

UWCM MEMBER DESIGNATED HISTORIC PERSONAGE



Elizabeth Monk (1888-1980), founding member of the University Women's Club of Montreal (UWCM), graduated in Civil Law at the Faculty of Law, McGill University. She was the first woman to win the faculty's gold medal for academic excellence. Because of gender-based discrimination in law at that time, Monk had to fight for 20 years before becoming one of the first two women officially admitted to the Quebec Bar in 1942. Over her illustrious career as a corporate lawyer, she advocated for the advancement of women within the legal community and in Quebec society. She was the first Quebec woman to receive a Queen's Counsel designation. Her pioneering work for the advancement of women was recognized on March 8, 2019, when she was designated a historic personage by Nathalie Roy, Quebec's Minister of Culture and Communications and Minister Responsible for the French Language.

All UWCM members salute this designation and reiterate their commitment to continue the work of their founding sisters in promoting education for girls and women.

More information about this designation can be found at: <http://www.patrimoine-culturel.gouv.qc.ca>
