

THE COLLEGE OF MASTER ADVOCATES & BARRISTERS

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THE TRADITIONAL WAY TO ANNOUNCE YOUR EXPERIENCE IN THE ART OF TRIAL ADVOCACY

ABOUT THE COLLEGE: In England, and most common law jurisdictions, specialized trial lawyers hold the title of Barrister and the more senior and experienced barristers can "take silk" and become **Queen's Counsel (Q.C.)** or **Senior Counsel (S.C.)**. The College is a group that was formed to certify and recognize advocates who have demonstrated experience in the art of Trial Advocacy. Membership levels are based on the models of the English and other common law bars, whose hierarchies recognized experience and high standards of written and oral advocacy among trial advocates.

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS: There are two categories of membership:

- 1) **SENIOR COUNSEL**---This category is based on the concept of **Queen's Counsel** or **Senior Counsel** in Common Law Jurisdictions, it requires at least 6 years of post admission experience in addition to appearing as an Advocate in over 75 contested proceedings. (Contested proceedings include representation of a client in an adversarial setting such as a bench or jury trial, tribunal hearing, arbitration, mediation, motion hearing, or appeal).
- 2) **BARRISTER**---Requires at least 2 years post admission experience and over 30 appearances as an Advocate in contested proceedings.

WHAT IS THE COST OF MEMBERSHIP?: There is a one-time **LIFE MEMBERSHIP** certification fee per membership category. \$200 Senior Counsel and \$150 Barrister (Barrister members may upgrade to Senior Counsel when qualified for \$50). **THERE ARE NO ANNUAL DUES.**

APPLICATION

NAME (as it should appear on certificate): _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ FAX: _____

YEAR OF BAR ADMISSION: _____ JURISDICTION: _____

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY (Please check membership category applied for):

BARRISTER _____ **\$150** **SENIOR COUNSEL** _____ **\$200**

I hereby affirm, on my honor, that I am qualified for membership in the category for which I have applied. I further agree that I will not use or advertise my Membership of the College in any way inconsistent with the Code of Professional Conduct in the Jurisdiction(s) where I am admitted. I will not act nor purport to act on behalf of the College. I have attached relevant supporting information to show that I am qualified for the level of membership for which I am applying.

DATE: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

Please mail your application with your check or money order made payable to:
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