



LAW SOCIETY

Newfoundland & Labrador

News & Updates

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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



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

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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 30 September 2026.

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

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King's Counsel Ceremony

Ten new King's Counsel will be sworn in at a Ceremony to be held 4 September 2026, at 10:00 a.m. The Honourable Raymond P. Whalen, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Newfoundland and Labrador, will preside at the Ceremony.

The Letters Patent appointing the ten new King's Counsel will be read and the

Oaths and Affirmations will be administered to each new King's Counsel. Chief Justice Whalen will then invite each new King's Counsel to the Inner Bar.

The King's Counsel Ceremony will take place in Courtroom No. 1 at the Courthouse, 309 Duckworth Street, St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador.

Those appointed to King's Counsel are Richard Collins, Helen Conway Ottenheimer, John C. Crosbie, Herbert Edwards, James Goudie, John Hartery, Karen O'Reilly, Deanne Penney, Gerrie Smith, and David Williams.

The Law Society congratulates the newly appointed King's Counsel.



Call for Legal Workshop Facilitator

The [NL Francophone Justice Network](#) (Réseau Justice en français) is seeking a lawyer to deliver a presentation in French on labour and employment law, including an overview of relevant resources and the basic principles of employment law.

What You'll Gain:

- The opportunity to make a meaningful impact by supporting access to justice within our community.
- A paid opportunity to share your expertise and contribute to important conversations.
- A platform to connect with and support members of our community.

For more information or to participate, please click [here](#).



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Current Opportunities

- Labour Relations Officer - Association of Allied Health Professionals
- Program Development Specialist: Restorative Justice Coordinator - Department of Education and Early Childhood Development
- Corporate Commercial Securities Lawyer - McLennan Ross (NT)
- Chief Executive Officer - Nova Scotia Legal Aid
- Board Member - Centreville Place
- Crown Attorney - Manitoba Government

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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.

Clarence Shears

Born: *unknown*; died 8 July 1992.

Last place of residence was Rocky Harbour.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Jamie Shears at jshearsj@gmail.com.

Calvin Brent

Born 25 September 1926; died 15 November 2012.

Last place of residence was Botwood.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Chantal Sheppard at (647) 333-5342.

Mariah Shears

Born 6 February 1919; died 12 August 2016.

Last place of residence was Rocky Harbour.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Jamie Shears at jshearsj@gmail.com.

Bernice Anna Diamond

Born 22 December 1962; died 4 April 2026.

Last place of residence was St. John's.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Jeffrey Diamond at jhmd59@hotmail.com.

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