Barreau du Québec

1553 – APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL AUTHORIZATION

For a person practising outside Québec (section 42.4 *Professional Code*)

A maximum of 10 applications for authorization may be submitted annually. The Board of Directors has discretion to issue more authorizations if special circumstances warrant.

PART A ■ APPLICANT'S INFORMATION

1. Personal information

Family name: _____ First name: _____

Complete address: _____

2. Professional contact information

Complete address: _____

Teléphone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

3. Bar membership(s)

I am a member of the following bar(s)

Name of the bar: _____ Date of admission: _____

Member number: _____ Status: _____

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Please attach to this application a certificate of good standing issued by the appropriate officer of the bar of which you are a member, attesting that you are authorized to practise law outside Québec. You authorize the Barreau du Québec to make the necessary verifications with your original bar.

4. I am making this application in connection with the following case:

Name of the client: _____

Address of the client: _____

Court: _____ Judicial district: _____

14-digit court file number: _____

Brief description of the case: _____

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☐ Class action: _____

5. I intend to retain the services of a member of the Barreau du Québec to serve as counsel:

YES ☐ NO ☐ Lawyer's name: _____ Member number: _____

Given the rules of civil procedure and the civil law applicable in certain cases, and to protect the public, the Barreau du Québec may request that lawyers applying for special authorization be assisted by legal counsel who is a member of the Barreau du Québec.

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6. I am attaching a certificate from my professional liability insurer guaranteeing that my professional services in connection with the above-mentioned case are insured.

PART B ■ INFORMATION TO THE CLIENT

Knowledge of french and interpreter's costs:

French is the official language of the province of Québec and a party, witness or lawyer may, if he so chooses, express himself in French during judicial proceedings. Furthermore, the right of a party or witness to obtain the assistance of an interpreter, as such right is conferred by section 14 of the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*, generally does not extend to the lawyer for that party or witness and does not contemplate legal persons. Therefore, a unilingual English lawyer may have to bear the costs of an interpreter.

CLIENT'S SIGNATURE REQUIRED: _____

Professional liability insurance:

A Quebec lawyer's coverage for professional liability insurance is $10,000,000.

A Canadian or foreign lawyer who obtains a special authorization to practise law in Québec in a specific case, pursuant to section 42.4 of the *Professional Code*, must have professional liability insurance which the coverage is not necessary of at least $10,000,000.

CLIENT'S SIGNATURE REQUIRED: _____

Special authorization:

A Canadian or foreign lawyer who obtains a special authorization to practise law in Québec, pursuant to section 42.4 of the *Professional Code*, is authorized to practise law in connection with a specific case. He must therefore act within the parameters of said authorization.

CLIENT'S SIGNATURE REQUIRED: _____

Jurisdiction of the local bar:

If a dispute arises regarding the professional services rendered by a Canadian or foreign lawyer who has obtained a special authorization to practise law in Québec, pursuant to section 42.4 of the *Professional Code*, all complaints will have to be submitted to the bar of which that lawyer is a member. The Barreau du Québec has no jurisdiction to deal with any complaint arising from the case.

CLIENT'S SIGNATURE REQUIRED: _____

PART C ■ FEES AND MODE OF PAYMENT

The administrative fee is $253. Any renewal application is free of charge.

CREDIT CARD PAYMENT (Visa or Mastercard): please visit www.barreau.qc.ca/paiement and select form **#1553**.

PART D ■ CONSENT TO THE COMMUNICATION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

The Ministry of Justice and the Ministry of Public Security have reinforced the security of some courthouses. Security controls including detection devices have been installed at the entrance of some buildings or secured areas, including Montreal courthouse and the Court of appeal in Montréal.

The Ministry of Justice grants authorizations to access these courthouses to members of the Barreau du Québec or Canadian or foreign lawyers holding a special authorization granted by the Barreau du Québec.

I consent to the communication of personal information collected in this application (sections A1 to A3) by the Barreau du Québec to the Ministry of Justice in order to obtain an authorization to access courthouses.

SIGNATURE OF THE LAWYER: _____

PART E ■ AUTHORIZATION AND DECLARATION

I undertake to practise law in Québec in accordance with this special authorization.

I undertake to abide by all the obligations set out in *An Act respecting the Barreau du Québec*, the *Code of ethics of advocates* and the other regulations of the Barreau du Québec.

I agree to indicate to the Barreau du Québec, **immediately**, any change in the information provided in this application.

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Signature of the applicant

Commissionner of Oaths

Solemnly affirmed before me at _____, this _____ day of _____ of the year _____.

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(Commissioner of Oaths)

No. of the Commissioner: _____

Special authorization to practise duly granted on _____

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President of the Barreau du Québec

This authorization is valid only for this case, until a final judgment has been rendered within a period of 12 months. It can be renewed.

RETURN BY EMAIL: permis@barreau.qc.ca

☐ this duly completed form ☐ a certificate of good standing

☐ a professional liability insurance certificate ☐ the payment receipt*

Secretariat of Order

* Please note that the administrative fee is only required once a year, for the period from January 1st to December 31. If you have already made the payment for the current year, please attach proof of payment.