

# THE ONTARIO CABINET LAWYER.

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## CHAPTER I.

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### AFFIDAVITS.

An affidavit is a sworn, written statement of facts. Where persons entertain conscientious scruples about taking an oath, an affirmation may be made. The only difference between an affidavit and an affirmation, is this; the one is sworn to be true, the other is affirmed. The penalties for making a false affidavit or a false affirmation are identical.

Affidavits should be written in words at length. It is advisable not to use figures in the body of the affidavit, although they may be used in the jurat. If any interlineations or erasures are made, the initials of the person before whom the affidavit is sworn should be put in the margin opposite such interlineations or erasures. If it is necessary to erase any words in an affidavit, do so with the pen and not with the knife.