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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

30 NOVEMBER	Free CPD Webinar: Cyber Risk - The Scary Reality and the Must-Have Tools to Protect You and Your Client	REGISTER

VIEW ALL EVENTS HERE

OTHER DATES OF INTEREST

11 November: Remembrance Day

15 November: Approaches to Boundary: Gene Long on the 1927 Labrador Border

18 November: University of Manitoba Internationally Trained Lawyer Program Information Session

19 November: An Ode to Newfoundland or The Lessons of 1933 and 1948

26 November: FDRIA 2026 Conference - The Next Chapter

1 December: Building Skills to Manage Trauma Exposure and Sustain Well-Being in Legal Practice

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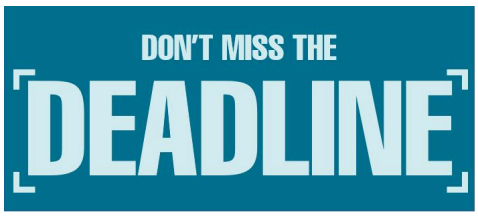
Request for Expressions of Interest - Family Law Bar Bench Committee

The Law Society invites members to express their interest in joining the Supreme Court of Newfoundland and Labrador Family Law Bar Bench Committee.

This is an opportunity for members to contribute their knowledge and experience to discussions on matters affecting family law practice, share perspectives from the Bar and help foster constructive dialogue between members of the judiciary and the legal profession.

To learn more about the committee's mandate, role and responsibilities, please review the Terms of Reference here.

Interested members are invited to submit a resume or a brief summary of their qualifications to Erin Rowe at erowe@lsnl.ca by 1 December 2026.



Deadline for PLC Licence Applications, Amendments, and Cancellations

Please be advised that all initial applications for, amendments to, or cancellations of Professional Law Corporation (PLC) licences must be submitted by 4 December 2026 to ensure sufficient time for review and processing before the Christmas break. Applications received after this date may not be processed until the New Year.

The necessary forms are available as follows:

- Form 11.03A: *Submit this form along with the required documentation to apply for a Professional Law Corporation Licence. Please*

carefully review the Instructions for Completion found at the beginning of Form 11.03A.

- Form 11.03B: *Submit this form along with the applicable fee and any required supporting documentation, to the Law Society for amendments to your PLC.*

Form 11.07: *If you wish to cancel your PLC licence, please submit this completed form and the required documentation as outlined in section 2.*



Cyber Security Reminder: Recognizing and Avoiding Vishing Attacks

A recent cyberattack targeting four large law firms involved individuals impersonating IT personnel through Microsoft Teams and phone calls to gain unauthorized access to confidential information. The attackers used a technique known as vishing, or voice phishing, to manipulate employees into following fraudulent instructions.

This incident highlights the importance of remaining vigilant, as even strong cybersecurity safeguards cannot always prevent attacks that exploit human behaviour.

To help protect against similar incidents, members are encouraged to:

- Verify unexpected communications from IT personnel or service providers before following instructions.
- Be cautious of unexpected requests for remote computer access, screen sharing, or software installation.
- Avoid relying solely on caller ID or familiar contact information to confirm someone's identity.
- Be wary of urgent requests involving technical issues, passwords, or account access.

- Never share passwords or approve multifactor authentication (MFA) requests that you did not initiate.
- Report suspicious communications or potential security breaches promptly to your IT department or service provider.

For additional information please click here.



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

MANAGING MONEY

Service of Legal Documents on the Provincial Crown

The Department of Justice and Public Safety has provided information regarding the service of legal documents on the provincial Crown, including the applicable requirements for Supreme Court and Small Claims Court proceedings.

Members are reminded that documents must be served in accordance with the *Proceedings Against the Crown Act*, applicable court rules and any relevant court orders. The Department does not accept service of originating documents

by email unless authorized by a court order or other applicable legal authority.

For more information on service requirements, acceptable methods of service, proof of service and the location for serving documents, please click here.

PUBLIC LEGAL INFORMATION
Association of NL

Lawyer Referral Service

Members are reminded that the Public Legal Information Association of NL (PLIAN) offers a Lawyer Referral Service to help members of the public connect with a lawyer. Through the service, individuals can access a 30-minute consultation with a participating lawyer for a flat fee of $40 (tax included). The consultation provides individuals with an opportunity to obtain preliminary legal advice and better understand their legal options, helping to reduce barriers to accessing legal assistance.

Members who have clients who may benefit from this service are encouraged to direct them to PLIAN's Lawyer Referral Service.

PLIAN also encourages lawyers throughout the province to consider joining the Lawyer Referral Service roster. There is significant need for additional lawyers from all areas of the province for all areas of law, particularly family law, civil litigation, wills/estates/guardianship issues, and criminal law. Just one consultation per week would have an important impact in efforts to increase access to justice.

To participate in the Lawyer Referral Service, please contact Kevin O'Shea at director@publiclegalinfo.com or (709) 722-4745.

THE CANADIAN BAR ASSOCIATION

Call for Feedback - Proposed MAID Legislation on Advance Requests

Members are invited to provide feedback on the proposed new MAID legislation, which focuses on advance requests. The CBA is welcoming input from all interested individuals, including those who are not CBA members, on any legal issues, implementation concerns, or potential unintended consequences arising from the proposed legislation.

A CBA working group comprising members of the Health Law, Elder Law, and Wills, Estates & Trusts Sections is preparing a submission on behalf of the CBA. The draft submission will first be reviewed by the Constitutional and Criminal Law Sections before being circulated more broadly. That broader circulation will provide the final opportunity for interested individuals to submit comments.

Please send any comments or input to cba-nl@cba.org by noon on 30 November 2026.



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 - Migraine Canada
- Staff Solicitor - Legal Aid NL
- Adjudicator - Royal Newfoundland Constabulary Public Complaints Commission
- Crown Prosecutor (multiple positions) - Ministry of Justice and Attorney General (SK)
- Legal Counsel - Nature Conservancy of Canada
- Lawyer - Department of Justice (NS)
- Articling Clerk (multiple positions) - Department of Justice and Public Safety
- Board Member - Campia Gymnastics
- Legal Counsel - Teladoc Health

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.

Carrie Loretta Lane
Born 31 August 1939; died 23 June 2025.

Last place of residence was Grand Falls-Windsor.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Darren Windsor Lane at (416) 427-0175.

Roy Winsor Lane
Born 26 September 1934; died 19 February 2022.

Last place of residence was Grand Falls-Windsor.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Darren Windsor Lane at (416) 427-0175.

Sylvia Marie Allen
Born 31 October 1947; *not deceased*.

Place of residence is St. John's.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Brad Allen at (343) 333-6390.

Brian Nolan
Born 20 November 1952; *not deceased*.

Place of residence is Pouch Cove.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Stan Rogers at (709) 726-5298.

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You are receiving this communication in accordance with your membership with the Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador.

This is a mandatory communication.