

Oath of an Attorney.

YOU A. B. shall swear you will do no Falshood nor Deceit, nor consent to any ^{Attorneys} to be done in this Court: And if you know of any to be done, you shall ^{Oath.} give Knowledge thereof to the Chief Justice of this Court, that it may be reformed: You shall delay no Man, for Lucre or Malice: You shall not, wittingly or willingly, encrease or receive any Fees, by your self, or any other, (except in capital Cases) either in Money Sterling, Bills of Exchange, current Money, Tobacco, or by any other Means whatsoever, either as an Attorney, Chamber-Counsellor, Counsellor at Law, Barrister, or under any other Denomination of the Law whatsoever, for Advising, Titleing, Drawing Declaration, Pleading, general or special Retainer, or any other Service whatsoever in the Law, done, had or advised to be done or had, for the Services aforesaid, or thereto in any wise relating, in any of the Courts of Record, Court of Chancery, or other Court or Courts, Jurisdiction or Jurisdictions, established in this Province, any greater or other Fee, Gift, Gratuity or Reward, than such Fee or Fees as are established and enumerated by an Act of Assembly, entituled, An Act to restrain the evil Practices of Attorneys; and to prevent their Taking Money-Fees; and to ascertain what Fees shall be allowed to the Practitioners in the Law, who shall attend the Circuit Courts: But in all Things be conformable to the Act aforesaid. You shall plead no foreign Plea, nor sue any foreign Suit, unlawfully to hurt any Man; but such as shall stand with the Order of the Law, and your Conscience: You shall not wittingly nor willingly sue nor procure to be sued, any false Suit, nor give Aid or Consent to the same, on Pain of being expelled from the Court for ever; And further, you shall use and demean yourself in the Office of an Attorney, within this Court, according to your Learning and Discretion. So help you G O D.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That any Person or Persons, Inhabitants of this Province, who, from and after the End of this present Sessions of Assembly, shall have Occasion to advise with any Attorney or Attorneys, Counsellor or Counsellors in the Law whatsoever, or to commence, prosecute or implead any Person or Persons whatsoever, in any Action or Actions, or to defend him, her or themselves, from any Action or other Procefs whatsoever, before any Court or Courts, Jurisdiction or Jurisdictions of this Province, the Plaintiff at the Return of such Writ, or before Tryal of the said Cause, shall be obliged to take the following Oath, (or Affirmation, if a Quaker) prescribed by this Act, before the Court to which such Writ is returnable, or before some Justice of the Provincial Court, or of the Peace, for the said County, or the County where such Plaintiff doth reside; and to return a Certificate of the same to the said Court; and in Default thereof shall suffer a Non-Suit, if the Defendant appears: And in case the Defendant, on the Return of such Writ, if he shall appear, or before Tryal of such Cause, doth not take the same Oath before the Court, or produce a Certificate of his having so done, before some Magistrate as aforesaid, the Plaintiff having complied with his Part, it shall and may be lawful for the Justices of the several Courts within this Province, on the Plaintiff his making appear his Claim, to give Judgment against such Defendant, as by Default, for such Debt, Damages and Costs, as to them shall seem meet.

Clients or
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make Oath,
before Tryal
of their
Cause, that
they have not
given their
Attorney, &c.
a greater Fee
than is allow-
ed by this
Act.

And to re-
turn a Certi-
ficate of such
Oath, to the
Court,

On Pain of
Debt and
Costs.