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An Act to incorporate The Bar of Lower-Canada. 30th May, 1849.

Whereas it is important and necessary for the right administration of justice, that the profession of Advocate, Barrister, Attorney, Solicitor and Proctor at Law in Lower-Canada, should be exercised only by persons capable of performing the duties thereof with honor and integrity; And whereas it is expedient for the more certain attainment of this important object, to establish more effectual regulations, with regard to the said profession, and the interests and rights of the members thereof: 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 from and after the passing of this Act, all Advocates, Barristers, Attorneys, Solicitors and Proctors at Law in Lower-Canada, admitted as such at the time of the passing of this Act, shall be and form a Corporation under the name of The Bar of Lower-Canada; which said Corporation shall be divided into three sections, that is to say: one section for the District of Montreal, one for the District of Quebec, and one for the District of Three-Rivers; the Advocates, Barristers, Attorneys, Solicitors and Proctors at Law residing in the District of Saint Francis forming part of the section of the District of Three-Rivers; and those residing in the District of Gaspé forming part of the section of the District of Quebec.

II. And be it enacted, That the said Corporation may sue and be sued in all Courts of Justice in Lower-Canada, may acquire moveable and immoveable property by purchase, donation, bequest or otherwise, to the value of five thousand pounds; and each of the said sections may sue and be sued separately in any Court of Justice in Lower-Canada, under the name of The Bar of Lower-Canada, Section of the District of _____, in all matters relating to each such section respectively, and may acquire moveable and immoveable property to the value of six thousand pounds; and all suits or actions brought by or against any of the said sections respectively, shall only affect the section or sections concerned therein; and in all actions against the said Corporation or against any of the said sections, service of Process at the domicile of the Secretary of the General Council hereinafter mentioned, or at the domicile of the Secretary of the Council of any section, as the case may be, shall be valid; the said Corporation and each of the said sections shall have a Common Seal; on that of the Corporation shall be inscribed the words Bar of Lower-Canada, and on that of each of the said sections, the words Bar of Lower-Canada, section of the District of _____: Provided always, and it is hereby expressly enacted, That the members of the said Corporation shall not be individually liable for any debt contracted by the said Corporation or any of the said sections.

III. And be it enacted, That the said Corporation shall have power to make all such By-laws, rules and orders, as it may deem necessary and proper for the interior discipline and honor of the members of the Bar, to regulate the admission of candidates for the profession to the study or practice of the Law, for the management of its property, and generally all By-laws, rules and orders of general interest to the said Corporation and the members thereof, in conformity with the provisions of this Act, and necessary to ensure its well working; which said By-laws, rules and orders, it shall be lawful for the said Corporation to change, alter, modify or repeal when and so often as it shall deem necessary: Provided always, that the said By-laws, rules and orders, shall not be contrary to the Laws of Lower-Canada, nor to the provisions of this Act.

IV. And be it enacted, That all and every the powers conferred on the said Corporation under this Act, shall be exercised by a General Council, which shall be composed of all the officers and members forming the Councils of sections hereinafter mentioned, and that the said Councils together shall nominate and appoint from among themselves, by ballot, a President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, who shall be the President, Secretary and Treasurer of the said General Council of the Corporation.

V. And be it enacted, That the Councils of each section shall be composed of a *Bâtonnier*, a Syndic, a Treasurer, and a Secretary, and eight other members for each of the sections of the District of Quebec, and the District of Montreal, and of three other members for the section of the District of Three-Rivers; and the majority of each of the said Councils, respectively, shall form a *quorum*; and all questions submitted to the said Councils, except in the cases hereinafter provided for, shall be decided by a majority of the votes of the members present.

VI. And be it enacted, That the said Councils of sections shall cause to be executed in their respective sections, and independently of each other, all and every the By-laws, rules and orders of the said General Council, and may make such By-laws, rules and orders as they may deem necessary for acquiring, disposing of and managing the property within their respective sections; for regulating the time and place of holding meetings of the members of the respective sections, and the mode of proceeding thereat, and generally all By-laws, rules and orders, relative to matters concerning such sections: Provided, that the said By-laws, rules or orders be not contrary to the provisions of this Act, nor to any of the By-laws, rules or orders passed by the General Council, nor to any law in force in Lower-Canada.

VII. And be it enacted, That each of the said Councils of Sections, shall in its respective Section, have power:

First. For the maintenance of the discipline and honor of the body, and as the importance of the case may require, to pronounce a censure or reprimand, through the *Bâtonnier* of such Section, against any member who shall become guilty of any breach of discipline, or of any action derogatory to the honor of the Bar; and it shall be lawful for such Council to deprive such member of the right of voting, and even of the right of assisting at the meetings of the Section, for any term not exceeding one year, and also, according to the nature of the offence, to punish such member

by suspending him from his functions for any period not exceeding one year, subject to the approval of the General Council as hereinafter provided.

Secondly. To prevent and reconcile and settle all differences between members of the section, more especially all differences which might arise in professional matters.

Thirdly. To prevent, hear, reconcile and determine, all complaints and claims made by third parties against members of the Bar in the section, in matters connected with their professional duties.

Fourthly. To admit candidates to the study or to the practice of their profession, and to decide upon the capacity and good morals of the said candidates.

Fifthly. To represent the members of the Bar, whenever the interests or the rights of the profession shall require it.

VIII. And be it enacted, That the election of each of the Councils of the said sections shall be by ballot, and shall be held on the first day of May in each year, provided that such day be not a Sunday or *fête d'obligation*, and whenever the first day of May shall be a Sunday or *fête d'obligation*, the election shall be held on the next day thereafter not being a Sunday or *fête d'obligation*, and the said Council shall, immediately after such election, enter upon the execution of its functions: Provided, that no such election shall take place unless there be at least twenty members of the section present at the meeting held for either of the said sections of Quebec and Montreal, and eight members for the section for the District of Three-Rivers; and in case the said election shall not take place on the day appointed, for want of a *quorum* or for any other cause, such election shall be held at any other meeting specially called by the Secretary, or in his absence, by the Syndic, on the order of the *Bâtonnier* going out of office, or on the requisition of six members of the section: and the first election shall take place within six months after the passing of this Act, at a meeting to be held at the Court House of the District of the section for which such election shall take place, which said meeting shall be called by at least six members of the section, by public notice to be inserted in the Canada Gazette, at least fifteen days before such meeting, and by a public notice posted up at the Court House of the section where such meeting shall take place, eight days before such meeting.

IX. And be it enacted, That at the first meeting for the election of Councils of sections, the senior Advocate (reckoning by the date of his commission) then present, shall preside, and shall have the casting vote; and at all other meetings of sections the *Bâtonnier* shall preside, or in his absence, such other member as shall be chosen by the meeting.

X. And be it enacted, That meetings of sections shall be held every six months, in the Council-room of the said Section, on such days as shall be fixed by the By-laws of the said Councils respectively; and it shall be lawful to hold special meetings, to be called by the Secretary, or in his absence by the Syndic, on the order of the *Bâtonnier*, or on the requisition of six members of the section.

XI. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Council of each Section to hold meetings at all times, whenever circumstances shall require.

XII. And be it enacted, That during the six months immediately following the annual elections of the said Councils of Sections, the said Councils shall meet together at least once, in Quebec or Montreal, alternately, as shall be determined by the *Bâtonniers* of the different sections, in order to elect by ballot from among themselves, a President, a Secretary and a Treasurer of the said General Council of the Corporation, and to make and pass the By-laws, rules and orders which by the third section of this Act they are authorized to make and pass; the *quorum* of the said General Council shall be fifteen, and all questions which shall arise at the said Meeting shall be determined by the majority of the Members present.

XIII. And be it enacted, That the President of the General Council shall have the casting vote at all meetings of the General Council, and the *Bâtonnier* of each section shall also have the casting vote at all meetings and debates, both of the Council and of the members of the section; it shall be lawful for the *Bâtonnier* of each section to call special and extraordinary meetings whenever he shall deem it expedient; he shall be vigilant in enforcing the observance of the By-laws, Rules and Orders, and in maintaining order at meetings; it shall be lawful for him to call to order such members as shall be out of order, and also to censure and reprimand such members.

XIV. And be it enacted, That the Secretary of each section shall carefully record the deliberations and proceedings of the meetings of his section, and of the Council of his section, and shall keep Minutes thereof in a book to be kept for that purpose; he shall be keeper of the Archives of his section; he shall deliver all copies, certificates and other papers which may be required, and such copies so issued and certified by the Secretary, and sealed with the seal of the section, shall be admitted and received as authentic in all the Courts of Justice in Lower-Canada.

XV. And be it enacted, That the Treasurer of each section shall have the keeping of the Common Fund of his section, shall receive and pay all sums the receipt or expenditure whereof shall be authorized, and shall render an account of his administration once in every year, at the meeting held for the election of the Council of his section.

XVI. And be it enacted, That the duties of the Secretary and of the Treasurer of the General Council shall, with respect to the said General Council and the Corporation, be analogous to those of the Secretary and Treasurer of each section in so far as relates to their section, and all copies of Minutes of the proceedings of the said General Council, certified by the Secretary of the said Council under the seal of the Corporation, shall be received as authentic in all Courts in this Province.

XVII. And be it enacted, That in case of the absence, illness or death of any of the officers of the said Councils, their places shall be filled up as follows, to wit: the *Bâtonnier*, by the oldest member of the Council, reckoning by date of admission to the Profession, and the other officers shall be chosen temporarily by the said Council; and in case of the absence, illness or death of any of the members of the Council, it shall be lawful for the said Council to fill up their places in the same

manner by the same number of other members to be chosen from among the members of the section

XVIII. And be it enacted, That in all cases where a Member of the Bar shall be accused of any offence, before the Council of the section to which he shall belong, the accusation shall be decided by the absolute majority of the Members of the Council of the section, who shall declare *vivâ voce* whether the Member accused be guilty or not guilty; Provided always, that no judgment of any Council of the section suspending any Member from his functions shall have force or effect until ratified by the General Council at a meeting composed of at least one half of the Members of the General Council and by a vote of at least two-thirds of the Members present at such meeting of the General Council.

XIX. And be it enacted, That the manner of proceeding on all accusations brought by the Syndic shall be as follows: whenever the Syndic shall receive on the oath of one or more credible persons, (which oath the said Syndic is hereby authorized and required to administer) a complaint against any of the Members of his section, affecting the honour, dignity, interests or duties of the Profession, the said Syndic shall submit the said complaint without delay, at a meeting of the Council specially called for that purpose, and if it be considered by the said Council, that the matter requires investigation, it shall order an accusation to be brought against such member; and the said Syndic shall draw up the act of accusation in the form of Schedule No. 2, hereunto annexed, which said Act shall be transmitted to the Secretary, who shall cause a copy thereof to be made, duly certified by him, and shall serve the said copy on the accused party, with an order in the name of the *Bâtonnier* of the section, requiring the said accused party to appear in person before the Council, on the day and at the hour and place mentioned in the said order, which said order shall be in the form of Schedule No. 3, hereunto annexed, and the service of the said act of accusation and of the said order to appear, shall be made by a messenger or by any other person appointed for that purpose, who shall deliver copies thereof to the accused party in person; and the said messenger or other person shall make a return on oath of such service, and the General Council shall determine by its By-laws the manner in which the proceedings relative to the said accusations shall be conducted before the said Councils of sections.

XX. And be it enacted, That the Councils shall have the right to require witnesses to appear before them, by *Subpoenas* in the form of Schedule No. 4, hereto annexed, in the name of the *Bâtonnier*, under the seal of the section, and signed by the Secretary, and they shall have the same powers with respect to compelling the attendance of witnesses to give evidence as are exercised by the tribunals and Civil Courts in Lower-Canada; and the said *Subpoenas* or other orders shall be served in such manner as shall be determined by the By-laws of the said General Council.

XXI. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Secretary, or for any other member of the Council of the section, and they are hereby required to administer the said oath, and all other oaths required by this Act, to the said witnesses; and any person who shall be guilty of wilful perjury, in any case in which an oath is required to be taken by this Act, shall be liable to the penalties by law imposed for perjury.

XXII. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for any member accused as aforesaid to retain two counsel who shall not, however, be chosen from among the members of the Council of the section before which such accusation is brought.

XXIII. And be it enacted, That any member of the Council who shall absent himself from any of the meetings of the said Council without legitimate cause, shall incur a fine of five shillings, currency, for every such absence.

XXIV. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for each Council of a section to appoint a Committee of five of its members, three of whom shall form a *quorum*, and the said Committee may from time to time add to its number such members of the profession as it may think proper, to examine candidates for the study or practice of the profession; and it shall be the duty of the members so appointed, or of any three of them, or of those added to their number: First, To inquire into the acquirements, capacity and morals of every candidate for the study of the profession, and to make their report to the *Bâtonnier*, who, if the report be favorable, shall give such candidate a certificate of his admission as above mentioned, under his signature, countersigned by the Secretary and under the seal of the section, and if the said report be unfavorable, such candidate shall not be admitted to the study of the profession; any law, custom or usage to the contrary notwithstanding: Provided, that if such candidate shall be refused by the Council of any section, he may present himself to the General Council, who may admit or reject him as it shall deem expedient: Secondly, To examine every candidate for practice on his legal attainments and his qualifications, and to inquire into his morals and the regularity of his clerkship, and if such candidate shall be found capable and qualified, and shall, have conformed to all of the provisions of this Act, the *Bâtonnier* of the section, on the report made to him in writing to that effect, shall grant the said candidate a Diploma, admitting him to the profession, which Diploma shall be in the form of the Schedule No. 1, hereto annexed, and shall be sufficient, without a Commission from the Governor, to authorize the party obtaining such Diploma, to practise as an Advocate, Barrister, Attorney, Solicitor and Proctor at Law, in all Courts of Justice in Lower-Canada, on the said candidate so admitted, taking an oath well and truly to perform his professional duties, which oath shall be administered by the Secretary of the section, who shall make a note thereof on the back of the Diploma; Provided that the said Diploma shall be enregistered at length, with the Council of the section from which the said Diploma shall have issued, and also with the General Council, and for such enregistration the party obtaining such Diploma, shall pay five shillings currency: provided that notice in writing shall be given by the candidate to the Secretary of the section, at least one month previous, that he intends to present himself to study, or to be admitted to practice, which notice shall be posted up by the Secretary in the place where the meetings of the section are generally held, and shall mention the day on which the examination of such candidate or aspirant shall take place.

XXV. And be it enacted, That no Candidates for the profession shall be admitted to practice in any other section than that in which he shall have studied; and if he has studied partly in one section and partly in another, he shall be admitted only in the section in which he shall have terminated his clerkship; and he shall be required to produce a certificate of study of the profession from the Council of the section in which he shall have performed a part of his clerkship, which certificate

shall be given to him by the *Bâtonnier* under the seal of the Section; and every student, after the passing of this Act, shall be subject, previous to admission, to the formalities hereinabove prescribed.

XXVI. And be it enacted, That no person shall be admitted to the study of the profession, unless it shall appear to the Council or to such of its members as shall be appointed to inquire into the qualification of Candidates or to such members as shall be added to their number, as provided by the twenty-fourth section of this Act, that the candidate is sufficiently acquainted with the English or the French language and with the Latin language, and that he has received a liberal education; and such candidate, after having received the certificate mentioned in the said section, shall be required to cause his certificate to be registered in a register kept for that purpose by the Secretary, for which registration he shall pay five shillings currency, and five shillings currency for the certificate of registration; and the time of the clerkship of such student shall be reckoned only from the date of such registration.

XXVII. And be it enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, no person shall be admitted as an Advocate, Barrister, Attorney, Solicitor and Proctor at law, unless he shall have attained the full age of twenty-one years, and shall have studied regularly and without interruption under a notarial agreement as a clerk or student with a practising Advocate during five consecutive and whole years: Provided always, that if the said student shall have gone through a regular and complete course of study in any incorporated College or Seminary, four years of clerkship shall be sufficient; and if the said student shall have followed a regular and complete course of study in an incorporated College or Seminary, and also a regular and complete Course of Law in any incorporated College or Seminary, three years of clerkship shall be sufficient.

XXVIII. And be it enacted, That nothing contained in the two preceding sections shall apply to persons who at the time of the passing of the present Act shall have commenced to study in order to be admitted into the profession, except so much thereof as provides that certain privileges with regard to the period of study shall be enjoyed by parties who have or shall have gone through certain courses of study therein mentioned and described, and that all such parties who have or shall have gone through such courses shall be entitled to admission to the profession at the expiration of the period of study therein mentioned.

XXIX. And be it enacted, That the Secretary of each Section shall keep a book in which the names of all candidates for the profession who shall have caused their articles of clerkship to be registered with the date of such registration shall be entered according to date, and in which book he shall also enter, separately, the names of all the members of the profession in his section, with the date of their admission; and no person shall practise as an Advocate, Barrister, Attorney, Solicitor and Proctor at law in any Court of Justice in Lower-Canada unless his name shall be entered in the said book by the Secretary of the section, in which such-person shall intend practising.

XXX. And be it enacted, That all persons who shall be students at the time of the passing of this Act shall be required to cause their articles of clerkship to be enregistered within six months from

the passing of this Act in the registers which shall be kept by the Secretary of each section, as provided by the twenty-sixth section of this Act; the Secretary shall receive for this enregistration and for the certificate which he shall deliver thereof the remuneration mentioned in the said section; and it shall not be lawful for any student on presenting himself for admission to the profession to avail himself of the time during which he shall have studied under any articles of clerkship which shall not have been registered within six months after the passing of this Act; but in that case the clerkship of such student shall only be reckoned from the day on which he shall have had his articles of clerkship enregistered.

XXXI. And be it enacted, That in case of the suspension of a member of a section, the Secretary of such section shall be required to give notice thereof to the Secretaries of the other sections, and such member so suspended, shall not practise in any Court of Justice in Lower-Canada during the term of such suspension.

XXXII. And be it enacted, That the following fees shall be paid to the Secretary of each section, to wit: for each certificate of admission to the study of the Profession, One pound five shillings currency; for each Diploma, Three pounds ten shillings currency; which sums shall be handed over by the said Secretary to the Treasurer of the section, to be paid into the common fund of such section.

XXXIII. And be it enacted, That every member of the profession shall pay annually on the first of May, into the hands of the Treasurer, One pound currency, to be paid into the common fund of the section to which such member shall belong.

XXXIV. And be it enacted, That the common fund of the Corporation or of the General Council, shall be formed of the sums which shall be paid therein by the Councils of the different sections out of the private funds of the said sections, as the said General Council shall judge necessary, to meet the expenses of the said Corporation or of the General Council; Provided always, that the sums which shall be so paid into the common fund by each of the said sections, shall be in proportion to the number of members in each of the said sections, and that the said General Council shall not in any case require the Councils of sections to pay respectively more than one fourth of their annual revenues into the general fund.

XXXV. And be it enacted, That the Treasurers of the different sections shall in every year, make an exact return of the receipts and expenditure of their respective sections; the Treasurer-General shall also in every year, make a similar return to the General Council, who shall transmit a copy thereof to the Council of each section.

XXXVI. And be it enacted, That the Council of each section shall examine the accounts of its Treasurer, and no sum shall be expended without an order from the Council, signed by the *Bâtonnier*.

XXXVII. And be it enacted, That all fines and contributions imposed under the present Act, and in conformity with its provisions, shall be recoverable, with costs, before any Court of Justice having

civil jurisdiction in the District in which the Defendant shall reside, on a simple certificate of the *Bâtonnier*, countersigned by the Secretary of the section: and it shall be sufficient, in the declaration for the recovery of such contributions or fines, to set forth the amount demanded, and to mention in a summary manner the period during which such fines have been incurred or such contributions have become due, without specially alleging the particular facts of the case.

XXXVIII. And be it enacted, That no omission on the part of the Councils of sections, in forming the General Council or in making the By-laws, Rules and Orders, as provided by the third section of this present Act, and no neglect on the part of any section to proceed to the election of its Council and Officers, shall prevent the other sections from proceeding under this Act to the election of their respective Councils or from carrying this law into operation, with respect to such sections as shall be organized, nor shall any such omission cause the dissolution of the Corporation nor of any such Council.

XXXIX. And be it enacted, That the Ordinance of the late Province of Lower Canada, passed in the twenty-fifth year of the Reign of His Majesty George the Third, and intituled, *An Ordinance concerning Advocates, Attorneys, Solicitors and Notaries, and for the more easy collection of His Majesty's Revenues*, and the Act of the Legislature of the said Province, passed in the sixth year of the Reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, and intituled, *An Act to repeal certain parts of an Ordinance therein mentioned, concerning persons to be admitted to practise the Law, or to practise as Notaries in this Province*,—and all other laws contrary to this Act, shall be and are hereby repealed; Provided always, that all persons who are now students may be appointed Advocates, Attorneys and Proctors at Law in each District, under the said Acts hereby repealed, until the Councils shall be established under this Act.

XL. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be a Public Act.

Schedule No. 1
(Referred to in the foregoing Act.)

Province of Canada, }
District of _____ }

To all whom these presents shall concern, Greeting:

We, the undersigned, *Bâtonnier* of the Bar of Lower-Canada, section of the District of _____, in conformity with the Provisions of the Provincial Statute, passed in the _____ year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, Chapter _____, intituled, *An Act to incorporate the Bar of Lower-Canada*; in pursuance of the Certificate to us delivered by three, (or several, as the case may be,) of the Examiners of the said section, dated the _____, whereby it appears that A. B., of _____, under the requirements of the said Act, after having served a regular clerkship, as prescribed by law, has undergone before them, on the _____ day of _____, the examination necessary to his admission to the order of Advocate; and that from such examination it appears that he is in all respects worthy and qualified to be so admitted, have given and granted

to him, and do by these presents, give and grant to him, according to the provisions of the said Act, the present Diploma, conferring on him the right of practising as an Advocate, Barrister, Attorney, Solicitor and Proctor at Law, in all Courts of Law in Lower-Canada.

Given at the City (or Town) of _____, under our signature and the seal of our section, and countersigned by our Secretary, on the _____ day of _____ the month of _____, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and _____

(Signed,) C. D.,
Bâtonnier.
E. F.,
Secretary.

[L.S.]

Schedule No. 2.

Province of Canada, }
District of _____ }

To the *Bâtonnier* and the Members of the Council of the Bar of Lower-Canada, section of the District of _____

A. B., Esquire, Syndic, elected for the section of the Bar of Lower-Canada, called Section of the District of _____, hereby informs the said section, that C. D., Esquire, one of the members of the said Bar, residing in the said section of the District of _____, is accused under the oath of persons worthy of credit, by E. F., of _____, &c. &c., as follows, that is to say: That the said C. D., (here recite the offence.)

Wherefore the said A. B. prays that an order may issue from the section, summoning the said C. D. to appear before the said section, in order that proceedings may be then had on the present information, as to law and justice may appertain, this day _____ of _____, 18_____.

(Signed,) A. B.,
Syndic.

Schedule No. 3.

Province of Canada, }
District of _____ }

By the *Bâtonnier* and Members of the Council of the Bar of Lower-Canada, section of the District of _____

To C. D., Esquire, Advocate, Barrister, Attorney, Solicitor and Proctor at Law of in _____ the said section of the District of _____, Greeting

You are hereby required to appear in person before us, in our Chambers, in the City of _____, the _____ day of _____, at _____ o'clock in the _____ noon, then and there to answer the charge, a copy whereof is above written, brought against you by A. B., Esquire, Syndic of the said section of _____

And you are informed, that in case of your non-appearance before us on the day and hour, and at the place hereinabove mentioned, proceedings will be had by default on the said charge.

Given at _____, under the seal of the said section of the District of _____, the signature of our *Bâtonnier* and countersigned by our Secretary, this _____ day of _____, 18_____.

(Signed,) F. G.,
Bâtonnier.
[L.S.] R. S.,
Secretary.

Schedule No. 4.

Province of Canada, }
District of _____ }

By the *Bâtonnier* and Members of the Council of the Bar of Lower-Canada, section of the District of _____

To A. B., of _____, Greeting:

We hereby command you, and each of you, to appear in person before us, in our Chambers, in the City (or Town) of _____, the _____ of _____, at _____ o'clock in the _____ noon, to bear evidence and speak the truth on all matters within your knowledge respecting a charge brought before us by _____, Esquire, Syndic of the Bar of Lower-Canada, for the section of the District of _____ against C. D., Esquire, a member of the said Bar. And herein fail not under a penalty of a fine of _____ pounds currency.

Given in the City (or Town) of _____, under the seal of our section and the signature of our Secretary, this _____ of _____ 18_____.

[L.S.]
(Signed,) L. M.,
Secretary.