



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

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 - <i>with Professor Norman Siebrasse, University of New Brunswick</i>	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](#)

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.

Meeting



Upcoming Benchers' Meeting

Please note that the next Benchers' meeting will take place on 13 April 2026, at 9:30 a.m. Anyone wishing to attend a Benchers' meeting:

1. is required to provide notice of attendance to the Law Society by emailing erowe@lsnl.ca;
2. will not be permitted to use audio or video recording devices or communication devices during the meeting;

3. shall not speak, unless invited to do so by the President;
4. must observe and obey all rulings of the President; and
5. shall leave if the meeting is declared closed to the public or if asked to do so by the President.

At this time, attendance shall be via Zoom. An invite will be provided upon receipt of an attendance notice. Agendas will be posted on the [Law Society website](#) in advance of each meeting, and the Minutes for the Public portion of each meeting will also be posted on the website.

Please RSVP by noon on 10 April 2026 to Erin Rowe at erowe@lsnl.ca if you plan to attend the Benchers' Meeting.



Rule 16 – Identifying Organizations

The requirement to identify a client also applies when the client is an organization. Please ensure that your firm is complying with the client identification requirements outlined in [Rule 16](#).

When a client is an organization, members must obtain and record the following information:

- the clients' full name, business address and business telephone number;
- the incorporation or business identification number and place of issue, if applicable;
- the type of business or business activities, if applicable; and
- the name, position, and contact information of the individual authorized to provide and give instructions with respect to the matter for which the member is retained.

Asking questions about an organization's business activities should not be considered an invasion of a client's privacy. When asking such questions, you are fulfilling your professional obligation to know your clients, understand your clients' financial dealings in relation to the retainer, and manage any risks arising from the professional business relationship with the client.

If these questions are asked consistently, this becomes an ordinary part of the business practice.



[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

- [Well-Being in the Legal Profession: Free Well-Being Webinars Throughout the Month of May](#)



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

LAW OFFICE ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

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.

- [Homewood Health App](#)
- [BounceBack](#)
- [CMHA](#)

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

- Director - Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21
- Summer Student Position - Public Legal Information Association of NL
- Associate Lawyer - O'Keefe & Sullivan
- Crown Prosecutor (multiple positions) - Public Prosecutions of Saskatchewan
- 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
- Board Member - Income and Employment Support Appeal Board
- Parliamentary Counsel - Office of the Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island
- Oil and Gas Corporation of Newfoundland and Labrador Board of Directors - Government of Newfoundland and Labrador
- Mineral Rights Adjudication Board - Government of Newfoundland and Labrador
- Muskrat Falls Project Land Use and Expropriation Arbitration Panel - Government of Newfoundland and Labrador

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