

MINUTES OF SPECIAL CONVOCATION

Toronto - Friday, 21st February, 1997
3:15 p.m.

The Treasurer, the Benchers and their guests proceeded to the auditorium at Roy Thomson Hall, Toronto for the Call to the Bar ceremonies of the 387 graduates and I transfer of the 38th Bar Admission Course.

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CONVOCATION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 3:15 P.M.

PRESENT:

The Treasurer (E. Susan Elliott), Cronk, Epstein, Lamont, MacKenzie, Manes, Sachs, Sealy, Stomp, Strosberg and Thom.

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

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CONFERRING OF AN HONORARY DEGREE

Mr. Philip Epstein, Q.C. Chair of the Admissions and Equity Committee introduced the Doctoral candidate, The Honourable Allan Rock and read the following citation:

"It is my pleasant duty to present to you and to Convocation the Honourable Allan Rock and ask that you confer upon him the degree of Doctors of Laws honoris causa.

Mr. Rock was, for many years, a bencher of this Society and, ultimately, became its Treasurer. He has subsequently become the Minister of Justice and Attorney General for Canada. He has had an extremely active portfolio and introduced important measures in the area of family law, gun control, DNA testing and important amendments to the Criminal Code. He has dedicated himself to a life of public service. He left behind a thriving career as a brilliant barrister who had appeared in all of the major courts of the country. He has dedicated himself to improving the social and intellectual welfare of this nation and he has taken courageous stands against difficult opposition.

Mr. Rock has taken an important role on the constitutional issues regarding Canada and Quebec and is a key figure in the government's attempts to keep this country together. He has made significant contributions to the law and to society and it is fitting that I ask you, Treasurer, that you confer upon The Honourable Allan Rock the degree of Doctor of Laws honoris causa."

The Treasurer admitted The Honourable Allan Rock to the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.

The Treasurer congratulated The Honourable Allan Rock and invited him to address the graduates and guests.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Ms. Meg Angevine, Director of Bar Admissions presented the recipients of awards to the Treasurer.

The Treasurer presented the following awards to the respective recipients:

Awarded The Treasurer's Medal, The Roland O. Daly Scholarship, and The Edwin George Long, K.C. Memorial Scholarship for the student attaining the highest grades in the Bar Admission Course; Awarded a share of The Stuart Thom Prize donated by Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt for the student attaining the highest grade in Business Law; Awarded a share of The McCarthy Tetrault Business Law Prize donated by McCarthy Tetrault for the student attaining the highest grade in Business Law at Toronto; The Margaret McNulty Award for the student who, among the graduates of the Faculty of Law, University of Western Ontario, attained the highest grades in the Bar Admission Course.

Robert Alexander Vaux

Awarded a share of The S. J. Birnbaum, Q.C. Scholarships, Third Prize for the student attaining the third highest grade in Estate Planning

Katherine Elizabeth Kaur Basi

Awarded The Law Society Second Prize for the student attaining the third highest grades in the Bar Admission Course

Anne Elizabeth Butler

Awarded a share of The Herbert Egerton Harris Advocacy Scholarship for the student attaining the second highest grade in Civil Litigation

Richard Andrew Elliott
Jin Won Kim
Jeffrey John Simpson

Awarded The Joseph Sedgwick, Q.C. Prize for Criminal Procedure, and The Vera L. Parsons Prize for the student attaining the highest grade in Criminal Procedure.

Robin Allan Flumerfelt

Awarded The Samuel Lerner, Q.C., Prize in General Advocacy for the student attaining the highest combined grades in Civil Litigation, Public Law, and Family Law.

Rosemarie Franca Galli

Awarded The Arthur Wentworth Roebuck Award donated by friends of the late Senator Roebuck for the student attaining the highest grade in Family Law.

Heidi Lee Hougham

Awarded The Isadore Levinter Prize donated by the Advocates' Society for the student attaining the highest grade in Public Law.

Lonny Gordon Knox

Awarded a share of The McCarthy Tetrault Business Law Prize donated by McCarthy Tetrault for the student attaining the highest grade in Business Law at Ottawa; Awarded a share of The Margaret P. Hyndman, O.C., Q.C., D.C.L. Prize donated by the Alpha Mu Chapter, Kappa Beta Pi Legal Association for the student attaining the second highest grade in Business Law; The Harcourts Advocacy Award for the student attaining the highest combined grades in Civil Litigation, Family Law, and Criminal Procedure.

Ian Bertrand Lee

Awarded The Law Society First Prize, The Edwin George Long, K.C. Memorial Scholarship, and The Isadore Levinter Memorial Award for the student attaining the second highest grades in the Bar Admission Course.

Alan Veng Bun Lo

Awarded The Gowling, Strathy & Henderson Prize for the student attaining the highest grades in the Bar Admission Course at Ottawa; Awarded a share of The McCarthy Tetrault Business Law Prize donated by McCarthy Tetrault for the student attaining the highest grade in Business Law at Ottawa, Awarded a share of The Margaret P. Hyndman, O.C., Q.C., D.C.L. Prize donated by the Alpha Mu Chapter, Kappa Beta Pi Legal Association for the student attaining the second highest grade in Business Law.

Mark Edward McElheran

Awarded The International Academy of Trial Lawyers Plaque, and The Herbert Egerton Harris Advocacy Scholarship for the student attaining the highest grade in Civil Litigation.

Susan Kim Paterson

Awarded The Law Society Third Prize for the student attaining the fourth highest grades in the Bar Admission Course.

Edward Joseph Preto

CALL TO THE BAR

Ms. Hope Sealy, representative of the Admissions and Equity Committee, Mr. Don Lamont, Ms. Eleanore Cronk and Mr. Gavin MacKenzie presented to the Treasurer 388 candidates for Call to the Bar as follows:

THIRTY-EIGHT BAR ADMISSION COURSE 1996 - 1997

388 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 and congratulated them on behalf of The Law Society of Upper Canada.

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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 Chief Justice R. Roy McMurtry presiding.

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

Chief Justice McMurtry then addressed the new Barristers and Solicitors.

At the conclusion of the formal proceedings the Treasurer, Benchers and their guests returned to Osgoode Hall.

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Confirmed in Convocation this day of , 1997

Treasurer