



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

17 JUNE

Free Webinar: An Overview of
Mental Health Court - Objectives,
Outcomes, and Procedures

REGISTER

22 SEPTEMBER

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

REGISTER

OTHER DATES OF INTEREST



12 June: Silent No More: Virtual Tour of the Former Mohawk Institute Indian Residential School

24 June: UNDRIP - History, Context, Indigenous Involvement, and Relevance in Canada

26 June: Agora on Access to Justice in French

25 August: Andrew Martin Disciplinary Hearing

[VIEW ALL EVENTS HERE](#)

Important Reminders

Law Library Orientation for Summer Students and New Members: Group sessions are available on 4 June and 9-11 June. Click [here](#) for more information.

Report Insurance Claims Before Policy Year-End: The current professional liability insurance policy for practising members expires on 30 June 2026. Click [here](#) for more information.



Advancing Reconciliation Through Indigenous Engagement and Access to Justice Initiatives

As part of the Law Society's strategic priority to advance reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples, efforts have focused on strengthening relationships with Indigenous communities, improving access to justice, and addressing systemic barriers within the legal system. Since 2022, this work has included advocacy for permanent funding of the [Gladue Writer Pilot Project](#), delivered by the [Newfoundland Aboriginal Women's Network](#), as well as ongoing education on Gladue and related access-to-justice initiatives. Efforts have also included enhancing Indigenous cultural competency within the Bar Admission Course through Indigenous-led programming and educational opportunities for students.

In 2026, the Law Society continued these efforts through outreach in Labrador, including visits to Happy Valley-Goose Bay and Nain, where representatives met with Indigenous governments, community organizations, service providers, educators, and members of the judiciary to discuss the unique challenges facing Labrador communities and opportunities for collaboration. In partnership with the [Public Legal Information Association of Newfoundland and Labrador](#), the Law Society also delivered legal clinics in Happy Valley-Goose Bay and Nain, assisting more than 20 individuals on matters including family law, criminal law, wills and estates, employment law, and long-term disability insurance.

During the same visit to Happy Valley-Goose Bay, the Law Society also had the honour of recognizing a historic milestone for the legal profession in the province. Newfoundland and Labrador's first Innu lawyer, Jolene Ashini of Sheshatshiu, was called to the Bar at a ceremony held in the community.

Her admission represents an important moment in the continued growth of an inclusive and representative legal profession in the province. The Law Society extends its warmest congratulations to Jolene and wishes her every success as she begins her career in the legal profession.

Together, these initiatives highlighted significant barriers many Labrador residents continue to face in accessing legal information and representation, particularly in remote communities, and reinforced the important role the Law Society can play in supporting access-to-justice initiatives, fostering meaningful relationships, and advancing reconciliation.



Pride Season 2026

We are officially in [Pride Season](#), a time to celebrate the 2SLGBTQIA+ community, acknowledge progress toward equality, and recognize ongoing efforts for acceptance and rights for all. The Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador, through its Equity and Diversity Committee, is committed to diversity and inclusiveness. The legal community has played a pivotal role in advancing 2SLGBTQIA+ rights. We honour and empower those who identify as part of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community and recognize their struggles.

We invite you to participate in [Pride events](#), support 2SLGBTQIA+ organizations, and reflect on our role in fostering an inclusive environment. By engaging, we demonstrate our commitment to justice and equality and celebrate the diversity that strengthens our society.



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

- [Bite Size CPD May Showcase - Burnout](#)



Notices of Constitutional Questions

Please note that the Attorney General of Newfoundland and Labrador accepts service of [Notices of Constitutional Questions](#) electronically by email at NCQ@gov.nl.ca.



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](#)

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.

- [Mental Health Care and Treatment Act](#)
- [Emergency Services](#)
- [Nar-Anon Family Groups](#)

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 [counsel](#) has been issued by the Law Society**. You can view the list of counsels and cautions at the link below.

[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

- Legal Counsel - Newfoundland and Labrador College of Nurses
- Legal Counsel - WorkplaceNL
- Solicitor - Department of Justice and Public Safety
- Crown Attorney - Public Prosecutions Service (NS)
- Board Member - BGC Newfoundland and Labrador
- Trustee - Canadian Museum of Nature
- Lawyer - Department of Justice (NS)
- Chief Legal Officer - NB Power

[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.

[Diane Trudy Snelgrove](#)

Born 13 April 1961; died 12 November 2025.

Last place of residence was Conception Bay South.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Ryan Dinn at ryanjerrydinn@gmail.com.

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