

*Laws of Her Majesty's Province of United Canada*, passed in the year 1847. Montreal:  
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**An Act to amend the Law for the admission of Attornies and Calling of Barristers in Upper Canada. 28th July, 1847.**

Whereas by an Act passed by the Parliament of Upper Canada in the seventh year of the Reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled, *An Act to amend the Law for the admission of Barristers and Attornies, and to provide for the further relief of William Conway Keele*, it is provided, that graduates of any University of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, or of the University of King's College, may be admitted as Attornies after three years' service, and may be called to the Bar after three years' standing in the Books of the Law Society of Upper Canada; And whereas it is just and expedient to extend the same privileges to the graduates of other Universities or Colleges in Upper Canada having the power to confer degrees: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and intituled, *An Act to re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the Government of Canada*, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That in case any person who shall have taken, or who shall take the degree of Bachelor of Arts, or Bachelor of Law, or of Master of Arts in Queen's College, at Kingston or Victoria College, or who shall hereafter take such degree in any University or College in Upper Canada having the power to grant degrees, shall, at any time after he shall have taken or shall take such degree, be bound by contract in writing to serve as a Clerk for and during the space of three years to a practising Attorney in Upper Canada, and shall faithfully serve for three years in pursuance of such contract, he shall on due proof of such service, be entitled to be admitted and sworn an Attorney in the same manner, and of the same Court or Courts in Upper Canada, and as fully and effectually to all intents and purposes as if such person had served under Articles for the term of five years.

II. And be it enacted, That any person who shall have taken, or who shall at any time hereafter take, such degree as is mentioned in this Act, and who shall have been or who shall be entered of and admitted into the Law Society of Upper Canada, as a Student of Laws, and shall have been standing in the Books of the said Society for and during the space of three years, and shall have conformed himself to the rules and regulations of the said Society according to the directions of an Act passed in the thirty-seventh year of the Reign of King George the Third, intituled, *An Act for the regulating the Practice of the Law*, or any other Acts for regulating Barristers in Upper Canada, shall be qualified to be called and admitted to the Practice of the Law as a Barrister in any of the Courts of Law or Equity in Upper Canada, as fully and effectually as any person of five years' standing in the Books of the said Society is qualified, by virtue of the said recited Act, or any other Act for regulating the Practice of the Law; anything in the said Acts or any of them to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

III. And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Courts of Queen's Bench and Chancery respectively in their discretion to admit as Attornies or Solicitors of the said Courts, respectively, and the said Society aforesaid, to admit as Barristers, any person or persons who shall have taken any of the Degrees aforesaid at King's College, Queen's College or Victoria College in this Province, and shall have been three years under Articles or standing on the Books of the said Society, as the case may be, notwithstanding that such person or persons shall have entered into such Articles, or been admitted upon the Books of the said Society before taking any such degree as aforesaid.