

# Communiqué

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1002 graduates of the Bar Admission Course were called to the Bar at four Special Convocations this year. On 6th April, 374 were called in Simcoe Hall, University of Toronto, and took their oaths before Chief Justice Howland. They were addressed by Lord Elwyn-Jones. The following day, 381 attended for call in Simcoe Hall, took their oaths before Chief Justice Evans and were addressed by Sir Robert Megarry. Both Lord Elwyn-Jones and Sir Robert Megarry received the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws. On 13th April, 114 were called in London, where the oaths were administered by Chief Justice Evans and the Honourable Mr. Justice T.G. Zuber of the Supreme Court of Ontario was the speaker. Finally, on 14th April, 133 candidates were called in Ottawa, took the necessary oaths before Chief Justice Howland and were addressed by Gordon F. Henderson of Ottawa, a Bencher of the Society since 1966, who received the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws.

Some County and District Law Associations have asked the Society for authority to impose sanctions on members who take books away from the library improperly or fail to return those that have been loaned to them. The Associations already have power under Section 28(3) of the Regulation passed under the Law Society Act to make by-laws under which they could impose sanctions to deal with the problem.

David Allen Blair of Belleville was disbarred. He had abandoned his practice, deceived clients and misappropriated over \$100,000 of their funds.

Donald MacGregor Cross of London was disbarred. He had pleaded guilty in criminal court of defrauding clients and was sentenced to imprisonment for two years less one day.

John Brian Radigan of Hamilton was found guilty of professional misconduct and his right to practise was suspended for a period of two years. He had filed a false affidavit of value in connection with a real estate transaction. The solicitor gained nothing from his action and was unaware of the part it played in a fraudulent scheme conducted by others.

Samuel Wetston of Mississauga was disbarred. He had pleaded guilty in criminal court of defrauding a client of over \$500,000 and was sentenced to imprisonment for two years less one day.

Joseph Baer Pomerant of Toronto was disbarred. He had pleaded guilty on the 17th March, 1982 in criminal court of making false documents and wilfully attempting to obstruct the course of justice, and was sentenced to a term of imprisonment for 5 years.

Kenneth Jarvis,  
Secretary.