

MINUTES OF SPECIAL CONVOCATION

London - Monday, 24th February, 1997  
2:30 p.m.

Prior to Convocation, the Treasurer and Benchers held a reception and luncheon in the North Dining Room at Windermere Manor at the University of Western Ontario Research Park. The guests in attendance were Justice Lynne Leitch, Christopher Moore, Dean Eileen Gillese, Professor Rose Voyvodic, Susan A. Carlyle, Lesley Gotlib, John Kromkamp and Margaret McSorley.

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Following the luncheon in Althouse College, the Treasurer, the Benchers and their guests proceeded to the Auditorium for the Call to the Bar ceremonies of the 72 graduates of the 38th Bar Admission Course.

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CONVOCATION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 2:30 P.M.

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PRESENT:

The Treasurer (E. Susan Elliott), Carey, Chahbar, Epstein, Lamont, Ross, Stomp, Swaye, Thom and Yachetti.

The body of the auditorium was occupied by the candidates and their guests.

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Mr. Philip Epstein, Chair of the Admissions and Equity Committee introduced Mr. Christopher Moore who addressed the graduates and their guests.

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PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Ms. Margaret A. McSorley, Assistant Director of the Bar Admission Course presented the recipients of awards to the Treasurer.

The Treasurer presented the following prizes to the respective recipients:

Awarded The Pensa & Associates Prize for the student attaining the highest grades in the Bar Admission Course at London; The E. J. McGrath Prize for the student at London who has most clearly demonstrated excellence in the skills required in Criminal Law Practice.

Terry Neil Armstrong

Awarded The McCarthy Tetrault Business Law Prize donated by McCarthy Tetrault for the student attaining the highest grade in Business Law at London; The Everley Genest Prize for the student attaining the highest grade in Family Law at London.

Michael Anthony Rayner

Awarded a share of The Elisabeth Slasor Prize donated by Gowling, Strathy and Henderson for the student attaining the highest grade in Estate Planning at Ottawa.

Daina Inara Groskaufmanis.

CALL TO THE BAR

Ms. Tamara Stomp presented to the Treasurer 72 candidates for the Call to the Bar as follows:

THIRTY-EIGHTH BAR ADMISSION COURSE 1996 - 1997

72 CANDIDATES FOR CALL TO THE BAR

Enclosed in Convocation file is a list of the candidates for Call to the Bar.

The Treasurer conferred upon the candidates the degree of Barrister-at-law and called them to the Bar of Ontario.

The Treasurer addressed the new members of the Bar and congratulated them on behalf of The Law Society of Upper Canada.

CONVOCATION ADJOURNED

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Following Convocation a Special Sitting of the Court of Appeal for Ontario and the Ontario Court of Justice (General Division) convened, with Justice Leitch, Ontario Court of Justice (General Division) presiding.

The candidates were presented to Justice Leitch before whom they took the usual oaths and acknowledged their signatures on the Rolls in the presence of the Court.

Justice Leitch then addressed the new Barristers and Solicitors.

At the conclusion of the formal proceedings the new Barristers and their guests were entertained by the Treasurer and Benchers at a reception in the gymnasium of Althouse College.

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Confirmed in Convocation this    day of                    , 1997.

Treasurer