



CHAPTER 156

An Act to authorize the Bar of the Province of Quebec to admit Morris B. Signer to the practice of law, after examinations

[Assented to, the 15th of March, 1928]

WHEREAS Morris B. Signer, of the city and district Preamble.
of Montreal, has, by his petition, represented:

That he is a British subject by right of birth, of the full age of twenty-one years;

That he studied in the Dufferin and Alexander public schools, at the High School of Montreal, at the Returned Soldiers Matriculation Class of McGill University, and by private tuition;

That he served with Egyptian Expeditionary Forces of the Imperial Army, being attached to the 39th Battalion of the Royal Fusiliers in Egypt, Mesopotamia, and Palestine, until November, 1919;

That, upon being informed that the matriculation examination to McGill University was not sufficient for the requirements of the Bar Association for the admission to the study of law, he inquired from the secretary of the Bar Association;

That he was also informed of concessions to returned men and procured one Mr. C. de Boissieu, who prepared him for an examination known as the "Returned Soldiers Oral Examination", and which, for returned men, took the place of the regular admission to the study of law examinations;

That he so registered in June, 1920, and presented himself before the board of examiners in July, 1920, and took, what he was informed was, the full examination for returned soldiers, and was successful therein;

That he entered the Law Faculty of McGill in September, 1920, and completed his law course in June, 1923,

at the *Université de Montréal*, where he attended during the sessions of 1921 and 1922;

That it was only in June of 1923, when he was preparing for his degree examinations and for the examinations for the admission to the practice of law, that the petitioner became aware that he had only been passed in that part of the admission to the study of law examinations known as "Sciences", and that, before he could be permitted to take the examinations for the admission to the practice of law, he would have to take that part of the admission to the study of law examinations known as "Letters";

That he was never aware nor was he informed by the Secretary of the Bar Association, the Registrar who took his application in June, 1920, nor by Mr. C. de Boissieu, that for returned soldiers the examination to the study of law was divided into two parts, to wit: Letters and Sciences;

That since September, 1920, and under indenture he has studied in the offices of Maitres Lyon W. Jacobs, K.C. and Joseph Cohen, K.C., M.L.A., performing his duties as a clerk regularly and uninterruptedly, during the ordinary office hours;

That through not having been regularly admitted to the study of law, he is exposed to lose the benefits of his law studies;

That he wishes to become a member of the Bar of the Province of Quebec, and to be exempted from the obligations imposed by the Rules of the Bar of the Province of Quebec, to have himself admitted to the study of law in this Province by undergoing that half of the preliminary examination not granted him in 1920, and known as Letters, and from producing diplomas;

That on the 15th day of September, 1926, the petitioner presented a petition to the General Council of the Bar of the Province of Quebec, praying that the Council of the Bar grant its consent to the presentation of a bill before the Legislature of the Province permitting him to practise the profession of law immediately upon passing those examinations required by the laws of the Bar Association of the Province of Quebec for the admission to the practice of law, which petition was granted, as more fully appears from a certified copy of a resolution fyled by the secretary-treasurer of the Bar Association;

That on the 10th day of December, 1927, the petitioner presented a petition to the General Council of the Bar of the Province of Quebec praying that the Council of the Bar grant its consent to the presentation of a bill before the Legislature of the Province of Quebec exempting

him from taking that part of the admission to study examination known as "Letters" and to permit him to immediately take the admission to the practice of law examinations, which petition was unanimously granted, as more fully appears from a certified copy of a resolution fyled by the secretary-treasurer of the Bar Association;

Whereas the petitioner has prayed for the passing of an act for the purposes aforesaid, and it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition;

Therefore, His Majesty, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of Quebec, enacts as follows:

1. The Bar of the Province of Quebec is authorized to allow Morris B. Signer to undergo the examinations for the admission to the practice of law, and to admit him among its members, immediately after he shall have successfully undergone the examinations for the admission to the practice of law. Bar authorized to admit Morris B. Signer.

2. This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction. Coming into force.