



# Your Is Name on the OIQ's Roll TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC

**A**s specified in the Regulation respecting other terms and conditions for the issuance of permits by the Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec (sections 1 and 5), the OIQ's Board of Directors issues an engineer's permit to individuals who satisfy all stipulated conditions, including submitting an authentic copy of their birth certificate.

That is why you are entered on the OIQ's roll with the first and last names that appear on the authentic copy of your birth certificate, and these are the same names that must be used in all your professional activities.

## **THE SAME NAME, IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES**

This is an important detail. It is actually imperative that you use your name as it appears on the OIQ's roll in all your engineering documents and all documents created in your professional activities as an engineer: mandates, plans and specifications, calculation notes, reports, opinions and expert assessments, etc.

This rule applies to all your correspondence with clients, providers, employers and stakeholders. You must also use the name that was entered on the OIQ's roll on your profes-

sional card, in advertising documents, on your Web site and your professional site, in your résumé and all other types of communications related to your professional activities.

**IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT  
THE NAME YOU USE IN YOUR  
DIGITAL SIGNATURE, IF YOU HAVE  
ONE, MUST MATCH THE ONE ON  
YOUR BIRTH CERTIFICATE AND THE  
INFORMATION ENTERED ON THE  
OIQ'S ROLL.**

**AVOID CONFUSION AND LAWSUITS**

Why is it so important that the name you use matches the one entered on the roll? Using a variation of your name

could create confusion about you or your identity. For example, a client or member of the public may not find your name on the OIQ's roll and believe that you are not an engineer, or not see that you are subject to restricted practice or a disciplinary sanction. If your good faith is doubted, an inquiry may then be opened by the Office of the Syndic or the Unlawful Practice Supervision Department.

Furthermore, according to the Civil Code of Québec, an individual who uses a different name than his or her real name is liable for creating confusion and any potentially resulting harm.

For that reason, be careful and please avoid any confusion about your identity by using your correct name and, if necessary, by adding your member number after your signature.