



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's website has an [events section](#) with updated CPD opportunities, events, conferences, and more. A list of recordings is available [here](#).

SAVE THE DATE

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

OTHER DATES OF INTEREST



- 24 June: UNDRIP - History, Context, Indigenous Involvement, and Relevance in Canada
- 26 June: Access to Justice in Newfoundland and Labrador Featuring Guest Justice Karakatsanis
- July 22: PLIAN Youth Justice Camp: Happy Valley-Goose Bay
- July 28: PLIAN Youth Justice Camp: St. John's
- 25 August: Andrew Martin Disciplinary Hearing
- 16 September: Project Management Institute Annual Symposium and Silver Anniversary Gala

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Law Society Rules: Amendments to Rule 2

In June 2026, Benchers approved amendments to [Rule 2](#) of the [Law Society Rules](#) relating to committees. The amendments improve clarity and ensure the Rules remain aligned with current committee structures and practices.

Loss Prevention Tip #67: How to Manage Clients Who Use AI-Generated Documents

Lawyers everywhere are dealing with AI-related issues, especially as a new dynamic in the lawyer/client relationship, since many clients are providing their own AI-based research. So, what should lawyers do when clients show up with AI-generated work product in hand?

[Lawyers Mutual](#), a professional liability insurance company for lawyers in North Carolina, recently circulated [The Rise of the AI-Assisted Client](#). This article discusses how lawyers might respond to clients who use AI-generated documents or strategies and what proactive measures to consider. The author's conclusion:

"Like it or not, generative AI is now part of the lawyer-client relationship. Clients are going to continue using these tools because they are easy to access, inexpensive, and capable of producing work product that appears sophisticated and authoritative. The challenge for lawyers is not learning how to eliminate AI from the practice of law but learning how to responsibly manage its growing presence in client interactions. Lawyers who approach these situations with professionalism, curiosity, clear communication, and sound judgment will be in the best position to protect both their clients and themselves."

[VIEW LOSS PREVENTION TIPS HERE](#)

New Practice Resources

Access to legal services remains a significant challenge for many members of the public. Limited scope retainers can help improve access to justice by allowing clients to obtain legal assistance for specific tasks or stages of a matter, rather than full representation. To support members in offering these services, we have developed a new practice resource that provides guidance on the effective use of [limited scope retainers](#), including key considerations and the associated risks.

We have also created a resource explaining how to [update your profile](#) in the Law Society's lawyer directory to indicate your areas of practice and whether you offer limited scope retainers. Members of the public use the lawyer directory when searching

for legal assistance, so keeping your profile up to date can help them connect with you more easily.

Both of these resources can be found in the [Practice Resources](#) section of the Law Society's website. Public FAQs on Limited Scope Retainers will be posted soon.



Law Library Publications Available to Members

The Law Society [Law Library](#) is currently offering publications free of charge, as they are being retired from the Law Library collection. Shipping fees may apply where applicable.

The list of available titles can be viewed [here](#).

Members interested in any of these resources should contact Jenny Thornhill, Law Librarian, at jthornhill@lsnl.ca by 31 July 2026.



National Indigenous Peoples Day

[National Indigenous Peoples Day](#) is a special occasion to learn about the rich and diverse histories, experiences, and cultures of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples. While these groups share similarities, they each have their own distinct cultural practices, language, spiritual beliefs, and heritage.

As the longest day of the year, the summer solstice has held deep cultural, historical, and spiritual significance for many Indigenous peoples and communities for generations.

While this is a time to celebrate Indigenous peoples, it is also an opportunity to acknowledge that there is much more work to do on the important journey to reconciliation. It is through concrete actions and by working together that we can create a better future.

Please be advised that our office will be closed on Monday, 22 June, in observance of National Indigenous Peoples Day.

CHANGES TO BROADCAST FEATURES

To keep our communications fresh, engaging, and relevant, we'll be rotating through key sections each week, including [Wellness](#), [Disciplinary Matters](#), [Practice Resources](#), and more. Stay tuned for updates and opportunities designed to support you in your legal practice.

If you have suggestions for how we can improve our broadcasts, please submit your recommendations [here](#).

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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.

- [LSBC Well-Being Hub](#)
- [LSO Well-Being Resource Centre](#)
- [CMHA-MHCC-Toolkit-Checklist](#)



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

- Chief Executive Officer - CLIA
- Associate Lawyer - Stewart McKelvey (NB)
- Legal Administrative Coordinator - WorkplaceNL
- Chief Commissioner, First Nations Tax Commission - Government of Canada (BC)
- Legal Counsel - Newfoundland and Labrador College of Nurses
- Legal Counsel - WorkplaceNL
- Board Member - BGC Newfoundland and Labrador
- Lawyer - Department of Justice (NS)
- Chief Legal Officer - NB Power

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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.

[Joseph Andrew Philpott](#)

Born 27 August 1925; died 7 April 2007.

Last place of residence was Trepassey.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Michel Genest at (709) 691-0441.

[Dulcie Abbott](#)

Born 2 February 1946; *not deceased*.

Last place of residence was Bonavista.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Trevor Gullage at trevorgullage@yahoo.ca.

[Sidney Rideout Matthews](#)

Born 7 October 1940; died 3 June 2026.

Last place of residence was St. John's.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Wendy Matthews at wendydmatthews@hotmail.com.

[David William Rowe](#)

Born 6 April 1949; died 29 November 2021.

Last place of residence was Corner Brook.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Jennifer Rowe at (709) 219-9943.

[Faye Sylvia LeDrew](#)

Born 2 April 1952; died 23 July 2020.

Last place of residence was Barachois Brook.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Christa Monaghan at (613) 879-7331.

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