

# Communiqué

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Hugh Guthrie of Guelph was elected a Bencher today to fill the vacancy caused by John Bowlby having become a Bencher ex officio upon his election as Treasurer.

Convocation voted today to raise the Compensation Fund levy by \$40 to \$90 and the annual fee for membership in the Society \$10 to \$260 making a total fee of \$350.

The Benchers favoured holding the Annual Meeting of the Society in conjunction with the mid-winter meeting of the Canadian Bar Association in Ottawa in early February, 1981.

The meeting of the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the Society's Standing Committees with the Presidents of the County and District Law Associations and representatives of Ontario law schools which takes place each year will be held in Osgoode Hall on Friday, October 10th beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Alan T. Marshall of Hamilton has been appointed Director of the Society's Practice Advisory Service and will take up his duties in mid-July. The Service will be organized to give members practical advice on such matters as reminder systems, real estate search indexes, the efficient utilization of personnel and on the overall organization of a law office as it affects the economics of practice and the efficiency of office routine.

John Alexander Smith of Toronto was found guilty of professional misconduct today and was disbarred. He had misappropriated about \$50,000 of trust funds belonging to a client.

Arnold Saul Handelman of Mississauga was found guilty of conduct unbecoming a barrister and solicitor and his right to practise was suspended for a period of six months. He had conducted a loan transaction which culminated in the execution of a deed transferring a woman's entire interest, worth about \$30,000, in the matrimonial home to a company in which he had a substantial interest, for a total consideration of \$7,500.

Kenneth Jarvis,

Secretary.