

Illegal Practice and Unauthorized Use of the Designation

The Legal Affairs and Records Vice-Presidency conducts investigations into illegal practice and unauthorized use of the designation that are brought to its attention and takes appropriate measures to put a stop to these situations.

In 2008-2009, 36 illegal practice files were opened. Of these, 10 led to complaints, five led to summonses and were settled to the satisfaction of the Ordre, nine cases were closed due to insufficient evidence or lack of recourse and 12 files are under investigation.

As for the 19 files brought forward from last year, convictions were obtained in six cases, one complaint was withdrawn, one case was closed due to insufficient evidence, three led to summonses and were settled to the satisfaction of the Ordre and eight cases are still pending.

Investigations

	Illegal practice	Unauthorized use of the designation	Illegal practice and unauthorized use of the designation
Investigations completed in 2008-2009	11	16	9

Penal proceedings

	Illegal practice	Unauthorized use of the designation	Illegal practice and unauthorized use of the designation
Penal proceedings instituted in 2008-2009	2*	4*	4*

* With more than one charge laid

Decisions rendered

	Decisions rendered in 2008-2009	Decisions in which the defendant was found guilty	Decisions in which the defendant was found not guilty	Total amount of fines imposed
Illegal practice	2	2	0	\$2,700
Unauthorized use of the designation	2	2	0	\$3,535
Illegal practice and unauthorized use of designation	6	6	0	\$29,600