

Those formalities constitute notice of the date fixed for the hearing.

**23.** Immediately upon any discontinuance of suit, the interested parties shall so inform the clerk in writing.

#### DIVISION VIII HEARING

**24.** The hearings of the Tribunal shall begin at 10:00 a.m. or at any other time fixed by the Tribunal.

**25.** In each term, cases shall be pleaded in the order in which they appear on the roll, unless the Tribunal decides otherwise.

**26.** If no party is ready to plead when a case is called, the Tribunal shall strike the case from the roll, postpone it or dismiss the appeal.

If only the appellant is ready to plead, the Tribunal shall hear the pleadings or postpone the case.

If only the respondent is ready to plead, the Tribunal shall strike the case from the roll, postpone it or dismiss the appeal.

**27.** In matters contested on the merits, no member of the Bar is authorized to address the Tribunal unless wearing either a black gown with a black jacket, dark trousers and white shirt, collar and bands, or a black gown closed in front with a raised neck opening, long sleeves and a white band.

Instead of the foregoing, a female advocate may wear a black gown and white bands with a black long-sleeved dress or a dark skirt or dark trousers and a white long-sleeved blouse.

**28.** In matters contested on the merits, no articulated student is authorized to address the Tribunal unless wearing either a black gown with a dark suit, white shirt and dark tie, or a black gown closed in front with a raised neck opening and long sleeves.

Instead of the foregoing, a female articulated student may wear a black gown with a dark skirt or dark trousers and a long-sleeved white blouse or dark clothes.

**29.** The reading of newspapers, the taking of photographs, cinematography, radio and television broadcasting are prohibited during the hearing. Sound recording of the proceedings is also prohibited, except for the recording made by the Tribunal.

#### DIVISION IX RETURN OF RECORD

**30.** Within 30 days of the final decision of the Tribunal, the clerk of the Tribunal shall return to the secretary the original of the record referred to in section 164 or 182.2 of the Professional Code.

**31.** These Rules replace the Rules of practice of the Professions Tribunal (R.R.Q., 1981, c. C-26, r. 6).

**32.** These Rules come into force on 1 September 1996.  
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Gouvernement du Québec

#### O.C. 969-96, 7 August 1996

An Act respecting the Ministère de la Métropole (1996, c. 13)

#### Signing of certain documents

Rules respecting the signing of certain documents of the Ministère de la Métropole

WHEREAS the Act respecting the Ministère de la Métropole (1996, c. 13) was assented to on 20 June 1996 and came into force on 20 June 1996;

WHEREAS under the second paragraph of section 16 of the Act respecting the Ministère de la Métropole (1996, c. 13), no deed, document or writing is binding on the Minister or may be attributed to him unless it is signed by him, the Deputy Minister, a member of the personnel of the department or the holder of a position and, in the latter two cases, only so far as determined by the Government;

IT IS ORDERED, therefore, on the recommendation of the Minister of State for Metropolitan Montréal:

THAT the Rules respecting the signing of certain documents of the Ministère de la Métropole, attached to this Order in Council, be made.

MICHEL CARPENTIER,  
*Clerk of the Conseil exécutif*

## Rules respecting the signing of certain documents of the Ministère de la Métropole

An Act respecting the Ministère de la Métropole (1996, c. 13, s. 16)

**1.** Subject to any other conditions of validity that may be prescribed by law, any document signed as authorized below by the members of the personnel of the Ministère de la Métropole holding the positions listed below, even in a temporary capacity, binds the Minister of State for Metropolitan Montréal as if signed by him.

**2.** The Assistant Deputy Ministers are authorized to sign, each of them for the sector of activities under his responsibility and up to \$50 000,

(1) supply contracts;

(2) construction contracts;

(3) rental contracts;

(4) services contracts; and

(5) any administrative document related to the contracts listed in paragraphs 1 to 4.

**3.** The secretary of the Department and responsible for administration is authorized to sign, for all the Department and up to \$50 000,

(1) supply contracts;

(2) construction contracts;

(3) rental contracts;

(4) services contracts;

(5) any administrative document related to the contracts listed in paragraphs 1 to 4; and

(6) any document including an application or a commitment by the Department to the Société immobilière du Québec.

**4.** The Director of Public Affairs and the Director of Governmental Relations are authorized to sign each of them for their respective direction and for the activities under their responsibilities, up to \$2 000,

(1) services contracts; and

(2) contracts for the rental of equipment and space.

**5.** For the purposes of section 18 of the Act respecting the Ministère de la Métropole (1996, c. 13), the secretary of the department and responsible for administration is authorized to certify as authentic any copy of a document emanating from the Department or forming part of its records.

**6.** These Rules come into force on the date of their publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

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