



LAW SOCIETY

Newfoundland & Labrador

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

10 SEPTEMBER

AI for Lawyers: Time
Management, Productivity,
and Practical Prompts

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22 SEPTEMBER

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

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OTHER DATES OF INTEREST



22 July: PLIAN Youth Justice Camp - Happy Valley-Goose Bay

28 July: PLIAN Youth Justice Camp - St. John's

25 August: Andrew Martin Disciplinary Hearing

16 September: Project Management Institute Annual Symposium and Silver Anniversary Gala

17 September: Silent No More - Virtual Tour of the Former Mohawk Institute Indian Residential School

[VIEW ALL EVENTS HERE](#)



Notice from the Lawyers' Insurance Programme

Please be advised that your 2026-2027 Professional Liability Insurance Policy is now available upon emailing a request to Janice Ringrose, Insurance and Risk Manager at insurance@lsnl.ca. A copy of the Policy is also available in the Law Society Members' Portal.



Loss Prevention Tip #68: Preventing Fund Transfer Fraud

All law societies are seeing a significant increase in fund transfer fraud. These losses are preventable by members exercising appropriate due diligence when disbursing funds to clients.

Please use the following list to verify all payment instructions, especially when payment instructions are changed prior to closing or delivery of funds:

1. Always call your client to verify payment instructions using a trusted number. Phone the number in your file that you received from the client when you opened the file.
2. Never email a client, opposing counsel or any other party to verify payment instructions.
3. Implement a funds transfer protocol to be used in all cases, no matter the amount. An example of one such protocol is the [checklist prepared by the BC Lawyers Indemnity Fund](#).
4. Break the email chain. The person verifying banking information should never accept or send an email confirming payment instructions have been verified because fraudsters can impersonate lawyers and staff alike.
5. Never use the contact information provided in the instructing or confirming email because a fraudulent email will often contain a fraudulent phone number.
6. Educate yourself and your staff about preventing and detecting cyber and social engineering fraud.

If you believe you have been the victim of a funds transfer fraud, you should immediately notify your bank and request a recall of the transferred funds; contact your IT department and cyber insurer to ensure the threat has been removed from your systems; and report any potential loss of client trust funds to the Lawyers Insurance Programme.



Supreme Court Notice: Commencing Proceedings Under Pseudonym

The Supreme Court advises that *Practice Note 2026-01: [Commencing Proceedings under Pseudonym](#)* was published in the Newfoundland Gazette on 26 June 2026, and comes into force on 10 July 2026. The Practice Note replaces P.N. No. 2024-01 and outlines the procedure to be followed when parties seek to commence proceedings under a pseudonym.

Should you have any questions please email inquires@supreme.court.nl.ca.



National Centre for
Truth and Reconciliation
UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA

An Invitation to a Collective Act of Truth and Reconciliation

The [National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation](#) (NCTR), established through the mandate of the [Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada](#), is inviting the legal community to be part of a national legacy project to build a permanent home for the preservation of residential school records, Survivor statements, oral histories, and other materials entrusted to its care. This initiative will help advance education about the lasting impacts of residential schools on First Nations, Métis, and Inuit communities, and support ongoing efforts toward truth, justice, and reconciliation for generations to come.

To learn more about this project and how to participate, please click [here](#).



Engineering and Geoscience Matters in Your Legal Practice

Professional Engineers and Geoscientists Newfoundland and Labrador (PEGNL) regulates the engineering and geoscience professions in the public interest.

Registration is mandatory to practice engineering or geoscience as defined in the *Engineers and Geoscientists Act, 2008* (Act) in our province. Professional members licensed by PEGNL (including Limited Licensees) are the only individuals permitted by law to undertake and assume responsibility for engineering and geoscience work in Newfoundland and Labrador. Those offering engineering or geoscience services to the public must also hold a permit to practice.

PEGNL encourages members of the Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador to view [MemberSearch](#) to confirm the practice status of such professionals who provide expert opinions in litigation matters in the province.

Specifically for business law practitioners, PEGNL refers members to sections 12–17 of the Act with regard to the exclusive use of the terms *engineering* and *geoscience*, as well as the permitted use of professional designations, including P.Eng. and P.Geo. in this province.

Please contact [PEGNL](#) if you have any questions about our mandate or members.



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](#)

ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING AND CLIENT IDENTIFICATION AND VERIFICATION



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)
- Solicitor - Department of Justice and Public Safety
- General Counsel - Sea Centric Inc.
- Board Member - New Scottish Heritage Corporation
- Deputy Public Guardian and Trustee, Adult Services - Manitoba Government
- Staff Attorney - Manitoba Government
- Crown Attorney - Manitoba Government

[VIEW ALL OPPORTUNITIES HERE](#)

[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.

Daphne Saunders

Born 3 December 1932; died 12 October 2025.

Last place of residence was Leading Tickles.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Judy Al-Hani at alhanijudy@gmail.com.

Francis (Frank) Joseph Hammond

Born 13 September 1941; died 2 July 2026.

Last place of residence was St. John's.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Leon Hammond at (438) 325-9721.

Marilyn Elizabeth White

Born 7 January 1958; died 4 June 2026.

Last place of residence was Trout River.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Frances White at (647) 444-2388.

Thomas George Vincent

Born 7 August 1935; died 25 June 2026.

Last place of residence was Corner Brook.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Robert Vincent at (780) 719-3376.

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This is a mandatory communication.