

Oath of Plaintiff and Defendant.

Clients Oath. **YOU A B.** do swear that you have not given, caused to be given, or paid, nor wittingly, willingly or designedly give, cause to be given, or pay, either directly or indirectly, unto your Attorney or Attorneys, Counsellors or Advisers, in the Cause now depending between you and C D, in Court, or to any other Person whatsoever, for the Use of your said Attorney or Attorneys, Counsellors or Advisers, any other or larger Fee or Fees, Gratuity or Reward, either for Advice in the said Action, or any other Services thereto relating, than they are allowed to take, by an Act of Assembly, entitled, 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 Practitioners in the Law, who shall attend the Circuit-Courts, according to the best of your Knowledge. So help you GOD.

Certificate of such Oath taken, to be filed by the Clerk of the County. For want whereof, no Court to admit their Causes to be try'd.

A Certificate, of such Person or Persons having taken such Oath or Oaths, or Affirmation, (if a Quaker) of Plaintiff or Defendant, shall be delivered to the Clerk of the County; and the Clerk of the County, *Ex Officio*, is hereby required to file the said Certificate or Certificates. And the Judges or Justices of any Court or Courts, Jurisdiction or Jurisdictions of this Province, are hereby required not to suffer any Cause or Causes, which shall hereafter be commenced, to be prosecuted or defended before them, before the several Oaths, or Affirmation (if a Quaker) appointed by this Law, for Attorneys, Plaintiff and Defendant, have been taken before them, or Certificates thereof returned as aforesaid.

Former Acts repealed.

Proviso for the King and the Lord Proprietor.

Non-residents to comply by their Agents.

Attorneys Fee at Assizes.

And be it further Enacted, by and with the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That all and every Clause or Clauses, Article or Articles, mentioned in any Act of Assembly of this Province heretofore made, relating to the ascertaining and limiting of Attorneys Fees only, be and are hereby declared to be repealed, abrogated and made void, to all Intents, Constructions and Purposes. *Provided*, that this Act, nor any Thing therein contained, shall extend, or be construed to extend, to hinder his Majesty, the Lord Proprietor, or any Person or Persons, not residing within this Province, from bringing and prosecuting to final Judgment or other End thereof, any Action or Actions, as if this Law had never been made.

Provided nevertheless, That the Agents or Attorneys within this Province, of all such Persons, if any they have, (except the Agents and Attorneys of his Royal Majesty, and the Lord Proprietor) be, and are hereby obliged to take the same Oaths as prescribed by this Law to be taken by Plaintiff and Defendant, changing what is needful to be changed.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid, That the several Attorneys practising the Law, who shall hereafter (in Person) attend the Circuit-courts within this Province, shall be allowed to take and receive, as a Fee, for prosecuting or defending any Cause in such Court of Assize, to final End, Agreement or other Determination thereof, the Sum of Four Hundred Pounds of Tobacco, over and above the Fees before by this Act limited for prosecuting an Action in the Provincial Court; any Thing in this Act to the contrary, in any wise notwithstanding.

Provided