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SOCIETY NEWS

2011 Statistical Snapshot of NSBS membership now online

Results from the 2011 Annual Member Reports have been tabulated, and the new [Statistical Snapshot](#) is now online. For easy reference anytime, it's located under "About the Society" on the homepage at www.nsbs.org.

The numbers are based on the 1,869 Annual Member Reports filed for 2011. They show that the membership includes 1,893 practising lawyers, and 802 non-practising lawyers (including retired members).

Key among the findings is the continuing aging of the membership. In 2006, 24.5 per cent of the total practising membership had been called to the Bar more than 27 years prior. In 2011, 28.9 per cent of the practising membership falls into that category. This is especially pronounced for sole practitioners: in 2006, 41 per cent were called to the Bar more than 27 years prior; by 2011, that number has grown to 51 per cent of sole practitioners.

See the Snapshot for more details on geographic distribution, gender and diversity data, areas of practice, and more.

Council Highlights from Friday, September 23, 2011

For further details about matters discussed at Council's meeting on Friday, September 23, please visit the Council Highlights posted on the Work of Council page of the Society's website: <http://www.nsbs.org/workCouncil.php>.

The next regular meeting of Council is scheduled for **Friday, November 25, 2011 at 12:00 noon** at the Society's offices.

Resolution of complaint against R. Blois Colpitts

In the matter regarding R. Blois Colpitts of Halifax, please be advised that the Hearing Panel's resolution has been posted on the Society's website at <http://www.nsbs.org/disciplineDecisions.php>

Code of Professional Conduct: national guidelines to take effect in Nova Scotia on Jan. 1, 2012

Lawyers in Nova Scotia will be regulated by a new set of national guidelines for ethical and professional conduct, starting January 1, 2012. The *Code of Professional Conduct* was developed by the Federation of Law Societies of Canada, in consultation with provincial law societies across the country. The Federation has requested that all law societies adopt it and many have, or are in the process of doing so.

Read the full details in this June 6 [news item](#) on the Society's website, and see the [current draft](#) of the Code of Professional Conduct online.

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If you would like to receive Twitter updates from the Society, please follow us at <http://twitter.com/NSBS>.

Current Issues in Legal Ethics

This is the third in a series of articles that will focus on lawyers' ethical duties under the current *Legal Ethics Handbook* and the new *Code of Professional Conduct* that is expected to come into force in January 2012.

Code of Professional Conduct – Mark your calendars!

On May 20, 2011, Council resolved to adopt the Federation of Law Societies of Canada's *Model Code of Professional Conduct* as the *Code of Professional Conduct* ("Code") for Nova Scotia, replacing the current *Legal Ethics Handbook*, to come into effect on January 1, 2012.

On September 23, 2011, Council again reviewed the final version of the Code that is complete pending the Federation of Law Societies' approval of a redrafted version of Rule 2.04 – Conflicts. This version is now available for review by the membership on the [Regulation and Licensing](#) page of the Society's website.

Please note that there will be amendments to the Regulations made pursuant to the *Legal Profession Act* that will be necessary to effect the coming into force of the Code. These amendments will include changes to ensure that the references to the *Legal Ethics Handbook* in the Regulations have been changed to the *Code of Professional Conduct*; changes to Part 8 to set out the mandatory assessment that all practising lawyers and articling clerks will have to complete related to the Code; amendments to the Advertising Regulations found in Part 7 to ensure that there is no redundancy between the Regulations and the Code; and finally, amendments to Part 4 related to borrowing and lending, again to ensure that there is no redundancy and to guard against any uncertainty in the application of the rules.

All members of the Society are encouraged to review the Code and to follow the weekly notices appearing in *InForum*. These notices will assist you in identifying any variations between the rules in the current *Handbook* and those found in the Code. If you begin your review of the Code now, you will be ahead of the game when the mandatory assessment is rolled out later this year!

And remember, staff in the Professional Responsibility department are always available to discuss any questions or concerns you may have about the rules and your ethical obligations thereunder. Please don't hesitate to contact us!

FROM THE COURTS

New Registrar and Prothonotary appointed

Ms. Caroline McInnes has been appointed, on a permanent basis, as the new Registrar of the Court of Appeal and Prothonotary of the Supreme Court at the Halifax Law Courts. Caroline had been in the position since early 2011; first part-time and then full-time, temporarily. She recently worked as a Senior Law Clerk with the Court of Appeal. She is a member of the Nova Scotia Bar and is a graduate of Dalhousie Law School and Queen's University.

[New Hints & Tips from the Prothonotary](#) (September 22, 2011)

Notices to the Bar

Important updates for the legal profession are routinely posted on the Courts Nova Scotia website, on the "Notices to the Bar" page under the RESOURCES links on the left side of the website. Subscribe to the RSS service to be automatically notified whenever something new is added to the web page. For instructions, visit <http://www.courts.ns.ca/General/bar.htm>

Updates to the profession can also be accessed at any time on the Federal Court's web page titled [Notices to Parties and the Legal Profession](#).

FROM THE PROVINCE

JUSTICE:

[Innovative pilot project improves access to justice system](#) (September 19, 2011)

People in Cape Breton will get free legal advice on family law with the launch of an innovative pilot project. The province is using video-conferencing technology to connect summary advice lawyers in Sydney with people living in Ingonish and surrounding areas.

"Government is committed to making the justice system more accessible for all Nova Scotians," said Justice Minister Ross Landry. "Not everyone can take advantage of this free service in person. A little innovation means we can make it available to people living in remote communities in Cape Breton."

The pilot is a partnership of the Department of Justice and Nova Scotia Legal Aid and aims to improve access to justice through increased collaboration and partnerships. It began on Sept. 15 and will run through July 2012.

Summary advice lawyers are available to help people who do not have a lawyer but need legal advice on family law issues including divorce, division of assets and debt, child and spousal support and custody arrangements. These lawyers work for Nova Scotia Legal Aid and are located in Halifax, Port Hawkesbury and Sydney in the family division of the Supreme Court.

Summary advice lawyers help Nova Scotians better understand their legal rights and responsibilities by providing information about:

- legal terms
- how to start or respond to a court proceeding
- the implications of agreeing or not agreeing to a court order
- court processes
- legal documentation
- other aspects of family law

For more information or to use the services of a Summary advice lawyer, contact the court administration office in Sydney at 902-563-2200, or in Halifax at 902-424-3990.

JUSTICE:

[Province wins first Civil Forfeiture case](#) (September 21, 2011)

The province won its inaugural court case under new legislation that is designed to help make sure crime doesn't pay. The lawsuit was filed with the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia in Sydney by the new civil forfeiture unit. It sought \$5,725 that was seized Feb. 18, during a drug raid in Sydney Mines by Cape Breton Regional Police Service. A Supreme Court judge in Sydney ruled in government's favour on Tuesday, Sept. 20.

"The success of this case sends a message that crime will not pay in Nova Scotia," said Graham Steele, Acting Justice Minister. "Government and police are collaboratively using this tool to deter criminal activity and help make our communities safe for families."

Law enforcement agencies refer cases to the civil forfeiture unit where there is evidence of wrong-doing but criminal charges are not laid, such as bootlegging or selling stolen property. The unit seeks civil court approval to have the property or cash from the wrong-doing turned over to the province.

In cases where charges are laid, and property is not seized by an enforcement agency or forfeited by the criminal court, the unit can seize the property and ask civil court for it to be turned over.

Revenues from the program will provide financial support for crime prevention and victim services programs, and also fund the civil forfeiture unit. The *Civil Forfeiture Act* and *Assets Management and Disposition Act*, the legislation that makes the process possible, came into force April 29.

AFRICAN NOVA SCOTIAN AFFAIRS:

[Crime prevention program launches in four communities](#) (September 14, 2011)

A crime prevention project to help children and youth make good choices is being introduced in four Nova Scotian communities. Project LEAD, a program for African Nova Scotian youth in grades 5-8, began Sept. 19 in Digby, New Glasgow and Whitney Pier. The program will also launch soon in Glace Bay.

"Project LEAD will teach youth about the consequences of poor choices, encourage excellence and provide African Nova Scotian youth with the skills to make positive and healthy life choices," said John MacDonell, acting on behalf of African

Nova Scotian Affairs Minister Percy Paris. "This project is part of our commitment to making life better for youth and their families."

The Office of African Nova Scotian Affairs is offering the program with support from the National Crime Prevention Strategy's Crime Prevention Action Fund and the Cape Breton County Economic Development Authority.

Project LEAD is based on a law-related education program developed by the Office of the District Attorney of Los Angeles County in 1993 and adopted in several U.S. cities. It has a strong track record in reaching out to at-risk African American youth. This is the first time it will be offered in Canada. In Nova Scotia, the program will also teach students about African Nova Scotian heritage and culture. For more information, visit www.gov.ns.ca/ansa.

Public Safety Canada's National Crime Prevention Strategy provides funding support to selected projects that help prevent crime and increase knowledge about effective crime prevention measures. For more information, visit www.publicsafety.gc.ca.

SENIORS/JUSTICE: Senior Safety Grant applications open

Seniors in the province can benefit from a grant program that promotes awareness around senior abuse, crime prevention, safety and health issues. The Senior Safety Grant, funded by the departments of Seniors and Justice, provides up to \$20,000 to help fund programs that provide information, support and guidance to seniors. Eligible programs promote education and awareness of senior abuse, including financial, emotional and physical, crime prevention, safety and health. Another highlight of the program is to improve communication between seniors and police and connect seniors with helpful services and programs.

"Through the grant program community organizations can access support to help them provide valuable safety awareness information sessions and materials for seniors," said Denise Peterson-Rafuse, Minister of Seniors. "Community safety programs benefit everyone and help make life better for all Nova Scotians."

"These grants are part of a larger effort to prevent and reduce crime in our province," said Ross Landry, Minister of Justice. "Whether it's working with seniors, youth, community organizations or local municipalities, crime prevention happens at the community level and we all have a role to play in keeping our citizens, communities, streets and homes safe."

The Senior Safety Grant also advances the Strategy for Positive Aging, a long-term guide for planning for the province's aging population. New and existing Seniors' Safety Program groups are encouraged to apply.

Application forms are available on the Department of Seniors website at www.gov.ns.ca/seniors or by calling toll-free at 1-800-670-0065 and in metro, 424-0065. **The grant applications will be accepted until Oct. 28.**

Error & Omission Notices

A number of new *Land Registration Act* and *Registry Act* Error & Omission notices have recently been posted online. To view these notices in full, refer to the Errors & Omissions page on the [Property OnLine](#) (POL) website.

Memo to NSBS: Department of Justice seeks input from members on family law changes

The Department of Justice is inviting the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society and the Society's membership to provide input on proposed changes to provincial family law statutes.

Members of the Society are encouraged to read two discussion papers about the proposed changes to legislation and share their thoughts, questions and concerns **by October 24**.

The proposed changes would update and clarify the law, and bring Nova Scotia more into line with the other provinces and territories.

Specifically, proposed changes to the *Maintenance and Custody Act* would:

- add best interests of the child factors for courts to consider when making custody and access determinations, including whether there has been any family violence;
- add factors for the court to consider when assessing the impact of family violence;
- add the principle that a child should have as much contact with each parent as is consistent with the child's best interests, subject to the court's consideration of family violence; and
- make it clearer that grandparents may apply for custody of or access to a grandchild with the prior permission of the court.

The Department of Justice is also proposing to improve and modernize the law relating to the recognition and enforcement of out-of-province custody and access orders, by adopting provisions of the uniform *Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act* to replace the *Reciprocal Enforcement of Custody Orders Act*.

The consultations with the Society's members, other stakeholders and the public will help government ensure these legislative changes reflect the opinions and wishes of Nova Scotians.

There are two ways the Society's members can share comments:

- Read the discussion papers at www.gov.ns.ca/just/consultation and then send us your feedback electronically or in writing (see site for information)
- Request a copy of the discussion papers by calling **424-6094**.

The deadline to respond is October 24, 2011.

NOVA SCOTIA SECURITIES COMMISSION: CSA publish for comment proposed National Instrument 51-103 Ongoing Governance and Disclosure Requirements for Venture Issuers

The Canadian Securities Administrators (CSA) have published for comment proposed National Instrument 51-103 Ongoing Governance and Disclosure Requirements for Venture Issuers (NI 51-103), which includes proposed amendments to related instruments, forms and consequential amendments. The proposed rule introduces a new mandatory regulatory regime for venture issuers. It is designed to streamline and tailor venture issuer disclosure to make it more useful and user-friendly for investors. The proposal:

- outlines disclosure requirements that are more suitable and manageable for issuers at this stage in their development; and
- streamlines requirements so venture issuers have more time to focus on business growth and development.

The CSA developed the proposed rule with the assistance of feedback collected during in-person consultation sessions that were held across the country in the spring and fall of 2010, as well as written comments from market participants.

The CSA is seeking written comments from investors and industry on the proposed national instrument and related amendments. To comment, please refer to the CSA Notice and Request for Comment announcing proposed NI 51-103 and related consequential amendments, which is available on the website of the Nova Scotia Securities Commission at the following link: http://www.gov.ns.ca/nssc/CSANotices/noticerequestJuly_29_2011.pdf

The comment period is open until October 27, 2011.

ENVIRONMENT: Details on potential Protected Areas online

Nova Scotians can help choose which lands should be protected as part of the province's 12 per cent plan, now that details on nearly 220,000 hectares of land are available online. Comments will be incorporated into a draft plan, which will be released for provincewide consultation next year before final decisions are made. The province has a legislated goal to legally protect 12 per cent of its land by 2015.

Written comments will be accepted until Dec. 1 at Department of Environment, Protected Areas Branch, Box 442, Halifax, N.S., B3J 2P8 and by email at protectedareas@gov.ns.ca.

A discussion paper titled **Our Wild Spaces**, photos and descriptions of review lands can be viewed at www.gov.ns.ca/nse/12percent/.

Queen's Counsel Appointments 2011: application deadline September 30

Dear Members:

In the fall of this year, the Advisory Committee on Queen's Counsel Appointments, chaired by the Honourable Justice Peter Bryson, will consider candidates for the next Queen's Counsel appointments.

The criteria for these appointments are:

- (a) fifteen years or more as a member of the Bar of Nova Scotia as of September 30, 2011 and eligible to practise law in Nova Scotia;
- (b) demonstrated professional integrity, good character and outstanding contributions to the practice of law through one or more of:
 - (i) recognition by other members of the profession as an exceptional barrister or solicitor,
 - (ii) exceptional contributions through legal scholarship, teaching or continuing legal education,
 - (iii) demonstration of exceptional qualities of leadership in the profession, and
 - (iv) engaging in activities of a public or charitable nature in such a way as to raise the esteem in which the legal profession is held by the public;
- (c) the Advisory Committee on Queen's Counsel Appointments is asked to consider regional, gender and minority representation among the persons recommended for appointment as Queen's Counsel.

In order to be considered as a candidate for a Queen's Counsel appointment, you must apply pursuant to this request. The Committee will not consider applications or nominations from previous years.

A complete application or nomination package must consist of an original and 12 copies of the following documents:

- (a) application or nomination form;
- (b) authorization for disclosure of information and release; and
- (c) information form.

These forms are available on the Queen's Counsel Process page of the Society's website:

<http://www.nsbs.org/queensCouncilProcess.php>

Ordinarily the information will be confined to the form provided. However, if you find the space on the form insufficient, additional material that you may wish to provide (not exceeding two pages in length) will be considered by the Committee. Material exceeding two pages will not be forwarded to the Committee.

In addition, please ensure you have provided with your application materials a current telephone number where you can be reached. If you wish, you may include two letters of reference for consideration by the Committee. The inclusion of reference letters is optional.

Persons may either apply personally or may nominate a member of the Bar. All applicants will be treated equally by the Committee, whether they are nominated or whether they apply personally.

Your complete application or nomination must be received by Justice Bryson **no later than 4:00 pm, Friday, September 30, 2011**. It may be mailed or delivered to:

**Advisory Committee on Queen's Counsel Appointments
c/o The Honourable Justice Peter Bryson**

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The Law Courts, 1815 Upper Water Street
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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours very truly,
Marian F. Tyson QC, Deputy Minister

OTHER NOTICES

New name for Kentville law firm

Muttart Tufts Dewolfe & Coyle is now muttarts law firm. Located in Kentville, muttarts law firm has seven lawyers serving individuals, businesses and local governments throughout the Annapolis Valley. www.muttartslaw.ca

John McCall MacBain founds new Chair in Health Law and Policy

Dalhousie University is pleased to announce the "King of Classifieds," John McCall MacBain has given a gift of \$3 million to the university to establish the MacBain Chair in Health Law and Policy. This is the latest gift as a result of Dalhousie's Bold Ambitions campaign and the Chair will help put Dal on the frontier of health law and policy research in Canada.

On Friday, September 23, Dr. McCall MacBain announced his contribution to members of the Dal community including Dalhousie President Tom Traves, Dean of Law Kim Brooks, and Director of Health Law Institute Constance MacIntosh.

"The MacBain Chair comes at a time when challenges to our health systems abound and demand for expertise in health law and policy is high," said Prof. MacIntosh at the announcement in the atrium of the Weldon Law Building, who noted that the Chair will bring not only a stellar new colleague but energy, enthusiasm, and potential for the work of the institute.

"As we vigorously seek to have the health and well-being of all Canadians enhanced, and health laws and policies developed which service the greatest public good, the MacBain Chair in Health Law and Policy demonstrates a concentrated commitment to these critical issues, and a means to improving the welfare of humanity in the process," she continued. "And we are truly grateful." Read more in the [Dal News article](#) dated September 26, 2011.

Casting call: Star Truck – A Space Oddity: Revenge of the Clones

Thespians, theatre people and Trekkies still have time to try out for Nova Scotia's most out-of-this-world stage production: Star Truck – A Space Oddity: Revenge of the Clones.

The play, which will have its opening and closing night on **Saturday, October 15**, is coordinated by the Legal Information Society of Nova Scotia, which is only seven degrees of separation from George Lucas.

"Our goal is to raise money and have fun," says LISNS enterprise leader Maria Franks. "We want to boldly go where no charity has gone before."

The voyage is part of the charity's annual **Play in a Day**, which brings together teams of volunteers from across Nova Scotia to rehearse, build, and perform a play in 24 hours. In one day, crews will build sets, costumes will be coordinated, make-up will be applied, and lines will be learned.

"Although the timeframe is tight, this production will keep you on the edge of your seat. The enthusiasm and energy of the teams makes up for their lack of experience," says "Captain" Jeremy Webb, the professional producer and self-professed Star Trek geek at the helm of the production.

To become involved in Play in a Day, please visit www.legalinfo.org or call **902 454 2198** and make it so.

About LISNS

InForum is an electronic newsletter published approximately twice a month. To receive a free subscription, please contact the Society at info@nsbs.org.

A charitable not-for-profit organization, the Legal Information Society of Nova Scotia (or LISNS), has been providing Nova Scotians with information and resources about the law for more than 25 years. LISNS's staff and volunteers believe easy access to information about the law is fundamental to a fair justice system.

AWARDS & APPOINTMENTS

Public Prosecution Service: Crown Attorney Appointed in Yarmouth

Andrew O'Brien has been appointed a Crown attorney in the Yarmouth office of the Public Prosecution Service. The appointment was announced September 26 by Martin Herschorn, Director of Public Prosecutions.

"I am very pleased Mr. O'Brien has joined our team of Crown attorneys," said Mr. Herschorn. "His enthusiasm and his experience in criminal law will be invaluable to the Public Prosecution Service."

A native of Stellarton, Mr. O'Brien graduated in 2005 from St. Francis Xavier University with a Bachelor of Business Administration with an Honours in Finance. In 2009, Mr. O'Brien graduated from Dalhousie Law School.

He articulated with O'Brien Law in Stellarton, joining the firm as an associate in 2010. While in private practice, Mr. O'Brien concentrated on criminal law and family law. He has acted as a per diem Crown attorney on numerous occasions, prosecuting a wide variety of offences.

While in law school, Mr. O'Brien was a student at law with Dalhousie Legal Aid and worked with Legal Links, a community outreach program through Dalhousie Legal Aid providing on-the-spot legal advice in Halifax Regional Municipality community centres.

Mr. O'Brien replaces Scott Morrison who recently joined the Yarmouth office of the Public Prosecution but has transferred to the Dartmouth office.

Human Rights Commission: Human Rights Awards 2011, deadline Oct. 14

Nominations of people and organizations that make life better by promoting human rights in the province are being sought for the 2011 Human Rights Award. The awards are presented by the Human Rights Commission and Partners for Human Rights.

"Improving and protecting human rights is a commitment that takes a lot of time and hard work," said the acting Minister responsible for the Human Rights Commission, Graham Steele. "The awards are a way of acknowledging people and organizations who are devoted to improving life for all of us and encourage others to get involved."

The awards will be presented at the International Human Rights Day celebration, Friday, Dec. 9. The theme this year is Celebrating 25 Years of Partners for Human Rights: Raising Awareness Through Education in Our Communities.

"This is a special year because we are celebrating 25 years of Partners for Human Rights and the group's success in raising awareness through education," said Karen Fitzner, acting director and CEO of the Human Rights Commission. "At the same time, we look forward to honouring those who share this goal."

Award winners in 2010 were 14-year-old Kendra Slawter of East Preston and Anne Simmons of North Preston. The deadline for nominations is Friday, Oct. 14. For more information and nomination forms go to <http://humanrights.gov.ns.ca/node/74>

March of Dimes Canada honours three Halifax lawyers for their volunteerism

(September 22, 2011 – Halifax, NS) At its Annual General Meeting on September 23, March of Dimes honoured several individuals and corporations who are endeavouring to enhance the lives of people living with physical disabilities.

For their commitment as March of Dimes volunteers, Halifax lawyers **Marc Belliveau, Bruce Marchand** and **David Graves** were awarded the 2011 March of Dimes Reverend Roy Essex Award. The award, created in 1981 in honour of Reverend Roy Essex, a dedicated and long-time March of Dimes volunteer – is presented to a volunteer who has demonstrated a high degree of commitment and made an outstanding contribution to the goals of March of Dimes Canada.

As March of Dimes continues its growth and expansion nationally, Marc, David and Bruce have been the driving force behind a series of fundraisers in Halifax to help March of Dimes offer crucial programming for children and adults with disabilities in Nova Scotia.

Rock for Dimes Halifax is heading into its sixth year. This battle of the bands fundraiser is held in cities across Canada, and in Halifax, specifically supports Conductive Education® Nova Scotia. Conductive Education combines elements of education and rehabilitation to help people with neuro-motor disabilities improve mobility and gain self-confidence.

Over the last five years, the event has grown and is now March of Dimes' most successful Rock for Dimes fundraiser in Canada. Since its inception, RFD Halifax has been helmed by a dedicated volunteer committee led by David Graves, Bruce Marchand and Marc Belliveau.

These three men work tirelessly to make sure the events runs smoothly and successfully. They recruit the bands, sell hundreds of tickets, secure sponsorship, both cash and in-kind and go above and beyond what can be expected from a volunteer.

“The work of Marc, Bruce and David has ensured that we are able to raise funds for Conductive Education in Halifax and keep the program running successfully. Their work ensures that March of Dimes is top of mind for hundreds of Rock for Dimes guests and volunteers and for that we are so grateful,” says Ruth Kapelus, Media and Public Relations for March of Dimes Canada, and who nominated the men for the Award.

This year March of Dimes will be celebrating a milestone anniversary – its 60th year. The Annual General Meeting will be taking place on September 23rd at the York Reception Centre in Toronto.

For a complete list of awards and winners, please visit www.marchofdimes.ca.

For complete details about the Sixth Annual Rock for Dimes event taking place in Halifax on November 18, see the Events section of today's *InForum*, call 1 800 263 3463 or visit www.rockfordimes.ca.

VOLUNTEER & PRO BONO OPPORTUNITIES

Nova Scotia Health Organizations Protective Association (NS HOPA)

The Nova Scotia Health Organizations Protective Association (NS HOPA) is seeking volunteers for the Board of Directors. NS HOPA is a non-profit provincial insurance reciprocal providing liability insurance to member organizations. Board meetings are quarterly and approximately six (6) hours in length. Board members also sit on a minimum of one (1) committee. Board terms are three (3) years, renewable for one term.

For more information please contact:

NS HOPA Nominating Committee

Attention: Deborah Rozee

Bedford Professional Centre

2 Dartmouth Road, Bedford NS B4A 2K7

Phone: 902. 832. 8520 | Email: deborah.rozee@nshopa.ca

Artists Legal Information Services (ALIS)

Artists Legal Information Services (ALIS) is a legal support organization based in Halifax. It currently consists of volunteer law students at Dalhousie University who seek to promote the legal rights of artists.

Our mission is to make a stronger, more vibrant arts community in Nova Scotia by helping to resolve legal issues for artists living there. This will be accomplished by providing free clinics, workshops and library resources to artists in Atlantic Canada. We work with all types of artists to help them understand how the law impacts them, and provide a framework for navigating potential obstacles.

If you are a lawyer with experience in contract law, entertainment law, tax law, or just have an interest in the needs of local artists, then we would love to hear from you. We are looking for support from the Atlantic Canada legal community on a *pro bono* basis.

If you are interested in getting involved, please contact us at daniel.pink@gmail.com. For more information please visit www.nsalis.com.

reachAbility Volunteer Opportunities

reachAbility's Legal Referral Service is a community-based service that bridges the gap between existing local resources and public need. We provide an opportunity for persons living with disabilities to better understand their legal rights, as well as providing lawyers with an opportunity to use their legal skills in a volunteer capacity to address the needs of an often marginalized segment of our community.

reachAbility's Legal Referral Service offers access to free legal advice for any person with a disability. Lawyers throughout the province volunteer their time and expertise to our clients and we're always looking for new perspectives. The time commitment that we ask from our volunteers is small – a single one-hour consultation each year – but it is a commitment that will make an immediate difference in the life of a Nova Scotian with a disability.

Join other volunteering members of the Legal Community by completing our online Lawyer Volunteer Form at: <http://reachability.org/legal-programming/lawyer-sign-up-form/>

For further information, contact us: (902) 429-5878 or legal@reachability.org

Or visit us online: <http://reachability.org/legal-programming/legal-referral-services-lawyer-information/>

Antigonish Heritage Museum Board – Legislation Committee

We are seeking a volunteer to serve on the above noted committee. We are an incorporated, not-for-profit organization that was created by Bill No. 13 Province of Nova Scotia, that was assented to by the Lieutenant Governor on May 9, 1997.

We would request that anyone interested in serving on this committee please contact the undersigned at the following email: antheritage@parl.ns.ca

If there are any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly
Joselyn Gillis, Curator, Antigonish Heritage Museum Board
902-863-4947

LIANS and NSBS Mentorship Program

For information, visit the [Mentorship Program](#) section on the LIANS website, under the Risk and Practice Management heading at http://lians.ca/rpm/mentorship_program/. Documents available on the website include the **Mentorship Program Application Form**, a **Model Mentoring Activity Plan** for participants and a **Mentoring Guidelines** booklet.

MISSING WILLS

Missing will for Robert Clifford Joseph Murdock

Lawyers with any information on a will for the late Robert Clifford Joseph Murdock are asked to please contact his wife, Mrs Cathy Kennedy Murdock at 613 634 9107 or 613 351 8229.

Mrs. Murdock currently lives in Ontario but is certain her husband's will is with a law firm somewhere in Nova Scotia. Mr. Murdock resided in the province from August 1982 to 1987. His date of birth date is January 25, 1949.

Seeking missing will for current resident of Clayton Park

Mrs. Elizabeth Lough, an 84-year-old Clayton Park resident, is unable to recall the name of the lawyer who prepared her will. Lawyers with any information on the location or existence of a will for Mrs. Lough are asked to please contact her son Robert Lough at 443.3506.

Public Trustee seeks last will and testament of Lilyan Mae Brodrick of Lower Sackville

The Public Trustee of Nova Scotia is looking for the Last Will and Testament of Lilyan Mae Brodrick. She died June 14, 2011. The family believes she may have hired a lawyer in the Sackville area to prepare the will. But the Public Trustee hopes that all lawyers would check their records to see if they did a will for this lady. She had resided at 13 Howland Drive, Lower Sackville, Nova Scotia.

If you have any information, please contact **M. Estelle Theriault QC**, the Public Trustee of Nova Scotia, at **424-7760** (phone) or **424-0616** (fax).

Seeking will for the late Helen Frances Smith

Lawyers with any information on the location or existence of an original Last Will and Testament of Helen Frances Smith are asked to please contact:

Laurie C. LaViolette
Bedford Law
Suite 100, 1496 Bedford Highway
Bedford, NS B4A 1E5
(902) 832-2100
laurie@bedfordlaw.com

At the time of her death, February 25, 2011, Helen Frances Smith had been a resident of Northwood Center in Halifax since 2004. Prior to 2004, Ms. Smith was a resident of St. John's, Newfoundland.

Seeking will for Marion Bridge man

Family of Clarence Howard Richardson, who passed away on January 19, 2009, are hoping to make contact with the lawyer who prepared his will. Mr. Richardson lived at 3961 Gabarus Highway, Marion Bridge, Cape Breton. If you have any information that would assist in this search, please contact his daughters Rose Lee at 902 865 6483 or Sandra Richardson at 204 389 5734 or sand.rn@hotmail.com.

Seeking will for Gilbert James Weatherhead of Upper Rawdon

Lawyers with any information on the location, or existence, of an original Last Will and Testament of Gilbert James Weatherhead are asked to please contact:

Harry D. Thompson QC, Cox & Palmer
110-1959 Upper Water Street, Halifax, NS B3J 3E5
902-491-4467 | Hthompson@coxandpalmer.com

Gilbert James Weatherhead, who resided in Upper Rawdon all of his life, passed away on October 6, 2010 at the age of 80 years.

Seeking legal contact for Jean (Janie) Barton of Edgewood Ave., Halifax

The extended family of Jean (Janie) Barton of Edgewood Avenue, Halifax, is hoping to locate the lawyer who might have handled her legal affairs. Ms. Barton was taken from her home and is now a ward of the Seniors Protection Services. She has no close family in Nova Scotia and this situation leaves many questions unanswered. She has always been very independent and extremely private regarding her personal life, to the point that no one including her family knows if she has a will or power of attorney. We assume that she must have had legal counsel in the past and, although we are not looking for a will at present, we are hoping to locate the lawyer that would have handled her legal affairs.

If anyone has information, they are asked to contact:

Betty Kerr (niece), St. Catherines,
pandby@hotmail.com

Seeking missing will for Glace Bay woman

I am attempting to find the name of the lawyer that would have assisted Ms. Barbara Ellen Martin, in writing her last will and testament. Ms. Martin's date of birth was March 3, 1932, and she resided at 178 Wallace Road, Glace Bay, Nova Scotia.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter,
S/Sgt Kathy Seymour
Legislative Security Service, Investigative Liaison Unit
416-325-2426 (office) | 416-473-7996 (cell) | 416-325-3171 (fax)

Seeking missing will for Dartmouth man

I am attempting to locate the will of the late Lionel Roberts of Dartmouth, husband of Olga Roberts. Mrs. Roberts believes a will was prepared by Stephen Aronson in the late 1970s. If anyone is aware of the existence of the will, please contact me.

Regards, Kent W. Rodgers
Casey Rodgers Chisholm Penny, Dartmouth
Tel. 902-434.6181 | Email: krodgers@ns.sympatico.ca

Seeking missing will for Lunenburg man

Seeking the Last Will and Testament of Richard Miles Steele, late of Bayport County of Lunenburg, Nova Scotia. If anyone has the original will or information on its whereabouts, please notify Derrick Wickstrom at Wickstrom Kinley, 1-902-624-0991.

Derrick G. Wickstrom, Barrister, Solicitor, Notary Public
WICKSTROM KINLEY
506 Main St., Mahone Bay, NS B0J 2E0
PH (902) 624-0991 | FX (902) 531-5291

Seeking will for Mary Aileen Boyd of Halifax

Lawyers with any information on the location of the original Last Will and Testament of Mary Aileen Boyd are asked to please contact her only child, Gary Boyd. Mary Aileen Boyd, who resided in Halifax for most of her life, passed away on May 12, 2010.

Many years ago, Mr. Boyd prepared a will on his mother's behalf, when he was practising law in Yellowknife, NWT. It is believed that a Halifax lawyer – perhaps in the Quinpool Road area – witnessed the execution of the will at the time, but the location of the original will is currently not known. Mr. Boyd is her only child and his father predeceased her in 1960.

Thank you for any assistance you can provide.

Gary Boyd, Merlin Caribbean Inc

Phone: 809-613-2262

Email: garyjboyd@hotmail.com or garyboyd.smvc@gmail.com

Skype: garyjboyd

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Land Registration Act Training

Registration is open for the Online *Land Registration Act* training program.
Cost for this program is \$600 plus HST and registrants have one week to complete the course.

Dates for next LRA course:

- January 18 to 25, 2012
- April 18 to 25, 2012

One-day seminar: Advanced Cross-examination Techniques

Thursday, October 27, 2011

Schooner Room, Casino Nova Scotia, Halifax

Register online: [Details and registration](#)

Note: **Early-bird registration** has been extended to **September 27**

Pozner & Dodd's first live presentation of Advanced Cross-Examination Techniques to the Nova Scotia Bar!

America's top trial advocacy team, Larry Pozner and Roger Dodd, are bringing their one day program on Advanced Cross-examination Techniques to Halifax on October 27, 2011.

Whether your practice is civil or criminal, or you're preparing for your first or fiftieth trial, this is a presentation that no litigator can afford to miss. With practical tips and instructive true-life examples, Pozner and Dodd teach you simple, straightforward, effective techniques from the Chapter Method of Cross-examination that will surprise and reinvigorate even the most experienced litigators.

This powerful program plays to dozens of sold-out audiences of trial lawyers and non-litigators across Canada and the United States every year. Register early, as space is limited. Early bird deadline closes September 27, 2011. For more information and to register, see the detailed [program brochure](#).

OUTSIDE CONFERENCES & SEMINARS

Also visit the [Other Professional Development](#) page on our website.

Health Law and Policy Seminar Series

Weldon Law Bldg, Room 104, 6061 University Ave, Hfx, NS

12:10 - 1:30 pm

Light lunch served at noon in the Faculty Lounge (Rm 312)

No registration required! No fee. Call 902.494.6881 for more information

Friday October 28

Implications of the Rx Revolution: The Changing Scope of Practice of Pharmacists

Neil MacKinnon, Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health, University of Arizona

Friday November 4

Mental Health Courts: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly

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The Honourable Justice Richard Schneider, Ontario Court of Justice

Friday November 25

Regulating Health Professionals' Hours of Work: Legal and Ethical Challenges

Fiona MacDonald, School of Law, Queensland University of Technology

Friday January 27

Rethinking Health Care Federalism: Could the European Model Work in Canada?

Katherine Fierlbeck, Department of Political Science, Dalhousie University

Friday February 10

Ending Life-Sustaining Treatment for Children: Decision-Making When Health Providers and Parents/Patients Disagree

Joan Gilmour, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University

Friday March 2

Medical Science in the Courtroom: Lessons from the Inquiry into Pediatric Forensic Pathology

The Honourable Justice Stephen Goudge, Court of Appeal for Ontario

Friday March 23

Being Relational: Relational Theory and Health Law & Policy

Jennifer Llewellyn and Jocelyn Downie, Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University

Series sponsorship generously provided by the Schulich School of Law and the CIHR Training Program in Health Law, Ethics, and Policy (www.healthlawtraining.ca)

Upcoming events from CBA-NS

- **Online CLE:**
 - **Interest Based Negotiation** with James Musgrave QC, on Friday, September 30, 2011. [Register online](#)
 - **Intellectual Property in Commercial Transactions** with Rob Cowan on Friday, October 21, 2011. [Register online](#)
- **Wills & Estates Conference** – *All You Ever Wanted to Know About Death & Taxes But Were Too Afraid to Ask* on Friday, Oct. 28, 2011 at the Casino Nova Scotia. [Register online](#)
- **Constance Glube Spirit Award Dinner** – Oct.28, 2011 at the Casino Nova Scotia. [Register online](#)
- **Limited time online CLE promotion:** 5 Online CLE for \$276 only until Oct. 1, 2011. [More information](#)

The Community Foundation of Nova Scotia Vital Signs launch

Join us on October 4th as we launch the first of 22 reports which will be rolled out by community foundations nationally from Halifax to Victoria.

October 4th, 2011, 8am - 9am

Pier 21, Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21

1055 Marginal Road, Halifax

The Community Foundation of Nova Scotia is a public foundation created by and for the people of Nova Scotia. We work with private donors, communities, and charitable organizations to stimulate charitable giving, establish permanent endowment funds, and support initiatives which make an ongoing difference in communities across Nova Scotia.

Vital Signs is a national program, pioneered by the Toronto Community Foundation in 2001 that highlights community needs and opportunities and inspires civic engagement and public debate on the issues most important to our communities.

Nova Scotia's Vital Signs is the first Vital Signs in Canada to be completed on a provincial level. Report sponsors include The Nicholson Foundation, The JSF Fund @ The Community Foundation of Nova Scotia, Bell Aliant and KPMG.

For more information, please contact:
Allison Kouzovnikov | Executive Director
Community Foundation of Nova Scotia
1888 Brunswick Street, Suite 806
Halifax, NS B3J 3J8
Tel. 1-877-999-5907 or 902-490-5907
Fax 902 490-5917
www.cfns.ca

STATUS OF WOMEN: Campaign school helps women enter politics

Oct. 14 - 16, 2011

Mount Saint Vincent University

The Nova Scotia Advisory Council on the Status of Women is holding its sixth Campaign School for Women from Oct. 14 to 16. It will offer a series of workshops to help women interested in running for political office get a realistic look at what it takes to participate in a campaign.

More than half of Nova Scotia's population is female, yet women make up only 24 per cent of town and city councillors, 23 per cent of MLAs, and nine per cent of MPs.

"We really encourage women to take on the challenge of political leadership," Stephanie MacInnis-Langley, executive director of the advisory council, said in this [September 9 announcement](#). "The campaign school is one way we can motivate more women to participate in politics by providing them with good information from women who have gone through the campaign process themselves."

The non-partisan Campaign School for Women will be held at Mount Saint Vincent University and is open to any Nova Scotia women interested in running for political office. Registration runs until Oct. 4. For more details and to register go to www.women.gov.ns.ca.

The Nova Scotia Advisory Council on the Status of Women is committed to increasing the participation of women in decisions that affect their lives, families and communities. One way women can realize equality, inclusion and empowerment is through direct political involvement.

50:50: Vision of Halifax

October 19 and 20, 2011

Medjuck Architecture Building, 5410 Spring Garden Road, Halifax

To celebrate its 50th anniversary, Dalhousie's Faculty of Architecture and Planning invites you to imagine Halifax 50 years from now. The past 50 years have brought tremendous change to our city and region, and we'd like to explore what the future might hold for our children and grandchildren in 2061! We are inviting design professionals, city-builders, and the public to participate in a two-day workshop that will take place in the architecture and planning studios at Dalhousie University.

- Download the announcement: <http://architectureandplanning.dal.ca/images/forms/5050.pdf>
- 50:50: Vision THEMES: http://architectureandplanning.dal.ca/alumni/5050_themes.shtml
- Frequently Asked Questions: http://architectureandplanning.dal.ca/alumni/5050_faq.shtml

For more information: Contact nancy.farmer@dal.ca tel. (902) 494-1378

Halifax Leaf Persons Day Breakfast

The Annual Halifax LEAF Persons Day Breakfast celebrates the landmark 1929 "Persons Case" that guaranteed women the right to participate in all aspects of public life in Canada. This Persons Day, we invite you to join us. All tickets must be purchased in advance. Thank you for your support of LEAF's work towards advancing substantive equality.

Wednesday, October 26 from 9-10:30am

Saint Mary's Boat Club

Tickets: \$30 for waged / \$15 unwaged

Speaker: Melina Buckley will talk about gender, legal aid and women's rights. Across Canada and around the world we are faced by a growing "no women's land" created by the gulf between legal rights and the assistance required to meaningfully access them. What steps can we take to reverse the long-term erosion of legal aid and its devastating consequences for women?

Melina Buckley is an associate with Camp Fiorante Matthews in Vancouver and is currently serving as Policy Counsel to the Missing Women Inquiry in British Columbia. Melina has had an eclectic legal career working as a lawyer and legal policy consultant working primarily in the areas of human rights, constitutional law, access to justice and dispute resolution. She is called to the Bar in Ontario and British Columbia and holds a Ph.D. in law from the University of British Columbia. She has served as co-counsel in numerous public interest litigation cases and has directed several national research projects as well as a comprehensive justice reform project in Jamaica.

Contact: halifax@leaf.ca

Federal Court of Appeal and the Federal Court Education Seminar: The Jurisdiction of the Federal Courts

Presented by the National Judicial Institute / Institut National De La Magistrature

October 27 – 28, 2011

Ottawa, Ontario

Keynote Address: The Right Honourable Beverley McLachlin, P.C., Chief Justice of Canada

[Download agenda and registration](#)

5th Annual Curl for Cancer – Halifax

Friday, October 28, 2011

Mayflower Curling Club

3000 Monaghan Drive, Halifax

Curl For Cancer – Halifax is an afternoon of friendly competition, instruction, games, prizes, snacks and friendship. You're invited to join as a corporate team, gather your friends together or enlist clients to help you challenge some of last year's winners. No curling experience necessary - only your good humour and enthusiasm are required!

[Registration form \(PDF\)](#)

Deadline to register is October 14, 2011 (*first come, first served*)

Questions? Email curlforcancer@ns.cancer.ca

Canada Rocks vs. Britain Rocks - Sixth Annual Halifax Rock for Dimes – November 18, 2011

On **Friday November 18, 2011**, local amateur musicians will once again strap on their instruments to battle for the title of "Halifax's Best Band" and raise much-needed money for Nova Scotians with physical disabilities. Over \$90,000 has been raised to date by March of Dimes Canada at this annual rocking event in Halifax. Last year's "Retro 80s" event at the

World Trade Convention Centre was one of the biggest and best Rock for Dimes events across Canada in March of Dimes Canada history.

This year's novel musical theme for the "two stages" event will be **CANADA ROCKS vs. BRITAIN ROCKS**. If last year's cool costumes for the Retro 80s theme were any indication, there should be many fans of Canadian and British Rock music dusting off their favourite Maple Leaf and/or Union Jack costumes for this one! Once again, the Battle includes not only lawyers but also other professionals, such as medical professionals and software experts, which proves to be a very entertaining cross-disciplinary experience. Ask anyone who went last year!

Eight bands are preparing for this Clash of the Bands. They are: **Loose Garage** (Capital Health), **Project 501** (Stewart McKelvey), **Red C** (McInnes Cooper), **Terminal Road** (N.S. Department of Justice), **Piranha Brothers** (Various in-house and private lawyers), **Gene** (Government and private lawyers), **Buck McFate** (Burchells LLP) and **Fonts & Pixels** (ISL – Internet Solutions Ltd.). As you can see, six of the 8 bands comprise your fellow bar society members, all of whom are back to compete for a really great charitable cause. Best bar event of the year!

Mark your calendars now. The date is **Friday, November 18, 2011**. Doors open at 7:00 P.M. Be there or be square. For tables (of 10), tickets and more detailed event & sponsorship information, go to: www.rockfordimes.ca or call 1-800-263-3463.

Halifax Rock for Dimes benefits March of Dimes Canada's Conductive Education (CE) Nova Scotia Program, which helps children and adults in our province. CE is an innovative program that blends elements of education and rehabilitation to improve the independence, mobility and confidence of children with disabilities, and has proven especially beneficial to children with cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis and developmental apraxia. March of Dimes Canada is a nationally registered charitable organization providing support services to people with disabilities, their families and caregivers across Canada. Last year, November 2nd became March of Dimes Conductive Education Awareness Day at Province House in Halifax and prominent MLAs delivered resolutions in the House of Assembly recognizing the "immense benefit" of March of Dimes and Conductive Education in Nova Scotia.

LIANS Solo and Small Firm Conference

November 21, 2011 – 9:00 am to 4:15 pm | Westin Nova Scotian, Halifax

Please be advised that the LIANS Risk and Practice Management Conference for Solo and Small Firms is scheduled to take place on November 21, 2011, at the Westin Nova Scotian in Halifax. The conference will offer sessions on Fact Patterns of Risk Management, Succession Planning, Red Flags of Fraud, the Incoming *Code of Professional Conduct*, as well as a vendor expo.

Confirmed speakers for the conference include **Jocelyn Frazer**, Equity Ombudsperson and Acting Practice Advisor at the Law Society of Alberta; **Barney Christianson QC**, Practice Management Advisor for the Law Society of Manitoba; **Darlene Jamieson QC**; **Victoria Rees and Elaine Cumming** of the Professional Responsibility department for the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society; and **David Penney** of Homewood Human Solutions™, who will offer a health and wellness session.

Online registration is now available on the LIANS homepage at www.lians.ca.

- **Early-bird rate: \$200 + tax; after Oct. 28: \$250 + tax**
- **Discounts for two or more registrants from the same firm!**

Sessions will appeal to lawyers, office managers, paralegals and legal assistants. Lawyers and staff from all sized firms are welcome.

MUNDIAVOCAT – Football World Cup for Lawyers

June 1 – 10, 2012 | Rovinj, Croatia

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For details or to register, see the website: www.munciavocat.com

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Also please note, the Mundiavocat General Assembly will take place from September 30 to October 2, 2011. For information on Rovinj, see www.rovinj.hr.

Upcoming Events from the Atlantic Provinces Trial Lawyers Association

APTLA ONLINE LEGAL EDUCATION

The Atlantic Provinces Trial Lawyers Association invites you to enhance your practice through online legal education. Eliminate travel expenses and hear from top trial lawyers from the convenience of your office, home or hotel room using a desktop computer or laptop. **SeminarWeb Live!** provides real-time delivery of papers, presentations, podcasts and video presentations. Participants can ask questions, participate in surveys, and post comments from their computers. There is also a broad selection of self-paced online programs, canvassing all areas of a litigation practice; including:

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Housecleaning and office cleaning services available: My name is Flutura and I have been cleaning houses for several lawyers in HRM for the past 10 years. I am trustworthy, conscientious and meticulous. If interested, please contact me at 445 9329, 209 1614 or flutura_v@hotmail.com. References available upon request.

New office space for lease in St. Margaret's Bay

Beautiful new office space for lease in St. Margaret's Bay, 13589 Peggy's Cove Road, with options of main floor and second floor space between 800-1,000 square feet. Currently, the building includes Bay Insurance and Financial, Bluenose Accounting, and St. Margaret's Bay Massage Therapy. I know that there can be a lot of interaction with lawyers with all three types of businesses that we have and would be able to refer clients. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact us here at the clinic at info@baymassage.ca or 826-2803.

*Thanks for your interest,
Tatum O'Handlley
Amy Caines*

Vacant lot in Bedford suitable location for law offices

A vacant lot is available for sale that would be suitable for an office building for lawyers, dentists, doctors or other professionals. The lot is located on 1670 Bedford Highway, across from the Bedford South Mall and next to Shoppers and Sunnyside Mall. It is zoned Commercial Highway (CHWY). Not allowed: condo and/or multi-unit residential building (unless zoning change); allowed: office building, commercial retail, doctors, lawyers, dentists, physicians, hotel, motel, etc.

Lot size: 18,664 square feet

Asking price: \$330,000 (NEGOTIABLE)

For details, please contact:
Basim Sobeih, Real Estate Consultant, Commercial / Residential
Century 21 ABC Realty Ltd.
Mobile: 902.488.8117
Fax : 902.463.3245
basim.sobeih@century21.ca

Black leather couch

Elegant, high-end black leather couch would go well in any office/home - purchased 2009, Crate and Barrel NYC. Please contact Andrew Munro - amunro.law@gmail.com or cell: 789-6842

Pictures at: <https://picasaweb.google.com/andrewmunro/CrateAndBarrelBlackLeatherCouch#>

Collection of legal books available

A large number of legal reference books in Halifax are available to a good home. The collection belonged to the late Arthur Hare QC, who passed away on Dec. 3, 2010. If anyone is interested, please contact Golda Redden at Hare@ns.sympatico.ca for further details.

Kentville law practice for sale

Law Practice in Kentville for sale; 43-year general practice with substantial litigation focus. Numerous corporate clients and extensive collection of executed wills. Excellent equipment, furnishings and location. Sufficient work for two energetic lawyers. Leaving practice for health reasons.

Call Walter O. Newton at 902 678 9707 for more details.

Female court clothes for sale – never worn (please note email address correction)

For sale: New, never worn, court clothes for female, size 6 to 9. Includes tabs, two white shirts (neck size 14), skirt and jacket/vest (with arm vents). Purchased for over \$850 at Colwell's. Will sell for \$450 OBO. For more information, please contact sdenney@nsbs.org.

Office to share in Bedford

Bedford lawyer has office to share in professional building. Lawyer or other professional preferred. Cost depends on amenities required. Call Connie at 835.7615 or email connierusk@ns.sympatico.ca.

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This contextual display of search words applies to both case law and legislation searches.

For case law searches, the contextual display of search words appears in addition to five words or phrases separated by dashes that attempt to represent the case's subject matter. These computer-generated subjects have not always provided an accurate indication of the true nature of the case. This new contextual display should be a more reliable indicator of relevancy.

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NOVA SCOTIA COMPANIES ACT & COMMENTARY: 2012 EDITION / Bradley, Sarah P -- Markham, Ont. LexisNexis Butterworths, 2011. **[KB 109 B811 2011]**

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THE LAW OF CONTRACT IN CANADA / Fridman, G.H.L -- 6th ed. -- Toronto: Carswell Thomson Reuters, 2011. **[KB 130 F898L 2011]**

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THE PRACTITIONER'S CRIMINAL CODE 2012 / Gold, Alan D -- 2012 ed. -- Markham, Ont. LexisNexis Canada, 2011. **[KB 91 G618 2011]**

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EXECUTIVE LIABILITY AND THE LAW / Debenham, David -- 2d ed. -- Toronto: Carswell Thomson Reuters, 2011. **[KB 183.L6 D286 2011]**

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THE PRACTICAL GUIDE TO CANADIAN LEGAL RESEARCH / McCormack, Nancy; Papadopoulos, John; Cotter, Catherine -- 3d ed. -- Toronto: Carswell Thomson Reuters, 2010. **[KB 15 M131 2010]**

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LIABILITY INSURANCE LAW IN CANADA / Hilliker, Gordon -- 5th ed. -- Toronto: LexisNexis Butterworths, 2011. **[KB 144 .N42 H654 2011]**

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THE LAW OF EMPLOYEE USE OF TECHNOLOGY / Simkevitz, Howard; Levin, Avner -- Aurora, Ont. Canada Law Book, 2011. **[KB 267.P2 S588 2011]**

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THE ART OF THE REAL ESTATE DEAL / Lipson, Barry D -- 3d ed. -- Toronto: Carswell Thomson Reuters, 2011. **[KB 170 L767 2011]**

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SUPREME COURT of CANADA — recent decisions

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No new decisions have been released on the [Supreme Court of Canada Judgments](#) website since the last *InForum*.

:: NEW BILLS ::

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There are no new bills at this time.

Nova Scotia Bills: <http://nslegislature.ca/index.php/proceedings/status-of-bills/>

:: PROCLAMATIONS UPDATE ::

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The following proclamations were published in the *Royal Gazette, Part II* since the last issue of *InForum*:

Financial Measures (2011) Act, S.N.S. 2011, c. 8, ss. 21-25, 27(1).

N.S. Gaz. Pt. 2, [09/23/11](#)

N.S. Reg. 270/2011

Proclamations are published in the *Royal Gazette, Part II*, which is issued every other week and is available by [subscription](#). Unofficial copies of the *Royal Gazette, Part II* are available [online](#) through the Registry of Regulations website.

The Office of the Legislative Counsel maintains a Proclamations of Statutes database, providing the effective dates of proclamations for statutes from 1990 to date. The database is updated with information received weekly from the Executive Council Office. To access the database, go to the Office of the Legislative Counsel's [website](#), then select Proclamations from the list of links on the left side of the page. The information provided by the database is for convenience only. For purposes of interpreting and applying the law, please consult official sources.

The orders in council authorizing the proclamations can be searched via the [Orders in Council](#) database maintained by the Executive Council Office. This database contains information about orders in council dating back to 1991.

:: LIANS TIPS ::

Registration open: LIANS Solo and Small Firm Conference

November 21, 2011 – 9:00 am to 4:15 pm | Westin Nova Scotian, Halifax

Please be advised that the LIANS Risk and Practice Management Conference for Solo and Small Firms is scheduled to take place on November 21, 2011, at the Westin Nova Scotian in Halifax. The conference will offer sessions on Fact Patterns of Risk Management, Succession Planning, Red Flags of Fraud, the Incoming *Code of Professional Conduct*, as well as a vendor expo.

Confirmed speakers for the conference include Jocelyn Frazer, Equity Ombudsperson and Acting Practice Advisor at the Law Society of Alberta; Barney Christianson QC, Practice Management Advisor for the Law Society of Manitoba; Darlene Jamieson QC; Victoria Rees and Elaine Cumming of the Professional Responsibility department for the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society; and David Penney of Homewood Human Solutions™, who will offer a health and wellness session.

Online registration is now available on the LIANS homepage at www.lians.ca.

Early-bird rate: \$200 + tax; after Oct. 28: \$250 + tax

Discounts for two or more registrants from the same firm!

Sessions will appeal to lawyers, office managers, paralegals and legal assistants. Lawyers and staff from all sized firms are welcome.

RISK AND PRACTICE MANAGEMENT TIP: Sending an email message with a reminder

Many lawyers rely on email because it is a quick and efficient to correspond with our coworkers, colleagues and clients. However, once we hit the "send" on our email message, we sometimes switch our focus to other tasks and any followup required of the email we have just sent is simply overlooked.

So what can you do to avoid that from happening? If you use Microsoft Outlook, here's how:

1. In the new message, on the **Message** tab, in the **Options** folder (not to be confused with the Options tab!), click **Follow up**. (Look for the red flag.)
2. On the **Follow Up** menu, scroll down and click **Add Reminder**. (Look for the bell.)
3. A message box will pop up, allowing you to customize your reminder. Select the time and date in the lists next to the reminder box. Once you do, click **OK**. You will see that the reminder now appears in the InfoBar of the email message.

There are many add-ons you can purchase to optimize your Outlook, but this quick and easy feature can help ensure that your email correspondence does not fall between the cracks.

*If you have any questions on these, or any other risk- or practice-related matters, do not hesitate to contact Stacey Gerrard, LIANS Counsel with the **Risk and Practice Management Program** at sgerrard@lians.ca or call 423-1300 ext. 345.*

FRAUD ALERT: Verifying a client's identity

Take steps to verify the client's identity using what you consider to be reliable, independent documents, data or information. Look for at least two pieces of ID such as an original permanent driver's licence issued in Canada, as well as another piece of signed original ID, such as a passport, provincial health insurance card, Canadian Firearms Licence or an employee photo ID card issued by an employer that is well known in the community.

Obtain and record the following information on your client at the intake stage:

- (a) the client's full name;

- (b) the client's business address and business telephone number, if applicable;
- (c) if the client is an individual, the client's home address and home telephone number, and occupation;
- (d) if the client is an organization, the organization's incorporation or business identification number and the place of issue of its incorporation or business identification number, if applicable, as well as a copy of incorporating documents; and
- (e) if the client is acting for or representing a third party beneficiary or a principal, obtain information about the beneficiary and principal.

Compare the address on the identification provided to you with the address that the client says is his or her address. Also compare spellings of names. Where there are differences in spelling and address, ask why; be satisfied with the answers and document the explanations.

Remember that **you must always confirm** a prospective client's identification in accordance with the [Client ID Regulations](#) of the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society.

Visit [Precedents/Checklists](#) under '[Resources](#)' on LIANS.ca for a list of sample retainer agreements that you can use in your practice.

For tips to avoid being victimized and to report or seek advice on dealing with fraud and scam attempts, contact Cynthia Nield at cnield@lians.ca or 902 423 1300, x346.

NSLAP WELLNESS TIP: How to deal with your child's transition from pre-teen to adolescence

The following is an article excerpt from Homewood Human Solutions™, your health and wellness provider.

We all know that dealing with a 10-year-old is one thing; dealing with the same child at age 14 is something quite different. For their own safety, younger children require discipline or restraints that are neither necessary nor appropriate for adolescents. You don't, for example, have to hold your teenager's hand while crossing the street. And you'd be in big trouble if you tried!

However, treating a 14-year-old as if he or she were an adult doesn't make sense either. Here is some information about teenagers' needs and some strategies that helped other parents and families assist their offspring in managing the transition from childhood to adolescence.

A turbulent time for teenagers

Adolescents have to navigate an emotionally and physically turbulent period of transition. As a parent (and a former adolescent yourself), you will understand the need to be sensitive to this process. It is one that will call for some change or readjustment in your relationship to each other. The traditional areas of possible difficulty and/or conflict include schoolwork, household chores, social life and curfews.

Choose a collaborative decision-making process

Imposing your standards, no matter how well intentioned, is not likely to work. They will not buy it. A process of collaborative decision-making with your teenager is the key to navigating these tricky waters. For example, many teenagers hold after-school jobs. While these provide needed spending money, they also cut into time available for study and homework. By initiating a discussion on the implications of a prospective after-school job on your teenager's other commitments, you improve the chances that your child will end up with a reasonable schedule of work, and the empowering knowledge of having made a good decision.

Ask your teenager for suggestions

Ask your teenager to come up with suggestions when facing a specific issue. For example, "What chores would you like to do in the house?" Then, be prepared to negotiate and to contract. A contract should clearly state expectations and consequences and could be renegotiated on a regular basis. This approach has several advantages. In the first place, it shows respect for your teenager's judgment and intelligence. Second, involving them in the search for a solution helps develop a sense of autonomy and responsibility.

You can't make anybody do anything

Adolescents are expert in not going in a direction they feel they are being forced to take. If you try to force them to do something they don't want to do, chances are they will not do it. It is best to admit this openly. For example, if you say, "I know I can't force you to do this ..." and then go on to explain why you think it should be done, you take the tension out of the situation. Some call this stopping the war. Your teenager sees that you respect his or her power to say no, and you will still be in a position to influence your adolescent's behaviour in a positive fashion. One way of doing this is by offering guidance.

Offer choices and guidance

Adolescents are very sensitive to attempts to put them in a position of inferiority. Translation: being told what to do. A suggestion is always better than a direct order. This shows you recognize the adolescent not only has the power, but the necessary judgment, to make a good decision. Your guidance could take the form of an analysis of a specific situation in terms of choices and consequences. For example, "You can take the time to study for your exams and cut back on your social life. On the other hand, if you don't give yourself enough time to prepare for the exams, you may well see your marks go down."

Spend time with your teenager

Adolescents need attention. The most valuable way you can give them attention is by spending exclusive time with them on a one-to-one basis. It can be a few minutes in the garage while they are repairing their bike, or going off together to see a movie. Whatever you do, remember that you don't have to talk about weighty issues; just have a good time together. And don't worry if they don't tell you how much they appreciate this time spent together. Just do it.

Expect instability

Adolescents are in transition. Mood swings and frequent changes of attitude, behaviour and opinion, sometimes within days or hours of each other, are all par for the course.

Persist

Each family situation is unique, so you should personalize the strategies you choose. If one approach doesn't work, try another one. Being the parent of a teenager may be complicated by factors specific to each situation. Try the approaches we have suggested and observe the consequences. They may help you and your teenager manage this period of transition from childhood to adolescence.

*For more resources and counselling on raising children, visit the NSLAP website at www.nslap.ca. Please note that **LAP** is your "company" name when you register. When you call the LAP number at **1-866-299-1299**, your call will be answered any time, day or night, 365 days per year.*