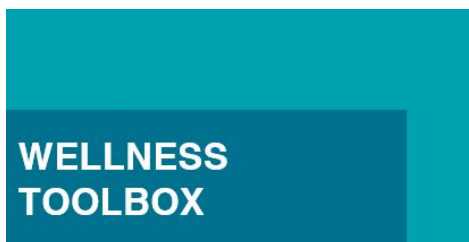
Our [practice resources](#) offer valuable insights regarding the complexities of law practice management. Created to help lawyers navigate the requirements and obligations outlined in the *Law Society Act, 1999*, Law Society Rules, and Code of Professional Conduct, they serve as supportive tools. While 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](#)

RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LAW SOCIETY

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#### [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.

- [Humberwood](#)
  - [7 Apps for Mindfulness & Meditation](#)
  - [Homeweb](#)
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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](#).



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

- Lawyer - Department of Justice (NS)
- Associate Lawyer - Labour & Employment (NS)
- Member - Canadian Human Rights Tribunal
- Chief Legal Officer - NB Power
- Chairperson - Canadian Race Relations Foundation
- Board Member - Perchance Theatre
- Crown Attorney - Department of Justice and Public Safety
- Crown Prosecutor - Public Prosecutions (SK)

[VIEW ALL OPPORTUNITIES](#)

### 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.

Brian Fredrick Hawco

Born 12 March 1968; died 8 April 2026.

Last place of residence was Mount Pearl.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Allison Walsh at [allisonwalsh317@gmail.com](mailto:allisonwalsh317@gmail.com).

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).

Rochelle Paula Dennis

Cheryl O'Driscoll

Born 15 January 1940; died 28 March 2026.

Born 27 May 1967; died 30 July 2025.

Last place of residence was Howley.

Last place of residence was Labrador City.

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

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Amanda Lula at (289) 354-1522.

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You are receiving this communication in accordance with your membership with the Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador.

This is a mandatory communication.