

# MINUTES OF SPECIAL CONVOCATION

Ottawa - Tuesday, 27th February, 2001

3:00 p.m.

Prior to Convocation, the Treasurer and Benchers held a reception and luncheon in the Amphitheatre of the National Arts Centre in Ottawa. The guests in attendance were Justice J. Douglas Cunningham, Justice J. Peter Coulson, Janet Elizabeth Kasun, David W. Scott, Q.C., Alison Scott, Lucille Bordeleau, Dean Bruce Feldthusen, Ann Tierney, Carole Brown, James H. Smellie, Celine Allard, Barbara Thompson, Martine Richard and Jonathan Brunet.

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Following the luncheon, the Treasurer, the Benchers and their guests proceeded to Southam Hall in the National Arts Centre for the Call to the Bar ceremonies of the 153 graduates of the Bar Admission Course and 5 transfer candidates.

## CONVOCATION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 3:00 P.M.

The Treasurer asked all present to stand for the National Anthem sung by Martine Richard.

### PRESENT: (Platform)

The Treasurer (Robert P. Armstrong, Q.C.), Gordon Bobesich, John Campion, Kim Carpenter-Gunn, Earl Cherniak, Gillian Diamond, Gordon Farquharson, Abraham Feinstein, Patrick Furlong, Gary Gottlieb, George Hunter, Donald Lamont, Barbara Laskin, Derry Millar, Ross Murray, Julian Porter, Helene Puccini, Heather Ross, William Simpson, Gerald Swaye, Robert Topp and Bradley Wright.

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Justice J. Douglas Cunningham, Justice J. Peter Coulson, David W. Scott, Q.C., Lucille Bordeleau, Dean Bruce Feldthusen, Ann Tierney, Carole Brown, Giovanna Roccamo, James H. Smellie, Stephen Cavanagh, Guy J. Pratte, Celine Allard, Barbara Thompson, Martine Richard, Jonathan Brunet, Malcolm Heins, Richard Tinsley, Bob Bernhardt, Roman Woloszczuk, Gregory McCashin and Dagmar Janssen.

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

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### CONFERRING OF AN HONORARY DEGREE

Mr. Derry Millar, Chair of the Admissions Committee introduced the Doctoral candidate, Mr. David W. Scott, Q.C. and read the following citation:

“Treasurer, it is my most pleasant duty to present to you and to this Convocation, David William Scott and request that you confer upon him the degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*.

For nearly four decades, armed with his formidable powers of perception and persuasion he has engaged in the intellectual combat of litigation.

His advocacy is marked by a penetrating analysis of the issue at hand coupled with a clarity and simplicity of presentation which reduces complex issues to their essential elements. These abilities combined with his keen intellect and his adherence to the highest traditions of the bar have earned him recognition as one of Canada's foremost litigators, a recognition evidenced not only by the esteem in which he is held by his peers but by numerous awards for advocacy including the Advocates' Society Medal and recognition by the American College of Trial Lawyers.

His judgement and great energy have been employed not only for the benefit of his clients, but also for the benefit of the profession and his community. As a lecturer, teacher and author, he has contributed to the intellectual growth of the profession and as a Benchers of the Law Society from 1991 - 99 he made significant contributions to the governance of the profession. His contribution to the civic community in Ottawa is remarkable both in its breadth and depth.

David William Scott, Mr. Treasurer, is truly one of those members of our profession who embodies and exemplifies the highest traditions of the bar and is a most worthy recipient of the degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*."

The Treasurer admitted Mr. David Scott to the degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*.

Mr. Scott addressed the candidates and their guests.

#### PRESENTATION OF PRIZES

Mr. Gregory McCashin, Acting Regional Head of Education, Ottawa presented the prizewinners to the Treasurer.

The Treasurer presented the following prizes to the respective recipients:

Awarded The Treasurer's Medal, The Ronald O. Daly Scholarship, and The Edwin George Long, K.C. Memorial Scholarship for the student attaining the highest grades in the Bar Admission Course; The Osgoode Society for Canadian Legal History Prize for being one of the twenty-five students attaining the highest grades in the Bar Admission Course; The Gowling Lafleur Henderson LLP Prize for the student attaining the highest grades in the Bar Admission Course at Ottawa; The S. J. Birnbaum Q.C. Scholarship First Prize for the student attaining the highest grade in Estate Planning; and The Elisabeth Slasor Prize donated by Gowling Lafleur Henderson LLP for the student attaining the highest grade in Estate Planning at Ottawa

Janet Elizabeth Kasun

Awarded The Osgoode Society for Canadian Legal History Prize for being one of the twenty-five students attaining the highest grades in the Bar Admission Course, and a share of The Practitioners' Prize in Real Estate for the student attaining the highest grade in Real Estate

Lesley Ann Shirley Caswell

Awarded The Osgoode Society for Canadian Legal History Prize for being one of the twenty-five students attaining the highest grades in the Bar Admission Course, and The McCarthy Tetrault Business Law Prize donated by McCarthy Tetrault for the student attaining the highest grade in Business Law at Ottawa

John Scott Du Bois

Awarded The Osgoode Society for Canadian Legal History Prize for being one of the twenty-five students attaining the highest grades in the Bar Admission Course, and The Arthur Wentworth Roebuck Award donated by friends of the late Senator Roebuck for the student attaining the highest grade in Family Law

Rodrigo Escayola

Awarded The Osgoode Society for Canadian Legal History Prize for being one of the twenty-five students attaining the highest grades in the Bar Admission Course

Samantha Jane Gervais  
Colin Barclay Elliott Ingram

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

Theresa Diane Roy

#### CALL TO THE BAR

Ms. Helene Puccini, Mr. Abraham Feinstein and Ms. Barbara Laskin, representatives of the Admissions Committee presented to the Treasurer 158 candidates for the Call to the Bar as follows:

BAR ADMISSION COURSE 2000 - 2001

158 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.

CONVOCATION ADJOURNED

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Following Convocation a Special Sitting of the Court of Appeal for Ontario and the Superior Court of Justice convened, with the Honourable J. Douglas Cunningham, Regional Senior Justice of the Superior Court of Justice presiding.

The candidates were presented to Justice Cunningham before whom they took the Oath of Allegiance, the Barristers Oath and the Solicitors Oath and acknowledged their signatures on the Rolls in the presence of the Court.

Justice Cunningham then addressed the new Barristers and Solicitors.

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At the conclusion of the formal proceedings the new Barristers and their guests were entertained by the Treasurer and Benchers at a reception in Southam Hall Lobby.

Confirmed in Convocation this 24th day of May, 2001

Treasurer