

# Colin Singer, Lawyer C.H.R.P. Immigration.ca

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## Summary

Colin R. Singer, through [www.immigration.ca](http://www.immigration.ca), is internationally recognized as one of the foremost senior corporate immigration attorneys in Canada.

Colin is currently the Managing Partner of Global Recruiters of Montreal ([www.grnmontreal.com](http://www.grnmontreal.com)) a Deloitte & Touche award-winning professional permanent executive search Firm. He is a licensed Certified Human Resources Professional (CHRP) with the Québec Order of Certified Human Resources and Industrial Relations Counsellors, the only recognised group in the field of human resources in Québec. He possesses a thorough understanding of the personnel and human resource industry across Canada.

Colin is founding director of the CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP & IMMIGRATION RESOURCE CENTER (CCIRC) INC. He served as an Associate Editor of "Immigration Law Reporter" the preeminent immigration law publication in Canada. He previously served as an executive member of the Canadian Bar Association's Quebec and National Immigration Law Sections and is currently a member of the Canadian Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association. Colin has twice appeared before Canada's House of Commons Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration. He is a frequent presenter at National conferences sponsored by government and non-government organizations on matters affecting Canada's immigration and human resources industries. He is frequently recognized as a recommended authority on Canadian immigration matters. Since 2009, Colin has been a Governor of the Quebec Bar Foundation.

Our firm represents some of Canada's largest corporations in their immigration and staffing projects. We are frequently engaged by Canadian companies to provide immigration consulting services as well as search consulting and professional recruitment of technical and executive personnel. We take great pride in our ability to provide cost efficient solutions to our network of corporate clientele, human resource managers and independent business owners.

## Specialties

In 1994, Colin became Canada's first attorney to establish an internet presence. His opinions on government policy are frequently published. His law practice focuses on economic class and business immigration. In 2007, in response to a shift in government policy promoting employer-driven admissions of foreign workers to Canada, the firm acquired Global Recruiters of Montreal a Global Recruiters Network franchise to help provide search consulting expertise that applicants and employers require.

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## Experience

**Managing Partner at RickGenest.com Entertainment Inc. [www.rickgenest.com](http://www.rickgenest.com)**

January 2011 - Present (1 year 10 months)

Twenty-Seven year old Rick Genest will challenge your sensibilities about what you believe to be beautiful. At his core is a chiaroscuro of both light and dark—part gentle warrior, part anti-establishment artful dodger who has serendipitously become the ‘it’ muse for anyone who believes in a brave new world without judgment. His tattoos have equally intrigued and inspired a cult following—more than 80,000 followers on Twitter. He has sparked a revolution with fans who see beyond the visceral and want to know everything they can about the mysterious circus performer, model and muse known as ‘Zombie Boy.’

His international thrust into the spotlight is a true rags to riches story. Nicola Formichetti, Lady Gaga’s personal stylist and creative director of the legendary Paris based fashion house Thierry Mugler, was careering the web when he came across a photo of Genest that appeared in the magazine Dressed to Kill. Formichetti was instantly fascinated and contacted Genest through Facebook. In January 2011, Formichetti flew to Montreal to meet Genest to complete a photo and video shoot for Thierry Mugler’s fall 2011 campaign. The two clicked instantly and Formichetti invited Genest to Paris as feature model in the Mugler men’s fashion show. Formichetti then cast Genest in his biggest role to date; a pronounced cameo in Lady Gaga’s video ‘Born This Way’ to compliment the fastest single in music history to reach sales of 1,000,000 copies, days after its release.

In addition to headlining fashion shows, major cover magazines and product catalogues, Genest has become the pitchman for "Dermablend" by L’Oreal, an industry acclaimed cosmetic concealer, in one of the most successful on-line advertising campaigns in the industry in 2011. He also filmed a cameo role in the upcoming Universal Studios film - 47Ronin starring Keanu Reeves directed by Carl Rinsch. We are currently concluding projects in television; live performances, music, product endorsements and media editorials.

### **Fashion Photographer at RickGenest.com Entertainment Inc.**

January 2011 - Present (1 year 10 months)

Colin Singer is an accomplished fashion photographer with a day job. He is a Canada based lawyer and business manager for Rick Genest a.k.a. Zombie Boy. Singer has represented Genest for over a year and a half and parlayed their business relationship into a distinctive, artistic, expression of body modification captured through high fashion imagery with Zombie Boy as his muse. His creative sense has portrayed Zombie Boy’s body art and expressive mannerisms in unique images that continue to appear in international print and online publications. His photographs of Genest were exhibited in January 2012 in the Paris based Gallery des Curieux. Colin’s provocative pictures have appeared in Tattoo Savage, Fault Magazine, Blast.fr; Malibu, French Elle, Vogue Italy (online), Arte France, Hydro Life, AOL, and Das Magazin, as well as, the Fall 2012 edition of the Hong Kong based West East Magazine entitled, To Die For. Colin has also co-produced a number of cover and editorials, tabletop and related commercial projects featuring Zombie Boy.

### **Managing Partner at Global Recruiters of Montreal**

December 2007 - Present (4 years 11 months)

Global Recruiters of Montreal comprises of professional permanent executive search consultants with specialization in the areas of Manufacturing, Long Term Health Care and Technical and Trades Professionals.

Our firm offers client companies in Canada and the United States and candidates world wide comprehensive consulting experience with integrity, personal attention and confidentiality with the highest professional standards. We attract and present qualified and interested candidates in record time because of our continuous quality training, our outstanding field support and GRN's advanced technology in the search consulting industry.

GRN of Montreal is part of a rapidly growing network of executive search professionals. GRN's core management team has over 100 years of combined experience in the North American search consulting industry.

**Managing Partner at Immigration.ca**

January 1995 - Present (17 years 10 months)

Immigration.ca, is the most recognized legal practice in the Canadian immigration industry, on the world wide web.

It is the only one-word domain name in the industry and since its inception, it has been consistently rated the most popular non-government Canadian immigration web site by Google and by Alexa Internet, a subsidiary of Amazon.com.

**Lead Immigration Counsel at Canadian Citizenship & Immigration Resource Center**

1989 - Present (23 years)

We provide unparalleled counsel and expertise to foreign nationals intending to relocate to Canada, the United States, the United Kingdom and Australia on a temporary or permanent basis.

The firm acts as legal counsel on immigration matters, to a number of Canadian based institutions and a myriad of domestic and international corporate businesses. This aspect of our practice affords us an in-depth understanding of Canada's business and labour market landscape and adds to our ability to counsel clients who intend to relocate foreign nationals to Canada.

We regularly provide insight and commentary to Canada's national media and US based media, Canadian citizenship and immigration personnel and foreign representatives both in Canada and abroad when immigration policy is reviewed or modified by the Federal and Provincial Governments.

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## Publications

### **Canada can't afford new immigration plan**

National Post - Financial Post Commentary April 17, 2012

Authors: Colin Singer, Lawyer C.H.R.P. Immigration.ca

The latest policy pronouncements of Jason Kenney, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, suggests new obstacles blocking Canada's future economic successes are in the works. Despite some notable improvements in the system under Mr. Kenney, the most recent initiatives are guaranteed to permanently harm our country's international reputation. Here is why.

### **Immigration quotas cause the backlog**

National Financial Post - Commentary May 21, 2008

Authors: Colin Singer, Lawyer C.H.R.P. Immigration.ca

Immigration Minister Diane Finley argues that the Harper government is promoting its new immigration bill because of a commitment to reducing the backlog of some 900,000 applicants for Canadian permanent residence and reduce wait times.

She also claimed in a recent letter to FP (May 16, 2008) that Canada welcomed 429,000 "newcomers" last year, the highest number in history. This is incorrect. Newcomers, even in the government's own literature, are comprised of only permanent resident visa holders. The number 429,649 includes approximately 195,000 temporary permit holders, including study visas and work visas.

Current immigration levels, moreover, are actually lower than they were in the early 1990s as a percent of population.

### **The New Immigration Law: A dangerous piece of work**

National Financial Post - Commentary May 8, 2008

Authors: Colin Singer, Lawyer C.H.R.P. Immigration.ca

The Harper government is taking fire for introducing a controversial immigration bill that will drastically modify the process under which immigrants are selected to Canada each year.

Introduced in the March, 2008, federal budget bill and waiting a third and final reading before Parliament later this month, the proposed changes will provide Immigration Minister Diane Finley with unprecedented flexible ministerial powers to unilaterally decide who gets into Canada. She claims she needs this power in order to fix the backlog of some 900,000 (and growing) pending applicants for Canadian permanent residence.

### **Resolving Canada's Amnesty Debate: Ontario, not Ottawa, should be dealing with illegal immigrants. It just needs a program to allow those with the right skills to stay**

National Financial Post - Commentary April 4, 2006

Authors: Colin Singer, Lawyer C.H.R.P. Immigration.ca

McGuinty's failure: Ontario, not Ottawa, should be dealing with illegal immigrants. It just needs a program to allow those with the right skills to stay.

## **The facts about immigration**

National Financial Post - Commentary December 6, 2002

Authors: Colin Singer, Lawyer C.H.R.P. Immigration.ca

If three recent publications that harshly criticize Canada's immigration policy are a reliable indicator, the Canadian government and formulators of policy in the 30 OECD member countries have got it all wrong.

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### Skills & Expertise

<b>Canadian Citizenship Immigration Law</b>	(Expert, 20+ years experience)
<b>Family Class Sponsorship Applications</b>	(Expert, 20+ years experience)
<b>Conjugal Sponsorships</b>	
<b>Same Sex Sponsorships</b>	
<b>Common Law Sponsorship</b>	(Expert)
<b>Quebec Skilled Worker</b>	(Expert, 20+ years experience)
<b>Federal Skilled Worker</b>	(Expert, 20+ years experience)
<b>Provincial Nominee Programs</b>	(Expert, 20+ years experience)
<b>Business Immigration Applications</b>	(Expert, 20+ years experience)
<b>Investor Immigration</b>	(Expert, 20+ years experience)
<b>Temporary Work Permits</b>	(Expert, 20+ years experience)
<b>Temporary Foreign Workers</b>	
<b>Labour Market Opinions LMO</b>	(Expert, 20+ years experience)
<b>Foreign Recruitment</b>	(Expert, 20+ years experience)
<b>Professional Search Consulting</b>	(Expert, 10 years experience)
<b>Professional Transition</b>	(Expert, 10 years experience)
<b>Admissibility Hearings</b>	(Expert, 15 years experience)
<b>Citizenship Applications</b>	(Expert, 18 years experience)
<b>Appeals</b>	(Expert, 20+ years experience)
<b>Alberta Immigration</b>	(Expert, 8 years experience)
<b>British Columbia Immigration</b>	
<b>Manitoba Immigration</b>	
<b>Ontario Immigration</b>	
<b>PEI Immigration</b>	(Expert, 6 years experience)
<b>Quebec Immigration</b>	(Expert, 20+ years experience)
<b>Saskatchewan Immigration</b>	(Expert, 6 years experience)
<b>Nova Scotia Immigration</b>	(Expert, 7 years experience)
<b>New Brunswick Immigration</b>	(Expert, 5 years experience)
<b>Early Entry Business Programs</b>	(Expert, 20+ years experience)
<b>NAFTA Free Trade</b>	(Expert, 20+ years experience)
<b>USA Canada Immigration</b>	(Expert, 20+ years experience)
<b>EB5 Investment Immigration</b>	(Expert, 10 years experience)
<b>Entertainment Management</b>	(Advanced, 2 years experience)
<b>Foreign Affairs</b>	

**Common Law**  
**Immigration Law**  
**Legal Opinions**

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## Education

### **McGill University**

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Labor and Industrial Relations

### **University of Ottawa / Université d'Ottawa**

Bachelor of Law LL.L, Civil Law

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## Honors and Awards

Governor, Fondation du Barreau du Québec

Canadian Bar Association (Law Society)

Barreau du Québec (Quebec Law Society)

Licensed Employment Practitioner, Alberta

## Interests

Fitness; landscape and fashion photography; travel

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## 1 person has recommended Colin

"It's very simple. If you have an immigration issue in Canada, Colin is the one person that can make what you need happen. I was caught in a horrible situation with my immigration to Canada, and Colin not only solved my issues easily, he also took away all my fears and concerns with his incredible knowledge of Canadian immigration laws. I highly recommend Colin and his team to you"

— **Daniel Hicks**, was Colin's client

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