CANADIAN MEDIA LAWYERS ASSOCIATION
JOURNALIST APPLICATION FORM: PERLIN TRUST GRANT

The Perlin Family Trust provides funding to organizations seeking to uplift the arts and journalism. This year, the Trust has granted CMLA funding for journalists from Newfoundland to attend the 2026 CMLA Conference in Montreal on November 6 and 7, 2026.

Applicants will be selected by the members of the Board of Directors based on the forms. Please email completed forms to cmlahelp@gmail.com.

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1) Please describe your connection to Newfoundland and Labrador.

I was born in Newfoundland and lived here most of my life. In 2015 I was the first full time hire of what would become allNewfoundlandLabrador, when allNovaScotia sought to bring its news model to other provinces. In 2019 I became editor of allNL.

2) Please give a brief description of your work. Please include how long have you been a journalist, where your writings have been published, whether you have attended the CMLA Media Law Conference in the past.

I primarily cover business, economics and politics. Quite a bit of my coverage regards civil litigation as well, and I have a JD and am a non-practicing member of the Law Society of NL. My work is published in allNewfoundlandLabrador, and occasionally in our sister publications in NS, NB, SK, and AB. This would be my first time attending the CMLA Media Law Conference.

3) Please describe why you would like to attend the CMLA conference and how it will benefit your work as a journalist in Newfoundland.

While I do not represent my company as a lawyer and do not provide legal advice, my background in law means that I am typically involved in questions of fair comment and responsible practices. I cover civil litigation regularly and guide our newsroom of seven reporters in their legal coverage. I am enthusiastic to expand my understanding through the CMLA conference and be of greater benefit to my company.

4) Please advise whether you are willing to participate on a panel (if conference organizers seek journalistic perspectives on any topics), and any additional information to share.

Surely there isn't enough time for that this year, but I would be in future years, if

organizers thought there would be value in my participation. My areas of expertise are Energy, NL Politics, Mining, Economics (Atlantic Canada, particularly), Civil Litigation & Insolvency coverage.