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### THE BAR.

Some new by-laws were adopted by the General Council of the Bar on the 8th of the present month, and as these regulations furnish an answer to certain questions recently put by correspondents in relation to rules of professional conduct, solicitation of business, etc., we think it may be useful to place them before our readers. They are as follows:—

#### MAINTENANCE OF DISCIPLINE, HONOR AND DIGNITY.

##### V.

No member of the Bar shall at any time or on any pretext whatever, or for any purpose whatever, commit any or either of the acts prohibited in the next following Article; and members are hereby forbidden from exercising any profession, trade or industry other than the profession of Advocate, Solicitor, Barrister, Proctor, Attorney and Counsel-at-Law; and members are hereby forbidden to hold any office of profit or emolument, or employment whatever outside of the said profession of Law, (except those mentioned in Article IX of these By-Laws), or voluntarily to perform or assist in the performance of any act, service or duty appertaining to any office hereby forbidden, or any act usually performed by any such office holder or public functionary; and any member contravening this article shall be deemed and held to have committed a breach of the discipline of this Corporation, and shall be liable to punishment as provided in Section 25 of the said Cap. 27, 44 and 45 Vic., the whole subject, nevertheless, to the provisions of Article X of these By-Laws.

##### VI.

Whereas every member of the Bar owes to his fellow members the obligation of governing his life and conduct in accordance with the principles of honor, justice and morality, it is hereby declared that each of the following acts, when committed by a member of the Bar, is derogatory to the honor and dignity of the legal profession, to wit:

1°. Improperly revealing any secret of the profession, or any communication imparted in confidence by a client.

2°. Communicating to the newspapers or for publication any imperfect or false report of proceedings before the courts, or any report, with intent to injure or degrade a *confrère*.

3°. Practising any deceit or surprise upon a *confrère* with a view to gain in a pending cause an advantage which there is good reason for believing could not be gained without such improper practice.

4°. Abandoning a client on the day or on the eve of the trial of his cause, without having previously given him the opportunity of engaging other professional aid.

5°. Acquiring a litigious right, or a debt of any kind, with the intent and purpose of instituting legal proceedings thereon, and of earning fees therefrom.

6°. Soliciting clients, or business, or bargaining in any way with an *officier ministériel* or with an *agent d'affaires*.

7°. Accepting a salary in lieu of the regular tariff fees which, in exchange for the salary, are abandoned to the client, or making in advance any arrangement whereby a reduction or composition of the regular tariff fees may be effected.

8°. Dividing fees with a client for the sake of retaining his business, or making any arrangement whereby clients shall participate or have an interest in the fees.

9°. Undertaking any professional business under an arrangement to participate in the result, or agreeing, or consenting to trust to the result for remuneration, or in any way to speculate in or upon the result of litigation.

10°. Wrongfully withholding any monies, papers, books, documents or property belonging to clients or others.

11°. And any member who shall be convicted of any or either of the said acts, or of any action which the Council of a Section, on the trial of a complaint, shall deem to be derogatory to the honor and dignity of the profession, shall be liable to punishment, as set forth in section 25, cap. 27, 44 and 45 Vic., the whole subject, nevertheless, to the provisions of Article X of these By-Laws.

##### VII.

The exercise, for the purpose of profit or gain, of any profession other than that of an Advocate, Solicitor, Barrister, Proctor, Attorney, or Counsel-at-law, and the exercise of any trade or