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1 requiring the Appellant, the Law Society of British
2 Columbia, to consider his application for call to the Bar
3 and admission as a solicitor according to law.
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7 Mr. Andrews' petition was dismissed by the British
8 Columbia Supreme Court. Mr. Justice Taylor held that the
9 citizenship requirement in the Barristers and Solicitors Act
10 was not inconsistent with s. 15 of the Charter.
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17 The British Columbia Court of Appeal allowed
18 Mr. Andrews' appeal, declared that the Canadian citizenship
19 requirement in the Barristers and Solicitors Act was
20 inconsistent with s. 15 of the Charter and ordered that the
21 Law Society of British Columbia consider his application for
22 call and admission according to law.
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31 Mr. Andrews has since been called to the bar and
32 admitted as a solicitor in the Province of British Columbia
33 pursuant to the Order of the Court of Appeal. He is
34 presently applying for Canadian citizenship.
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41 In order that the issue in this case not become
42 moot, Mrs. Gorel Elizabeth Kinersly was added as a party to
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1 these proceedings pursuant to an Order of this Court.
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4 Mrs. Kinersly is an articled student in the
5 Province of British Columbia. She is an American citizen.
6 She obtained a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Carlton College,
7 Northfield, Minnesota, U.S.A., and in 1982 received a J.D.
8 Degree from the Northwestern School of Law of Lewis & Clark
9 College in Portland, Oregon, U.S.A.
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18 Mrs. Kinersly became a landed immigrant and
19 permanent resident of Canada in March of 1985. Because of
20 the three year residency requirement she will not be
21 eligible to apply for Canadian citizenship before March 15,
22 1988. If the Canadian citizenship requirement in the
23 Barristers & Solicitors Act is upheld by this Court, it is
24 her intention to serve her residency requirement and obtain
25 Canadian citizenship in order that she may practice law in
26 the Province of British Columbia.
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PART II

POINTS IN ISSUE

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5 1. Does the Canadian citizenship requirement to be a
6 lawyer in the Province of British Columbia as set out in
7 section 42 of the Barristers & Solicitors Act, R.S.B.C.
8 1979, c. 26 infringe or deny the rights guaranteed by
9 section 15(1) of the Canadian Charter of Rights and
10 Freedoms?
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19 2. If the Canadian citizenship requirement to be a
20 lawyer in the Province of British Columbia as set out in
21 section 42 of the Barristers & Solicitors Act, R.S.B.C.
22 1979, c. 26 infringes or denies the rights guaranteed by
23 section 15(1) of the Canadian Charter of Rights and
24 Freedoms, is it justified by section 1 of the Canadian
25 Charter of Rights and Freedoms?
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PART III

ARGUMENT

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1. CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP

Canadian citizenship was well described by Mr. Justice Taylor in his reasons, at 22 D.L.R. (4th) 19-20 as follows:

"A Canadian citizen is a person who by virtue either of birth or subsequent naturalization enjoys a special connection with this country. Canadian citizens alone have the constitutional right under Section 6 of the Charter to enter and leave Canada at will and under Section 3 of the Charter to participate in the process of parliamentary government, nationally and provincially. From an essentially legalistic perspective it might be contended that there are no recognized responsibilities attaching to citizenship, but I do not think it proper, certainly in the present context, to adopt that narrow view. There are duties of citizenship which have meaning to most people without the need of statutory definition or punitive sanctions. Voluntary recognition of these duties is essential in a community founded on principles of freedom and democracy, because to set them down in a statute and enforce them by threat of punishment would itself be contrary to those principles. Citizenship is, I think, a privilege which is understood to carry with it commitments to promote the security and welfare of the country, and to protect the way of life in which Canadians have come to believe, which are not expected of a permanent resident, even a resident sworn to allegiance. A citizen is a part of the country, a resident non-citizen never really more than an attachment to it."

2. THE ROLE OF THE LAWYER

1 Mr. Justice Taylor eloquently and accurately
2 described the role and responsibilities of being a lawyer as
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4 follows (at D.L.R. p.20):
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10 "A barrister and solicitor has the authority,
11 at his own discretion, to issue subpoenas and
12 writs in the name of the sovereign in
13 connection with matters in which has no
14 personal interest at all. He or she has the
15 power to compel others to answer allegations,
16 to produce documents, to attend for
17 examination and to answer questions about
18 their personal affairs. Those who fail to
19 respond to a writ or subpoena, or to answer on
20 examination, may be liable to execution, fine
21 or imprisonment. These dangerous powers of
22 the state are entrusted to the barrister and
23 solicitor solely for proper purposes of the
24 administration of justice, and they carry
25 heavy responsibilities. The duties of
26 barristers and solicitors have never been
27 though to be limited to the interests of their
28 clients. They owe important duties also to
29 the community. A member of the legal
30 profession has a duty to protect the system of
31 justice from abuse, scrupulously to respect
32 the laws of the land, to guard the rights of
33 the individual and to give his or her
34 assistance to the court. The common law, a
35 continually developing body of non-statutory
36 rules governing relations between citizen and
37 citizen and between citizen and state, is a
38 legacy committed as much to the care of the
39 legal profession as to the judges. Both are
40 trustees also of those important liberties
41 which have now in part been proclaimed in the
42 Charter, most particularly the right of
43 everyone to equal protection of the law.
44 These important responsibilities must be
45 discharged by members of the profession not
46 only in the courts but also in giving advice
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in their law offices and in such activities as
the work of their professional bodies and the
continuing process of law reform."

The position of lawyers in our society was
forcefully stated by this court in Attorney General of
Canada v. Law Society of British Columbia [1962] 2 S.C.R.
307 per Estey, J. at pp.335-36:

"There are many reasons why a province might
well turn its legislative action towards the
regulation of members of the law profession.
These members are officers of the
provincially-organized courts; they are the
object of public trust daily; the nature of
the services they bring to the public makes
the valuation of those services by the
unskilled public difficult; the quality of
service is the most sensitive area of service
regulation and the quality of legal services
is a matter difficult of judgment. The
independence of the Bar from the State in all
its pervasive manifestations is one of the
hallmarks of a free society. Consequently,
regulation of these members of the law
profession by the State must, so far as by
human ingenuity it can be so designed, be free
from State interference, in the political
sense, with the delivery of services to the
individual citizens in the State, particularly
in fields of public and criminal law. The
public interest in a free society knows no
area more sensitive than the independence,
impartiality and availability to the general
public of the members of the Bar and through
those members, legal advice and services
generally."

3. SECTION 15 OF THE CHARTER

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2 15.(1) Every individual is equal before and
3 under the law and has the right to the equal
4 protection and equal benefit of the law
5 without discrimination and, in particular,
6 without discrimination based on race, national
7 or ethnic origin, colour, religion, sex, age
8 or mental or physical disability.
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10 (2) Subsection (1) does not preclude any
11 law, program or activity that has as its
12 object the amelioration of conditions of
13 disadvantaged individuals or groups including
14 those that are disadvantaged because of race,
15 national or ethnic origin, colour, religion,
16 sex, age or mental or physical disability.
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20 4. EQUALITY

21 The idea of equality can be traced to Aristotle.
22 See "Defining Equality Rights", Bayefsky, in Equality Rights
23 and The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms (1985) ed.
24 by Bayefsky and Eberts, at p. 2, text acc. nn 1-5.
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31 Stanley I. Benn, in the article on equality in the
32 Encyclopaedia of Philosophy, summarizes the history of the
33 concept in these terms:
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38 "This history has two noteworthy features.
39 First, there is a recurrent theme, the idea of
40 a universal but imprecisely defined equality:
41 behind all differences of talents, merits, and
42 social advantages there is some
43 characteristically human nature by virtue of
44 which all men are equal. Second, the focus of
45 egalitarianism has shifted continuously, now
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1 attacking the differential treatment of
2 barbarian and Greek, now of freeman and slave,
3 noble and commoner, black and white, rich and
4 poor, male and female. Egalitarianism might
5 be said not so much to assert equality as to
6 deny the justice of some existing inequality
7 of treatment based on some allegedly
8 irrelevant differences of quality or
9 circumstance."

10 "A system is said to be unequal only if the
11 differences in privilege are considered
12 unjustifiable because they are irrelevantly
13 grounded or because the qualifications for
14 assuming a role are unduly restrictive (for
15 instance, if a white skin is a necessary
16 condition for voting rights)."

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20 It is submitted that the weight of authority of
21 Canadian cases which have thus far interpreted Section 15(1)
22 of the Charter is that equality means that those persons who
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24 are equally situated shall be treated equally. In Regina v.
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26 R.L. (1986) 26 C.C.C. (3d) 417 (Ont. C.A.) Morden, J.A. for
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28 the court said at 424-425:
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33 "The basic nature of the right or rights
34 conferred by s. 15 requires some examination.
35 The essentially relational nature of equality
36 has been described as follows. 'The concept
37 of equality is, by definition, relational or
38 comparative. A person can only be found to be
39 equal in relation to or in comparison with
40 some other criterion.' Monroe H. Freedman,
41 'Equality in the Administration of Criminal
42 Justice', Nomos IX (1967) 250 at pp.253-4.
43 The concern for equality is that those who are
44 similarly situated with respect to the purpose
45 of the law be treated similarly: see Tussman
46 and tenBroek, 'The Equal Protection of the
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1 Laws', 37 Cal.L.Rev. 341 (1948), and Re
2 McDonald and The Queen (1985), 21 C.C.C. (3d)
3 330 at pp.349-50, 21 D.L.R. (4th) 397, 51 O.R.
4 (2d) 745 at p. 765 (C.A.) referring to the
5 Tussman and tenBroek article."

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8 See also:

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11 Re McDonald and The Queen (1985) 51 O.R. (2d)
12 745; 21 D.L.R. (4d) 397; 47 C.R. (3d) 355, 21
13 C.C.C. (3d) 330; 16 C.R.R. 361 (Ont. C.A.).

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15 Reference Re An Act to Amend the Education Act
16 (1986) 53 O.R. (2d) 513; 25 D.L.R. (4d) 1
17 (Ont. C.A.) Chief Justice Howland and Robins,
18 J.A. in a dissenting judgment (but on a point
19 not addressed by the majority) at 554-5 O.R.,
20 42-3 D.L.R.

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22 Regina v. Swain (1986) 50 C.R. (3d) 97 at 148;
23 18 C.R.R. 209 at 248-49; 53 O.R. (2d) 609 at
24 646-47 at 148 (Ont. C.A.).

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26 Re Blainey and Ontario Hockey Association
27 (1986) 54 O.R. (2d) 513 at 524; 10 C.P.R. (2d)
28 450 at 461, 10 O.A.C. 194.

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30 Rebic v. Collver Prov. J. [1986] 4 W.W.R. 401
31 at 422-23, (1986) 2 B.C.L.R. (2d) 364 at 385-6
32 (B.C.C.A.).

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34 Regina v. Hamilton (1987) 57 O.R. (2d) 412 at
35 429-30 (Ont. C.A.).

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38 The same approach to equality was taken by the
39 British Columbia Court of Appeal in this case, and the
40 Appellant takes no issue with the point on this appeal.
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45 Andrews v. Law Society of British Columbia,
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[1986] 4 W.W.R. 242 at 248, (1986) 27 D.L.R. (4th) 600 at 605; 2 B.C.L.R. (2d) 305 at 311 (B.C.C.A.).

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6 5. DISCRIMINATION

7 Section 15(1) uses the words "without discrimina-
8 tion". What does "discrimination" mean in this context?
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13 The issue here was stated but not answered by
14 Morden, J.A. in Re McDonald and The Queen (1985) 51 O.R.
15 (2d) 745 at 763-4; 21 D.L.R. (4th) 397 at 415-6 (Ont. C.A.):
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20 "At the outset I should deal very briefly with
21 one particular question relating to what
22 amounts to an infringement of rights under s.
23 15 having regard to its particular wording.
24 On the one hand, the section can be read as
25 provided that there is no infringement unless
26 there is unequal treatment resulting from
27 discrimination, that is, discrimination in the
28 sense of invidiousness - unjustifiability,
29 unreasonableness or irrelevance. On this
30 approach, putting it in its simplest terms,
31 there would be no infringement unless the
32 person alleging infringement could show an
33 inequality that was unreasonably imposed: see
34 Gold, 'A Principled Approach to Equality
35 Rights', 4 Supreme Court L.R. 131 (1982), at
36 pp. 151-3, where this approach discussed (sic)
37 on the basis that 'the equality rights ... in
38 the Charter contain within them a
39 non-absolutist conception' without reference
40 in this part of the article to the words
41 'without discrimination'. On the other hand,
42 it has been argued that discrimination should
43 be read in a neutral sense, as meaning merely
44 distinction or classification, with the result
45 that 's.15 should be interpreted as providing
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1 for the universal application of every law.
2 Where a law draws a distinction between
3 individuals, on any ground, that distinction
4 is sufficient to constitute a breach of s.15,
5 and to move the constitutional issue to s.1
6 [to consider whether the law is justified]:
7 Hogg, Constitutional Law of Canada, 2nd ed.
8 (1985), pp. 799-801. Since, in my view, the
9 result of this appeal would be the same no
10 matter which approach is followed, I need not,
11 beyond noting that this issue exists, express
12 a concluded opinion on it."
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16 In the case under appeal, the British Columbia
17 Court of Appeal rejected the proposition that the word
18 "discrimination" is used in s.15 in the sense of "neutral
19 distinction", in favour of the "pejorative" connotation.
20 (Supra W.W.R. 248-252) The Court of Appeal adopted the
21 following test:
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28 "The ultimate question is whether a
29 fair-minded person, weighing the purposes of
30 legislation against its effects on the
31 individuals adversely affected and giving due
32 weight to the right of the legislature to pass
33 laws for the good of all, would conclude that
34 the legislative means adopted are unreasonable
35 or unfair."
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40 The reasoning of the British Columbia Court of
41 Appeal and the above quoted test were adopted by the Ontario
42 Court of Appeal for the case before it in Century 21 Ramos
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1 Realty v. The Queen, unreported, No. 592/85, Feb. 27, 1987,
2 at pp. 34-36.
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5 The test was put similarly in the Queen v.
6 LeGallant [1986] 6 W.W.R. 372, 47 C.R. (3d) 170; (1986) 6
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8 B.C.L.R. (2d) 105 (B.C.C.A.) per Hinkson, J.A. for the Court
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10 at W.W.R. 380:
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15 "The decisions of this Court to which I have
16 referred have concluded that discrimination
17 involves the drawing of an unreasonable or
18 unjustifiable distinction. The question to be
19 answered in determining whether or not a law
20 is discriminatory is whether the law is
21 reasonable or fair, having regard to its
22 purpose and effect. Involved in this approach
23 there is the consideration that a law may be
24 discriminatory if it treats some persons
25 unduly prejudicially."
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28 The above quoted test was also cited with approval
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30 in Century 21 Ramos Realty v. The Queen, supra, at page 35.
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32 The court also cited The European Court of Human Rights in
33 the Belgian Linguistic case (1968) 1 E.H.R.R. 252 at 284
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35 adopting the pejorative meaning of "without discrimination":
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40 "...[T]he principle of equality of treatment
41 is violated if the distinction has no
42 objective and reasonable justification. The
43 existence of such a justification must be
44 assessed in relation to the aim and effects of
45 the measure under consideration, regard being
46 had to the principles which normally prevail
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1 in democratic societies. A difference of
2 treatment in the exercise of a right laid down
3 in the convention must not only pursue a
4 legitimate aim: Article 14 is likewise
5 violated when it is clearly established that
6 there is no reasonable relationship of
7 proportionality between the means employed and
8 the aim sought to be realised."
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10 For other cases which have adopted the same or a
11 similar approach see:
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15 Rebic v. Collyer, supra, (B.C.C.A.) at W.W.R.
16 420-421.
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18 Re Aluminum Co. and The Queen, (1986) 55 O.R.
19 (2d) 522 (Ont. D.C.) Montgomery, J. for the
20 majority at 532.
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24 The Appellant submits that the word "discrimina-
25 tion" in s.15 is used in its pejorative sense.
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30 There are appellate court decisions which are not
31 in keeping with the above tests: Shewchuk v. Ricard [1986]
32 4 W.W.R. 289, (1986) 28 D.L.R. (4th) 429, 2 B.C.L.R. (2d)
33 324 (B.C.C.A.) per Macfarlane, J.A. for the majority. Note
34 that Nemetz, C.J.B.C. dissented on this point and chose the
35 pejorative connotation of the word "discrimination". His
36 judgment was later followed in The Queen v. LeGallant,
37 supra. See also: Smith, Kline & French Laboratories
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1 Limited v. Attorney General of Canada (F.C.A.) unreported
2 December 9, 1986 No. A-909-85, Hugessen, J. for the Court at
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4 pp. 10-11.
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8 6. PROPORTIONALITY
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10 Note that a sense of proportionality is involved in
11 all the above quoted decisions on discrimination. In the
12 case under appeal, the Court of Appeal indicated that one of
13 the tasks for the court is to weigh the purposes of the
14 legislation against the effects on persons adversely
15 affected. In R. v. LeGallant, Hinkson, J.A. said that one
16 should look at the purpose and effect of the law to see if
17 it treated some persons "unduly prejudicially". In the
18 Belgian Linguistic case the court used the expression "no
19 reasonable relationship of proportionality" between the aim
20 of the legislation and the means employed.
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34 On the subject of proportionality, Lysyk, J. in
35 Wilson v. Medical Services Commission of British Columbia,
36 (1987) 9 B.C.L.R. (2d) 350 (S.C.) at 55-60 cautions against
37 applying the exacting test of proportionality under Section
38 1 of the Charter formulated in R. v. Oakes [1986] 1 S.C.R.
39 103 at 139-140. His reasoning is that a Section 1 analysis
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1 should be strict because there has already been a breach of
2 a right or freedom before Section 1 comes into play; whereas
3 such is not the starting point for the Section 15 analysis.
4 Further support for this will be found in Section 9 of this
5 Factum.
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12 7. LEGISLATIVE PURPOSES
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14 The legislated classifications which make differ-
15 entiations between people must be tied to some valid
16 legislative purpose. If the purpose is offensive to the
17 Charter then, of course, the legislation must fall. If the
18 purpose is valid, then it is submitted that the means used
19 in the legislation must not be arbitrary or capricious. Put
20 another way, they must not be unreasonable or unfair.
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29 In this respect, the leading decision in its
30 application to the Charter has become the Canadian Bill of
31 Rights case MacKay v. The Queen [1980] 2 S.C.R. 370,
32 particularly the concurring reasons of MacIntyre, J. (for
33 himself and Dickson, J.) where he said at page 407:
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41 "There are many such cases where the needs of
42 society and the welfare of its members dictate
43 inequality for the achievement of socially
44 desirable purposes. It would be difficult, if
45 not impossible, to propound an all-embracing
46 test to determine what departures from the
47 general principle of the equal application of
law would be acceptable to meet a desirable

1 social purpose without offence to the Canadian
2 Bill of Rights. I would be of the opinion,
3 however, that as a minimum it would be
4 necessary to inquire whether any inequality
5 has been created rationally in the sense that
6 it is not arbitrary or capricious and not
7 based upon any ulterior motive or motives
8 offensive to the provisions of the Canadian
9 Bill of Rights, and whether it is a necessary
10 departure from the general principle of
11 universal application of the law for the
12 attainment of some necessary and desirable
13 social objective. Inequalities created for
14 such purposes may well be acceptable under the
15 Canadian Bill of Rights."

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18 Cases in which MacKay v. The Queen, supra, has
19 been cited with apparent approval include the following:
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23 The Queen v. LeGallant, supra, (B.C.C.A.)
24 Hinkson, J.A. At W.W.R. 379.

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26 Rebic v. Colver, supra, (B.C.C.A.) Esson,
27 J.A. for the majority at W.W.R. 420.

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29 The Queen v. Hamilton, supra, (Ont. C.A.)
30 Dubin, J.A. at 437.

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32 Regina v. Killen (1986) 24 C.C.C. (3d) 40,
33 (1986) 25 D.L.R. (4th) 192 (N.S.S.C., App.
34 Div.) Macdonald, J.A. at C.C.C. 47-48.

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38 The Appellant generally agrees that the approach in
39 MacKay v. The Queen may properly be applied to the Charter,
40 subject to the observations in Section 9 of this Factum.
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8. RELEVANCE

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2 It is submitted that in considering whether people
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4 are similarly situated, the inquiry is whether or not they
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6 differ in characteristics which are relevant to the purpose
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8 of the law under consideration. This point is made by
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10 Professor H.L.A. Hart in The Concept of Law (1961). He
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12 says, at p.155, that, while "treat like cases alike and
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14 different cases differently" is a "central element in the
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16 idea of justice", the precept:

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20 "is by itself incomplete and, until supple-
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22 mented, cannot afford any determinate guide to
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24 conduct. This is so because any set of human
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26 beings will resemble each other in some
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28 respects and differ from each other in others
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30 and, until it is established what resemblance
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32 and differences are relevant, 'Treat like
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34 cases alike' must remain an empty form. To
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36 fill it we must know when, for the purposes in
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38 hand, cases are to be regarded as alike and
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40 what differences are relevant."

(emphasis added)

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42 For example, the purpose of the driver's licence provisions
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44 of motor vehicle statutes is the safety of users of
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46 highways. The ability to see and the disability of
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blindness are both clearly relevant to that purpose. Those
characteristics are not however relevant for other purposes,
such as the right to vote in a municipal election.

The inquiry into relevance permeates the case law.

For some examples note the following:

Regina v. R.L. (1986) 26 C.C.C. (3d) 417
(Ont. C.A.) Morden, J.A. for the court at 425:

"The concern for equality is that those who are similarly situated with respect to the purpose of the law be treated similarly;"

(emphasis added)

and at p.431:

"Since an adult and the respondent are not similarly situated in a sense relevant to the purpose of the law making the distinction between them, it appears reasonably clear to me that no case has been made that s.52 of the Young Offenders Act breaches, s.15 of the Charter."

Andrews v. Law Society, supra, (B.C.C.A.)
McLachlin, J.A. at W.W.R. 253-59.

Rebic v. Colver, supra, (B.C.C.A.) Esson,
J.A. at W.W.R. 422-24.

In the jurisprudence on the equality provisions of the Canadian Bill of Rights the importance of the concept of relevance was recognized. In Bliss v. A.G. Can [1979] 1 S.C.R. 183, 192 Ritchie, J. referred to and applied this test, formulated by Pratte, J. in the Federal Court of Appeal:

"...the right to equality before the law could be defined as the right of an individual to be

1 treated as well by the legislation as others
2 who, if only relevant facts were taken into
3 consideration, would be judged to be in the
4 same situation."
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7 Ritchie, J. continued:
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10 "Mr. Justice Pratte concluded that where
11 difference in treatment of individuals is
12 based on a relevant distinction, the right to
13 equality before the law would not be
14 offended."
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18 Beetz, J. (McIntyre, J. conc.), in dissent in The Queen v.
19 Beauregard [1986] 2 S.C.R. 56, 106-107, emphasized the
20 importance of this test in the Bill of Rights equality
21 cases.
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28 9. DIVIDING LINE BETWEEN LEGISLATURES AND THE COURTS

29 It is submitted that the courts should be careful
30 to leave scope for the legislatures and Parliament to decide
31 what social objectives are necessary and desirable. This,
32 of course, does not mean that the courts should shrink from
33 stepping in where motives offensive to the provisions of the
34 Charter are concerned. Apart from that however, it is
35 submitted that it is far more difficult for the courts to
36 determine what legislative policies are "desirable" and what
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1 ones are not. As was pointed out by Taylor, J. in Harrison
2 v. University of British Columbia [1986] 6 W.W.R. 7 at 12,
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4 (1986) 30 D.L.R. (4th) 206 at 210:
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6 "The present case may serve, perhaps, to
7 emphasize that the courts lack both the
8 exposure to public opinion required in order
9 to discharge the essentially 'political' task
10 of weighing social or economic interests and
11 deciding between them, and also the ability to
12 gather the information they would need for
13 that task."
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17 This observation can equally be applied to the
18 means chosen to achieve the purpose of the legislation. In
19 this context, it is submitted that the approach of Strayer,
20 J. in Smith, Kline & French Laboratories v. the Attorney
21 General of Canada (1986) 24 D.L.R. (4th) 321, [1986] 1 F.C.
22 274, is apposite:
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30 "The question then remains as to whether the
31 means are rationally related to the
32 achievement of that objective.
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34 In deciding this issue it is necessary first
35 to make two observations. Since s.1 of the
36 Charter is not in issue here, the presumption
37 of validity of the legislation still applies,
38 which means that the onus is on the plaintiffs
39 to demonstrate that the means are not
40 appropriate. Further in judging that
41 question, it is not for the courts to weigh
42 the evidence finely to ascertain if the means
43 chosen are perfect or even the best available.
44 The choice among various possible means is and
45 should remain a political choice: all the
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1 court should do is to see whether the means
2 chosen are patently unsuited or inappropriate
3 for the purpose, and if not then the choice of
4 the Legislature should be respected."
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7 In Quebec Association of Protestant School Boards
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9 v. Attorney General of Quebec (No. 2) (1982) 140 D.L.R. (3d)
10 33 (Quebec S.C.) [aff'd [1983] C.A. 77; aff'd [1984] 2
11 S.C.R. 66] Deschenes C.J.S.C. at p. 77 said:
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15 "The courts must not yield to the temptation
16 of too readily substituting their opinion for
17 that of legislature."
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22 In Regina v. Saxell (1980) 59 C.C.C. (2d) 176 (Ont.
23 C.A.) Weatherstone, J.A. at page 187 said in respect of the
24 Canadian Bill of Rights:
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28 "It may well be that in individual cases that
29 underlying assumption is not valid, but that
30 does not mean that the legislative scheme, in
31 itself, offends the right of equality before
32 the law or authorizes or effects arbitrary
33 detention or imprisonment. Parliament must
34 necessarily paint with a broad brush."
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37 (Emphasis added)
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41 In Re Federal Republic of Germany and Rauca (1982)
42 141 D.L.R. (3d) 412 (Ont. H.C.), [aff'd (1983) 145 D.L.R.
43 (3d) 638 (C.A.)] Evans, C.J.H.C. formulated a test of
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1 rationality which he applied to Section 1, but which, it is
2 submitted, may equally be applied to Section 15. He said at
3 page 423:
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6 "The question is not whether the judge agrees
7 with the limitation but whether he considers
8 that there is a rational basis for it - a
9 basis that would be regarded as being within
10 the bounds of reason by fair minded people
11 accustomed to the norms of a free and
12 democratic society. That is the crucible in
13 which the concept of reasonableness must be
14 tested."
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18 The American general rule as to latitude is set out
19 in Plyler v. Doe 72 L. Ed. 2d 786, (1982) Brennan J. at 798:
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22 "A legislature must have substantial latitude
23 to establish classifications that roughly
24 approximate the nature of the problem
25 perceived, that accommodate competing concerns
26 both public and private, and that account for
27 limitations on the practical ability of the
28 State to remedy every ill. In applying the
29 Equal Protection Clause to most forms of state
30 action, we thus seek only the assurance that
31 the classification at issue bears some fair
32 relationship to a legitimate public purpose."
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37 10. RELATIONSHIP TO SECTION 1

38 From the case law to date it appears that the
39 concepts of reasonableness and justification are involved in
40 the question of whether there has been a breach of s.15(1).
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1 Similar questions are also fundamental to s.1. How do these
2 sections fit together?
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6 This was addressed by Esson, J.A. for the majority
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8 in Rebic v. Collver, supra, at W.W.R. 420-22. He held that
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10 although s.1 and s.15(1) must be kept analytically distinct
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12 (citing R. v. Oakes [1986] 1 S.C.R. 103) it did not follow
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14 that in analyzing the meaning of the words in s.15(1) no
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16 regard may be had to the kind of considerations required by
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18 s.1. These he said included reasonableness and rationality.
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22 The question was also addressed in the case under
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24 appeal. McLachlin, J.A. noted (supra W.W.R. at 253) that
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26 there is a "limited" (although "essential") role left for
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28 s.1 because of the concepts of fairness and reasonableness
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30 embodied in s.15(1). She cited, as a possible example of
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32 where s.1 may come into play, the internment of enemy aliens
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34 in times of war. This might be discriminatory under s.15(1)
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36 but perhaps justifiable in the circumstances under s.1.
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40 Andrews was cited on this point (in the context of
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42 the relationship between s.1 and s.2(b)) in Re Cromer and
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1 B.C. Teachers Federation (1986) 29 D.L.R. (4th) 641
2 (B.C.C.A.) Lambert, J.A. for the court at 653-4.
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5 The Appellant takes no issue with the approach on
6 this subject taken in the court below and in Rebic v.
7 Collver and Re Cromer and B.C. Teachers Federation, supra.
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10 It should be noted that the Federal Court of Appeal
11 in Smith, Kline & French Laboratories v. The Attorney
12 General of Canada, supra, at pp. 10-11 disagreed with the
13 above approach.
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16 11. THE JUDGMENT OF THE BRITISH COLUMBIA SUPREME COURT
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18 Taylor J. held that there was nothing irrational in
19 the view which has been taken by the legislature that only
20 Canadian citizens ought to exercise the powers of lawyers
21 and be entrusted with their responsibilities. He found that
22 it was rational and reasonable that such a requirement
23 should extend to all whose work is central to the operation
24 of our legal system, lawyers, jurors and judges alike. He
25 found that citizenship is a personal characteristic which is
26 relevant to the practice of law because of the special
27 commitment to the community which citizenship involves. He
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1 also held that the citizenship requirement, with its three
2 years' waiting period, is not out of proportion to the
3 relevance which citizenship has in this context.
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8 12. THE JUDGMENT OF THE BRITISH COLUMBIA COURT OF
9 APPEAL

10 McLachlin, J.A. endeavoured to summarize the
11 arguments of the Law Society and the Attorney General as
12 follows:
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18 "The respondents submit that the requirement
19 of citizenship achieves the following goals:
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21 1. Citizenship ensures a familiarity with
22 Canadian institutions and customs;
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24 2. Citizenship implies a commitment to
25 Canadian society;
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27 3. Lawyers play a fundamental role in the
28 Canadian system of democratic government and
29 as such should be citizens."
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31 (1986) 2 B.C.L.R. (2d) 305 at 318.
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34 The learned judge then proceeded to apply a "close
35 scrutiny" standard to the examination of each of the above
36 three points. She found that citizenship offered "no
37 assurance" of familiarity with Canadian institutions and
38 customs. She also held that citizenship "does not ensure" a
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1 commitment to Canadian society. As for the contention that
2 lawyers play a fundamental role in the Canadian system of
3 democratic government, she held that the practice of law
4 does not involve the performing of a state or government
5 function. In support she cited a passage from the majority
6 judgment of Powell, J. in Re Griffiths, 413 U.S. 717, 93
7 S.Ct. 2851, 37 L.Ed. 2d 910 at 919 where he held that
8 lawyers are not officials of government by virtue of being
9 lawyers. In summary, she held that none of the reasons put
10 forth by the respondents offered "a convincing
11 justification" for the requirement of citizenship.
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23 The Court of Appeal also rejected an argument made
24 by the Attorney General of British Columbia that the
25 citizenship requirement was a defining of the province's
26 political community.
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33 13. ERRORS IN THE JUDGMENT OF THE COURT OF APPEAL

34 It is submitted that the Court of Appeal applied
35 the wrong standard of scrutiny to the points raised by the
36 Law Society. The Court in substance applied the close or
37 strict scrutiny test used in the United States for cases of
38 racial and similar discrimination. (See Section 14 of this
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1 Factum). On the first of the three above listed goals, the
2 Court said that "citizenship offers no assurance" that a
3 person will be conscious of the fundamental traditions and
4 rights in our society. This is quite different from asking
5 whether citizenship helps achieve this end. It is submitted
6 that it does. To obtain citizenship the applicant must
7 demonstrate to a citizenship judge an adequate knowledge of
8 Canada and the responsibilities and privileges of being a
9 citizen. He must also have lived in Canada for three years.
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18 Citizenship Act, S.C. 1974-75-765, c. 108

19 Citizenship Regulations, C.R.C. 1978 c. 400,
20 ss. 14-15
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26 On the second goal the Court opined that
27 citizenship "does not ensure" a commitment to Canadian
28 society. Of course, it cannot ensure such a commitment.
29 However, there can be no doubt that it helps. That it may
30 not do so in any exceptional case does not take away from
31 the general proposition that a country may expect more
32 loyalty and commitment from those who are its citizens
33 whether by birth right or because they have made the effort
34 and the commitment of becoming citizens.
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1 The third rationale put to the Court of Appeal for
2 lawyers being citizens was that they play a fundamental role
3 in our governance under the rule of law. The Court of
4 Appeal appeared to accept this proposition in part and
5 rejected it in part. The Court accepted that it was
6 reasonable to require persons who are involved in the
7 processes or structures of government, broadly defined, to
8 be citizens. McLachlin, J.A. said at page 319 (supra):
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10 "The first premises in the respondents'
11 submission is sound. The requirement that
12 only citizens be allowed to participate in the
13 structures or processes of government is
14 common in free and democratic societies.
15 Aristotle defined a citizen as "a man to
16 shares in the administration of justice and in
17 the holding of office": Politics (Transl.,
18 Barker, Bood 3, c. 1, pp. 107-109).
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20 It is this rationale which underlies the
21 common requirement that legislators, voters,
22 judges, police and senior civil servants be
23 citizens. See, for example, Provincial Court
24 Act, R.S.B.C. 1979, c.341, s.5; Police Act,
25 R.S.B.C. 1979, c.331, s.12(5), as amended by
26 the Charter of Rights Amendments Act, S.B.C.
27 1985, c.68, s.105; Constitution Act, R.S.B.C.
28 1979, c.62, s.30; Election Act, R.S.B.C. 1979,
29 c.103, s.2(1)(b), as amended by the Election
30 Amendment Act, S.B.C. 1985, c.5, s.2; Public
31 Service Act, R.S.B.C. 1979, c.343, s.34."
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33 What the Court disagreed with was the proposition
34 that lawyers are involved with the processes of government,
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1 broadly defined. McLachlin, J.A., with respect, took a
2 narrow view of government, and distinguished the practice of
3 law as a private profession which does not perform a state
4 or government function. She said that the only privilege
5 lawyers are given is the right to charge fees for
6 representing clients. She further said that the power to
7 issue writs, discover documents and subpoena witnesses is
8 shared by every member of our society. It is submitted that
9 these findings were erroneous.
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20 With deference, it is submitted that the legal
21 profession is absolutely essential to our governance under
22 the rule of law. Lawyers advise clients on a day to day
23 basis on how to conduct their affairs in accordance with
24 law. Lawyers transfer land, draw contracts, draw and
25 probate wills, advise on disputes and settle them. They
26 conduct court proceedings on behalf of their clients. They
27 subpoena witnesses to court and require them to give
28 testimony. They require the discovery of the intimate
29 affairs of members of our society. They have
30 responsibilities as officers of the court to see that cases
31 are presented properly and in accordance with the rules of
32 the court and the canons of legal ethics. They are entitled
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1 to audience in court to present cases for any client. This
2 includes taking on cases for and against all levels of
3 government. The cases involve all causes, some of which are
4 fundamental to our Canadian society. Without lawyers our
5 system of law and justice as it has developed over the
6 centuries would no longer properly function. The legal
7 profession is fundamental to how we govern ourselves, and in
8 this sense lawyers are as much a part of the governmental
9 process as legislators, voters, judges, jurors, police and
10 senior civil servants. In this regard, see:

11 Legal Ethics, Orkin, pp.17-18;

12 More Than A Mere Citizen (1980) 14 L.S.U.C.
13 Gazette, 284 (Meechan)

14 Canons of Legal Ethics, Law Society of B.C.

15 Code of Professional Conduct, pp.48-50, C.B.A.

16 Schware v. Board of Bar Examiners 1 L.Ed. 2d
17 796, 806 (1957) (Frankfurter, J. conc.)

18 It is submitted that the Court of Appeal erred in
19 its finding that only two provinces have Canadian citizen-
20 ship requirements for its lawyers. The fact is that all of
21 the provinces have some form of citizenship requirement. In
22 five of the provinces, namely, British Columbia,
23 Newfoundland, Alberta, Quebec and Prince Edward Island, the
24 requirement is that a person must be a Canadian citizen to
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1 be a lawyer. In the provinces of Manitoba and New Brunswick
2 the applicant must file a declaration of intention to become
3 a Canadian citizen. In Ontario, Nova Scotia and Saskatche-
4 wan one must be either a Canadian citizen or a British
5 subject.
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11 Law Society Act S.N. 1977 c.77 s.39

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13 Charter Omnibus Act S.A. 1985 c.15, s.20(1);
14 see also R.S.A. 1980 c.L.-9

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16 Loi Sur le Barreau de Quebec R.S.Q. 1977 c.L-9
17 sections 43 and 50

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19 Law Society and Legal Profession Act
20 S.P.E.I. 1977 c.23, sections 1 and 2

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22 Law Society Act R.S.O. 1980 c.233, s.28

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24 Barristers and Solicitors Act R.S.N.S. 1967
25 c.18, s.3

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27 Legal Profession Act R.S.S. 1978 c. L-10,
28 s.5(3)

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30 Law Society Act R.S.M. 1979 c.6-100, s.36 as
31 amended in S.M. 1978 c.32

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33 Barristers Society Act S.N.B. 1973 c.80, s.9
34 as amended by S.N.B. 1975 c.67, s.2

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38 It is submitted that the Court of Appeal was
39 incorrect in its assertion that "In the Tradition of the
40 British Commonwealth, citizenship has never been a
41 requirement for the right to practice law". See 2 Hals
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(1st) 363; 26 Hals. (1st) 710; Cordery on Solicitors (6th)
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14. AMERICAN CASE LAW

As was noted above the Court of Appeal cited with approval the majority judgment of the Supreme Court of the United States in Re Griffiths, *supra*. In that case, by a 7 to 2 majority, it was held that a citizenship requirement to be a lawyer in the State of Connecticut contravened the equality requirement in the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution. Powerful dissents were delivered by Chief Justice Burger and Mr. Justice Rehnquist, as he then was.

To understand Griffiths it must be appreciated that the American approach of applying different levels of scrutiny to legislation impugned under the Fourteenth Amendment played a significant role. Powell, J. for the majority said at page 915 (L.Ed.) that he was dealing with a "suspect classification" which required a heavy burden of justification by the State endeavouring to uphold the law. At page 916 he held that the State had not discharged that burden. The reason for citizenship being treated as a suspect class

1 can be traced to earlier decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court
2 in which citizenship-based classifications were struck on
3 the ground that they really masked racial discrimination.
4 See Tribe, American Constitutional Law (1978), 1052-56, esp.
5 text acc. nn. 6-13, 23-33.
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10 Chief Justice Burger eschewed the "suspect
11 classification" as being a "code phrase" which "tends to
12 stop analysis while appearing to suggest an analytical
13 process". (page 920).
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22 Moreover, Chief Justice Burger looked upon the role
23 of the lawyer not simply as someone in a private profession.
24 He described lawyers in terms which, it is submitted, are
25 equally applicable to lawyers in Canada, and in particular,
26 to British Columbia. He said at L.Ed. pp.90-91:
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33 "I am unwilling to accept what seems to me a
34 denigration of the posture and role of a
35 lawyer as an 'officer of the court'. It is
36 that role that a State is entitled to rely on
37 as a basis for excluding aliens from the
38 practice of law. By virtue of his admission a
39 lawyer is granted what can fairly be called a
40 monopoly of sorts; he is granted a license to
41 appear and try cases; he can cause witnesses
42 to drop their private affairs and be called
43 for depositions and other pretrial processes
44 that, while subject to the ultimate control of
45 the court, are conducted by lawyers outside
46 courtrooms; the enormous power of cross-
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1 examination of witnesses is granted
2 exclusively to lawyers. Inherent in these
3 large powers is the ability to compel answers
4 subject, of course, to such limiting
5 restraints as the Fifth Amendment and rules of
6 evidence. In most States a lawyer is
7 authorized to issue subpoenas commanding the
8 presence of persons and even the production of
9 documents under certain circumstances. The
10 broad monopoly granted to lawyers is the
11 authority to practice a profession and by
12 virtue of that to do things other citizens may
13 not lawfully do. In the common law tradition
14 the lawyer becomes the attorney - the agent -
15 for a client only by virtue of his having been
16 first invested with power by the State,
17 usually by a court. The lawyer's obligations
18 as an officer of the court permit the court to
19 call on the lawyer to perform duties which no
20 court could order citizens generally to do,
21 including the obligation to observe codes of
22 ethical conduct not binding on the public
23 generally.

24 The concept of a lawyer as an officer of the
25 court and hence part of the official mechanism
26 of justice in the sense of other court
27 officers, including the judge, albeit with
28 different duties, is not unique in our system
29 but it is a significant feature of the
30 lawyer's role in the common law."
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33 Burger, C.J. further said at page 921:

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36 "The role of a lawyer as an officer of the
37 court predates the Constitution; it was
38 carried over from the English system and
39 became firmly embedded in our tradition. It
40 included the obligation of first duty to
41 client. But that duty never was and is not
42 today an absolute or unqualified duty. It is
43 a first loyalty to serve the client's interest
44 but always within - never outside - the law,
45 thus placing a heavy personal and individual
46 responsibility on the lawyer. That this is
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1 often unenforceable, that departures from it
2 remain undetected, and that judges and bar
3 associations have been singularly tolerant of
4 misdeeds of their brethren, renders it no less
5 important to a profession that is increasingly
6 crucial to our way of life. The very indepen-
7 dence of the lawyer from the government on the
8 one hand and client on the other is what makes
9 law a profession, something apart from trades
10 and vocations in which obligations of duty and
11 conscience play a lesser part. It is as
12 crucial to our system of justice as the
13 independence of judges themselves."

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16 The authority of the majority judgment in Griffiths
17 has been undermined in subsequent cases. In Foley v.
18 Connelie 55 L.Ed. 2d (1978) the court by a 6 to 3 margin
19 upheld a New York citizenship requirement for its police
20 force. Stevens, J. (Brennan, J. concurring) in a dissenting
21 judgment said that the decision of the majority could not be
22 reconciled with Griffiths. Stewart, J. in a judgment
23 concurring with the majority said that the decision was not
24 easy to reconcile with earlier decisions but he was
25 concurring "... because I have become increasingly doubtful
26 about the validity of those decisions (in some of which I
27 concurred)." See page 295; note that he concurred with the
28 majority in Griffiths.
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1 In Ambach v. Norwick 60 L.Ed. 2d 49 (1979) the
2 court by a 5 to 4 margin upheld the requirement of
3 citizenship (actual or intended) for school teachers.
4 Blackmun, J. in dissent (joined by Brennan, Marshall and
5 Stevens, J.J.) said at page 64 that it was logically
6 impossible to differentiate between this case and Griffiths.
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13 In Cabell v. Chavez-Salido 77 L.Ed. 2d 677 (1982)
14 the Supreme Court upheld a California requirement of
15 citizenship for peace officers. The majority drew an
16 analogy with an earlier decision which upheld a requirement
17 that jurors be citizens: Perkins v. Smith 370 F.Supp. (Md.
18 1974), summarily affirmed 49 L.Ed. 2d 368 (1976).
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27 In State ex rel Mansfield v. State Board of Law
28 Examiners 601 P. 2d 174 (1979) the Supreme Court of Wyoming
29 struck down a citizenship requirement to be a lawyer.
30 However, the reasons are illuminating. Raper, C.J. felt
31 bound to follow Griffiths though he left no doubt that he
32 disagreed with it. Rooney, J., who concurred on other
33 grounds, held that Griffiths was superseded by Foley and
34 Ambach.
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2 AS for the American problem of different levels of
3 review, namely "rationally related to a legitimate State
4 interest", "somewhat heightened review", and "strict
5 scrutiny", great doubt has been raised about the utility of
6 these standards. See City of Cleburne, Texas v. Cleburne
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8 Living Center 87 L.Ed. 2d 313 (1985). See particularly the
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10 concurring opinion of Stevens, J. with whom Chief Justice
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12 Burger joined at pages 327 to 329. In this case, the
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14 majority of the court applied the "rational basis" standard
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16 of review on the ground that the ordinance relating to group
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18 homes for the mentally retarded was economic and social
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26 This level of scrutiny, which was not applied by
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28 the majority in Griffiths, is well described by Brennan, J.
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30 in Plyler v. Doe 72 L.Ed. 2d 786 at 798 as follows:
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33 "A legislature must have substantial latitude
34 to establish classifications that roughly
35 approximately the nature of the problem
36 perceived, that accommodate competing concerns
37 both public and private, and that account for
38 limitations on the practical ability of the
39 State to remedy every ill. In applying the
40 Equal Protection Clause to most forms of state
41 action, we thus seek only the assurance that
42 the classification at issue bears some fair
43 relationship to a legitimate public purpose."
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1 A further reason to treat the Griffiths case with
2 caution is the significant difference in the history of the
3 United States compared to Canada and in particular British
4 Columbia. For over one hundred years of its initial
5 existence there was no alienage restriction on the practice
6 of law in any of the United States. In contrast, British
7 Columbia has had, right from the start, an alienage restric-
8 tion on the practice of law. See the Court Order made by
9 Begbie, J. on December 24, 1958, found in Laws of British
10 Columbia, 1871, No. 27. This was a requirement of being a
11 British subject. It next appears in the Legal Professions
12 Act, 1863. This is found in the Laws of British Columbia,
13 1871, No. 47. This requirement remained in the statutes of
14 British Columbia until 1971 when it was changed to being a
15 Canadian citizen (S.B.C. 1971, c.31).
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32 15. CONCLUSION ON SECTION 15
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36 It is submitted that Taylor, J. was correct in the
37 following findings:
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41 "It cannot in my view be said that there is
42 anything irrational in the view which has been
43 taken by the legislature that only Canadian
44 citizens ought to exercise such powers in this
45 province and be entrusted with such
46 responsibilities."
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(D.L.R. pp. 20-21)

1 "I think it understandable in Canada, which is
2 both a country based, as the preamble to our
3 Charter emphasizes, on the rule of law and a
4 federal state in which the courts must review
5 the work of the elected legislators, that
6 there should be a desire that those engaged in
7 the legal process be themselves citizens. I
8 think it rational and reasonable that such a
9 requirement should extend to all whose work is
10 central to the operation of the system:
11 lawyers, jurors and judges alike."

(D.L.R. p. 21)

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13 "I find citizenship to be a personal
14 characteristic which is relevant to the
15 practice of law on account of the special
16 commitment to the community which citizenship
17 involves and not merely because the practical
18 familiarity with the country necessary for
19 that occupation can generally be expected in
20 the case of citizens." (D.L.R. p. 21)

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24 Whether one considers this case on the issue of
25 equality or the issue of discrimination, it is submitted the
26 result is the same. Relative to the purpose of entrusting
27 our governance under the rule of law to Canadian citizens
28 only, it is submitted that Canadian citizens and non-
29 citizens (including permanent residents) are not similarly
30 situated. If this is so, it follows that there is no
31 inequality as contemplated by Section 15. As for the issue
32 of discrimination, the distinction is not arbitrary or
33 capricious, but rather is reasonably and fairly related to
34 the purpose of the citizenship requirements. Thus there has
35 been no discrimination.
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1 As for proportionality, this issue did not arise in
2 the Court, of Appeal's decision. Taylor, J. held that the
3 citizenship requirement was not out of proportion to the
4 relevance of citizenship in the context of the practise of
5 law. (See pages 19 and 20 of his Reasons). It is submitted
6 that the decision of Taylor, J. on this issue was correct.
7 This is not a case involving an immutable characteristic
8 such as race. Canadian citizenship can be acquired in a
9 relatively short time if the person is prepared to make the
10 commitment to this country.
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22 It may be helpful to be reminded here of the need
23 of a reasonable dividing line between the legislatures and
24 the courts, and to consider again the formula suggested by
25 Evans, C.J.H.C. in Re Federal Republic of Germany and Rauca
26 (1982) 141 D.L.R. (3d) 412 (Ont. H.C.), affirmed (1983,) 145
27 D.L.R. (3d) 638 (C.A.) at page 423:
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35 "The question is not whether the judge agrees
36 with the limitation but whether he considers
37 that there is a rational basis for it - a
38 basis that would be regarded as being within
39 the bounds of reason by fair minded people
40 accustomed to the norms of a free and demo-
41 cratic society. That is the crucible in which
42 the concept of reasonableness must be tested."
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16. SECTION 1


1 Should this court disagree with the above sub-
2 mission that elements of reasonableness and fairness are
3 embodied in Section 15(1) of the Charter, Section 1 will
4 then come into play. For the reasons offered in the
5 preceding sections of this Factum it is submitted that the
6 citizenship requirement to be a lawyer in British Columbia
7 is both reasonable and justifiable in the sense of those
8 concepts as used in Section 1. As was pointed out earlier,
9 all of the provinces of Canada have some form of citizenship
10 requirement. Also, see appendices 1 and 2 to this Factum
11 for laws of Canada and of British Columbia which involve
12 citizenship requirements on subjects other than the law
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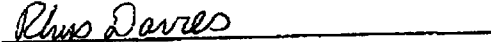
PART IV

NATURE OF ORDER SOUGHT

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10 ALL OF WHICH IS RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED.
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23. Mineral Act, R.S.B.C. 1979, c.259

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