



News & Updates

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2026 Benchers' Election Results

At the 5 June 2026 AGM and pursuant to the Election Rules under the *Law Society Act, 1999*:

The following person was re-elected as Bencher (Eastern District) of the Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador:

- J. Alexander Templeton

The following persons were elected as Benchers (Eastern District) of the Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador:

- Donald E. Anthony, KC
- Joseph J. Thorne

The following person was acclaimed as Bencher (Labrador District) of the Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador:

- Jonathan D. Regan

2026-2027 Executive Committee

Immediately following the AGM on 5 June 2026, Benchers appointed the following Executive Committee:

- Douglas W. Wright, as President
- David S. Williams, as Vice-President
- Rodney J. Zdebiak, KC, as Past-President
- Sheilagh M. Murphy, KC, as Chair of the Complaints Authorization

- Committee
- Carey S. Majid, KC, as Vice-Chair of the Complaints Authorization Committee
- Monika Rumbolt

Thank you to all those who offered themselves as candidates.



Degree of Doctor of Laws, *Honoris Causa*

The Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador is pleased to extend its congratulations to Michael Francis (Frank) O'Dea, KC, who has been awarded the honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws (*honoris causa*) in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the legal profession.

We commend Frank on this prestigious and well-earned accolade. Read more [here](#).



Early Career Achievement Award

The Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador is pleased to congratulate Gregory James French as the recipient of this year's Early Career Achievement Award.

Please join us in recognizing Greg's remarkable accomplishments and this significant professional milestone. Read more [here](#).

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