

MINUTES OF SPECIAL CONVOCATION

Ottawa - Thursday, 18th February, 1999
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 Chief Justice Patrick J. LeSage, Justice Peter deC. Cory, Edith Cory, James Curran, James O'Reilly, Justice Hector Soubliere, Raymonde Soubliere, Lynne Marie Soubliere, Francois Lemay, Lucille Bordeleau, Dean Sanda Rodgers, Professor Merrilees Muir, John A. McMunagle, Claudia Morrow, Jimmy Dick, Martine Richard, Elizabeth Farquharson, Shirley Furlong, Muriel Murphy, Don Puccini, Joanne Wilson and Terry McCarthy.

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Following the luncheon, the Treasurer, the Benchers and their guests proceeded to the Opera in the National Arts Centre for the Call to the Bar ceremonies of the 187 graduates of the 40th Bar Admission Course and 8 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, (Harvey T. Strosberg, Q.C.), Robert Aaron, Michael Adams, Nora Angeles, Nancy Backhouse, William Carter, Susan Elliott, Gordon Farquharson, Abraham Feinstein, Patrick Furlong, Vern Krishna, Ross Murray, Helene Puccini, David Scott, Tamara Stomp, Gerald Swaye, Richmond Wilson and Bradley Wright.

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Chief Justice Patrick J. LeSage, Justice Peter deC. Cory, Justice Hector Soubliere, Lucille Bordeleau, Dean Sanda Rodgers, Professor Merrilees Muir, John A. McMunagle, Claudia Morrow, Stephen Cavanagh, Martine Richard, Jimmy Dick, John Saso, Richard Tinsley, Bob Bernhardt and Terry McCarthy.

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

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CONFERRING OF AN HONOURARY DEGREE

Ms. Nancy Backhouse, Chair of the Admissions and Equity Committee introduced the Doctoral candidate, The Honourable Mr. Justice Peter deCarteret Cory and read the following citation:

"Treasurer, it is my distinct honour to present to you and to Convocation, The Honourable Mr. Justice Peter deCarteret Cory and ask that you confer upon him the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.

Entering upon a successful and varied career in civil litigation his discipline and capacity for work, his incisive analysis of legal issues and quiet demeanour earned him the respect of his peers and in 1974 his abilities were formally recognized with his appointment to the High Court of Justice.

Applying to his judicial duties the same traits he applied while at the Bar, he soon gained a reputation as a thoughtful and considerate judge recognized not only for the depth of his legal knowledge but also for the gentle and respectful manner in which he treated counsel, a reputation which grew as he was appointed first to the Court of Appeal and then elevated to the Supreme Court of Canada.

During ten years as a Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada he has helped shape the law of this land and has sought to find the delicate balance between the rights of the individual and the needs of the state.

As a member of the armed services, as a practising lawyer and as a judge, Peter deCarteret Cory embodies standards of learning, service and civility which are exemplars to all and he is truly most worthy of the Society's highest honour, the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa which I ask, Treasurer, you now bestow upon him."

The Treasurer admitted Justice Peter Cory to the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.

Justice Cory then addressed the candidates and their guests.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Mr. Terry McCarthy, Head of the Bar Admission Course, Ottawa presented the prizewinners to the Treasurer.

The Treasurer presented the following prizes to the respective recipients:

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, and a share of The William Belmont Common, Q.C. Prize for Criminal Procedure for the student attaining the second highest grade in Criminal Procedure

SOPHIA DUGUAY

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

DELINDA MICHELLE HAYTON

Awarded The Law Society's Second Prize for the student attaining the third highest grades in the Bar Admission Course; The Elisabeth Slasor Prize donated by Gowling Strathy and Henderson for the student attaining the highest grade in Estate Planning at Ottawa; The Gowling, Strathy & Henderson Prize for the student attaining the highest grades in the Bar Admission Course at Ottawa; and a share of The S. J. Birnbaum, Q.C. Scholarship Second Prize for the student attaining the second highest grade in Estate Planning

JUSTINE MARIE WHITEHEAD

CALL TO THE BAR

Mr. Bradley Wright, Ms. Helene Puccini and Mr. Abraham Feinstein, representatives of the Admissions and Equity Committee presented to the Treasurer 195 candidates for the Call to the Bar as follows:

FORTIETH BAR ADMISSION COURSE 1998 - 1999

195 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 introduced Mr. Jimmy Dick, a Cree from Moose-Cree on James Bay who performed an original Cree Honour Song using the "Eagle Heart Drum".

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 The Honourable Patrick J. LeSage, Chief Justice, Ontario Court of Justice (General Division) presiding.

The candidates were presented to Chief Justice LeSage 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.

Chief Justice LeSage 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 the Opera Lobby.