



LAW SOCIETY

Newfoundland & Labrador

News & Updates

29 September 2026



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

2 OCTOBER

Indigenous Cultural Competency
Day

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OTHER DATES OF INTEREST

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5 October: Business Law Lunch and Learn - Reading Financial Statements

14 October: Child and Youth Law Section Meeting

16 October: Understanding the Public Complaints Commission and the Office of the Citizens' Representative

16 October: Judicializing Everything? How Courts Came to Shape Canadian Politics and Beyond

22 October: Lawyers Only Trivia Night

25 October: CBA-NL Family Farm Day

3 November: Andrew Martin Disciplinary Hearing

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Meeting



Benchers' Meeting

Please note that the next Benchers' meeting will take place on 7 October 2026, at 9:30 am. 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 5 October 2026 to Erin Rowe at erowe@lsnl.ca if you plan to attend the Benchers' Meeting.



Expressions of Interest for Honours and Awards Committee

The Law Society is seeking expressions of interest from members who would like to join the Honours and Awards Committee.

The Committee plays an important role in recognizing the contributions of members of the legal profession. Serving on the Committee provides an

opportunity to help identify and celebrate individuals whose work, and service have made a meaningful impact on the profession and the public.

To learn more about the role and responsibilities, please review the [Terms of Reference](#).

Please submit your resume or a brief summary of your qualifications to Erin Rowe at erowe@lsnl.ca **before the deadline on 1 October 2026**.

National Day
for Truth and
Reconciliation
September 30th



National Day for Truth and Reconciliation: 30 September 2026

The Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador is committed to promoting reconciliation with Indigenous peoples through the ongoing implementation of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action and the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Calls for Justice.

As part of this commitment, **our office will be closed on 30 September 2026**, in recognition of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

This day offers an opportunity to engage with and explore the rich cultures, voices, experiences, and stories of Indigenous peoples. We encourage everyone to wear an orange shirt and learn to observe this important day meaningfully. Read more [here](#).

Related work:

- [Indigenous Cultural Competence Day: 2 October 2026](#)
- [Indigenous Law Student Scholarship](#)



Women's History Month

October marks [Women's History Month](#), a time to celebrate the monumental contributions of women to history, culture, and society. It is a reminder to continue honouring women who challenge the status quo and work tirelessly to improve the lives of others.

To read more, please click [here](#).



Islamic History Month

Islamic History Month is also observed in October, celebrating the rich heritage, contributions, and accomplishments of Muslim communities in fields such as science, medicine, astronomy, and the humanities. It's a chance to recognize the ongoing positive impact of Muslim Canadians and raise awareness about tackling Islamophobia. Learn more about how to dismantle islamophobia and help raise awareness [here](#).



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

The Law Society was pleased to welcome the Chief Justice of Canada for a special event examining the challenges facing courts across Canada. Drawing on his national perspective, Chief Justice Wagner spoke about issues including court delay, accessibility, modernization of court processes, and maintaining public confidence in the administration of justice.

The session also considered the respective roles of courts, governments, and the legal profession in responding to these challenges, followed by a

moderated discussion and questions from attendees.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this event.

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](#) (the Act), along with the [Law Society Rules](#) and the [Code of Professional Conduct](#).

Please note that **a new disciplinary decision has been issued by the Law Society**. You can view the list of disciplinary decisions at the link below.

[DISCIPLINARY DECISIONS](#)

[HEARINGS](#)

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[Municipal Elections Act Review: Consultation Invitation](#)

The [Department of Municipal and Community Affairs](#) is reviewing the [Municipal Elections Act](#), which governs municipal elections in towns and cities across Newfoundland and Labrador. The legislation plays an important role in ensuring that local governments remain representative, accountable, and responsive to the residents they serve.

As part of this review, the Department is seeking input from organizations and individuals who represent a broad range of experiences across the province.

Members are also welcome to participate in one of the following webinar sessions with the consultation team:

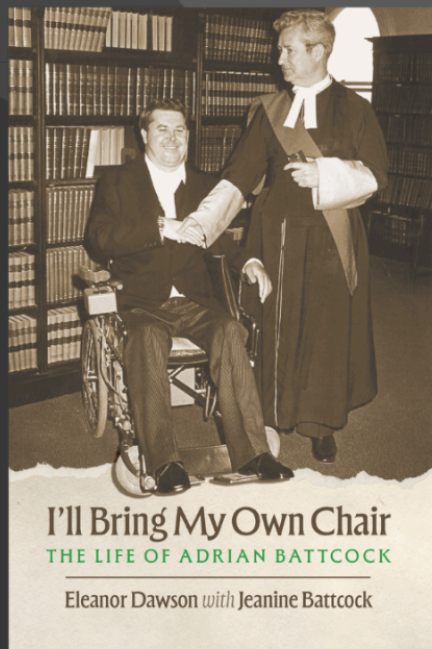
- [8 October](#)
- [20 October](#)

- [22 October](#)

You are encouraged to share your perspectives on opportunities to modernize and strengthen the legislative framework governing local elections. For more information or to submit your comments by 26 October 2026, please click [here](#).

Thank you for your consideration in participating in this important review.

BREAKWATER BOOKS FALL LAUNCH | OCT 28



I'll Bring My Own Chair

A biography by
Eleanor Dawson with
Jeanine Battcock



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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28TH
SPIRIT OF NEWFOUNDLAND PRODUCTIONS
DOORS 7:00PM, READINGS 7:30PM



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

- Board Member - Commissionaires Newfoundland & Labrador
- Supervisor Court Administration & Judicial Support - Nova Scotia Department of Justice
- Labour and Employment Lawyer - McLennan Ross LLP (NT)
- Director of Legal & Advisory Services - Dallas Mercer
- Legal Information and Support Coordinator - PLIAN
- Crown Attorney - Public Prosecution Service (NS)
- Crown Prosecutor - Ministry of Justice and Attorney General (SK)
- Legal Counsel - Teladoc Health
- President and Chief Executive Officer - Canada Post Corporation (ON)
- Crown Prosecutor - Ministry of Justice (SK)
- Executive Assistant (Legal) - WorkplaceNL
- 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.

Bernice Brenda Randell

Born 26 October 1956; died 1 May 2009.

Last place of residence was Paradise.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Ingrid Evans at (709) 690-6932.

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