Law Society
Newfoundland & Labrador

News & Updates

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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

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OTHER DATES OF INTEREST

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

20 November: Conversations with The Honourable Malcolm Rowe

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

26 November: FDRIA 2026 Conference - The Next Chapter

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

9 December: CBA-NL Tax & Estate Planning Using Life Insurance

10 December: CBA-NL Holiday Social



Benchers' Reception

The President and Benchers of the Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador request the pleasure of your company at the Benchers' Reception. Please see the details below:

Where: 196-198 Water Street, St. John's
When: 9 December 2026
Time: 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Please send your RSVP to Erin Rowe at erowe@lsnl.ca by 4 December 2026.



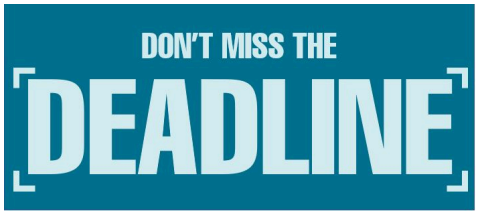
Request for Expressions of Interest - Family Law Bar Bench Committee

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.*

PRACTICE MANAGEMENT SPOTLIGHT



Avoiding a File?

If there is a file you find yourself avoiding, take a moment to ask why. Is there an unresolved issue, a difficult conversation, or a step you are unsure of? Discussing the file with a colleague, mentor, or the Director of Practice Management can help you identify what might be getting in the way of moving the file forward. A file left unattended can quickly become a larger risk, leading to

missed deadlines, client frustration, and potential complaints.



Transgender Day of Remembrance

20 November marks Transgender Day of Remembrance, a day dedicated to honoring the lives of those lost to anti-transgender violence. It serves as a solemn reminder of the ongoing struggles against discrimination faced by transgender people and underscores the continued need for safer, more inclusive communities.

The Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador, through its Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee, remains committed to advancing equity, diversity, and inclusion within the legal profession. The Committee works to raise awareness of issues affecting equity-seeking groups, including the transgender community, and encourages meaningful reflection on the impacts of oppression and injustice.

Members are invited to recognize and appreciate the many contributions of transgender people both within the legal profession and throughout the broader community.

For more information, please click here.

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Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada's Administrative Penalties and Consequences Regime in Force

On 23 October 2026, the Regulations Amending the Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations (Administrative Penalties and Consequences) and Regulations Amending the Citizenship Regulations (Administrative Penalties and Consequences) came into force.

The Federation of Law Societies of Canada has been closely engaged in the development of the Administrative Penalties and Consequences (APC) regime since 2017, including consultations on the proposed regulations in 2024 and 2025, as well as submissions to the federal government, most recently in June 2026.

The Federation has raised concerns about the proposed APC regime, including potential conflicts with solicitor-client privilege and the duty of confidentiality, law societies' authority to regulate licensed legal professionals, and the potential for duplication of existing disciplinary processes. These concerns were outlined in a submission to the federal government, which also proposed alternative approaches to addressing these concerns.

The Federation continues to assess the implications of the final regulations for licensed legal professionals and law societies and is considering whether further action may be necessary.

The regime establishes a framework for addressing unauthorized practice and misrepresentation in the paid provision of immigration or citizenship advice or representation. It also includes a process through which eligible lawyers, Quebec notaries, and students-at-law acting under their supervision can assert privilege by affidavit when they are unable to provide requested documents or respond to alleged violations without disclosing privileged information.

Violations

Under the APC regime, it is a violation for a person to receive payment or other compensation and:

- Practice without authorization
- Knowingly provide misrepresentative information

- Fail to provide documents

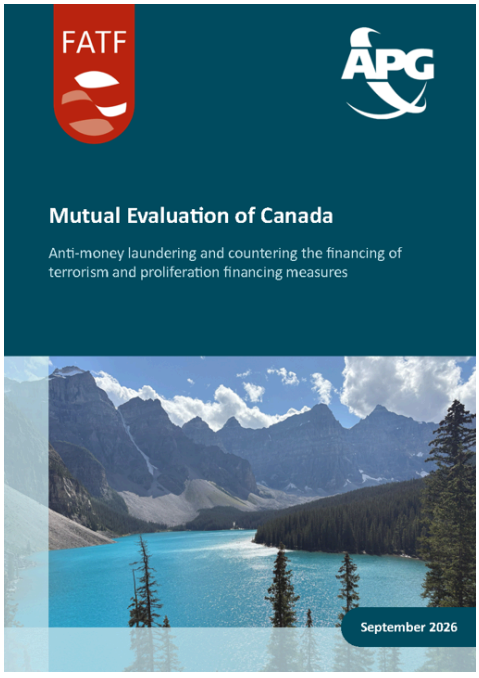
Penalties

Violations can lead to monetary penalties and publication of the individual's name and information relevant to the misconduct on an online registry. The registry is expected to launch in 2027, following the administration of the first penalties. The regulations specify how monetary penalties are calculated.

Additional Information

IRCC has created a webpage on *what happens if you break the rules when giving advice or representation* to assist individuals in understanding the new APC regime. The federal government also issued a news release announcing the coming into force of the APC regime.

For more information please click here.



Federation Statement on the FATF Mutual Evaluation Report

The Financial Action Task Force (FATF) and Asia-Pacific Group on Money Laundering (APG) have released the findings of their mutual evaluation of Canada's measures to combat money laundering, terrorist financing and proliferation financing (AML/CFT/CPF).

In preparation for the evaluation, the Federation of Law Societies of Canada collaborated with Canadian law societies in preparing submissions outlining the regulatory framework governing the legal profession and the measures in place to address money laundering and terrorist financing risks.

The evaluation recognized the significant progress made by Canada's legal regulators over the past decade, including preventive, supervisory, educational and disciplinary measures. It

also identified opportunities to further strengthen risk assessments and risk-based supervision within the legal profession, alongside broader recommendations for Canada's AML/CFT/CPF framework.

For more information or to view the report, please click here.

National Defence / Défense nationale

Request for Standing Offer for Independent Legal Assistance Services

The Defence Community Support and Resource Centre (DCSRC) has launched a national Request for Standing Offer (RFSO) for lawyers interested in providing independent legal assistance to eligible individuals affected by sexual misconduct in a Department of National Defence (DND) or Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) context.

Successful bidders of the Independent Legal Assistance (ILA) Program will join a roster of qualified lawyers who may be called upon to provide legal services when demand for services increases or to address specific client needs or conflicts that cannot be supported by internal legal resources.

To help interested lawyers learn more about this opportunity, the DCSRC will host an Industry Day to provide an opportunity to learn more about the ILA Program and the legal services required.

For more information or to register for the session taking place on 25 November 2026, please click here.



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

- Crown Counsel - Government of Saskatchewan
- Board Member - College of Pharmacy of Newfoundland and Labrador
- 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.

Perry Green
Born 17 October 1957; died: *unknown*.

Last place of residence was St. John's.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact William Hiscock at (709) 576-0077.

Terry Sean Montague
Born 20 January 1978; died 11 January 2024.

Kathleen Gregory
Born 18 April 1924; died 25 August 2020.

Last place of residence was Happy Valley-Goose Bay.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Katelyn Chambers at (709) 899-5099.

Last place of residence was Carbonear.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Trevor Baldwin at trevor.baldwin007@icloud.com.

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