

MINUTES OF SPECIAL CONVOCATION

Ottawa - Wednesday, 12th February, 1992
3:00 p.m.

Prior to Convocation the Treasurer and Benchers had as their guests for luncheon in the Amphitheatre of the National Arts Centre, Ottawa, The Honourable Wishart Spence, Madam Justice Judith Bell, Judge Gerard Cloutier, Ghislaine Cloutier, Albert Cloutier, Justice James Chadwick, Julie Chadwick, Justice W. Dan Chilcott, Jean Chilcott, Justice John Sopinka, Marie Sopinka, The Honourable Kim Campbell, Justice Duncan Blair, Dean Donald R. McRae, John D. Whyte, Kenneth Alexander, Canadian Bar Association-Ontario, Laird Rasmussen, Margaret Catharine Rasmussen, Holly Harris, Peter Ryan and Warren Dunlop.

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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 170 graduates of the 33rd Bar Admission Course and 6 transfer candidates.

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

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PRESENT

The Treasurer (James M. Spence), Brennan, Cass, Farquharson, Feinstein, Furlong, Henderson, Hickey, Krishna, Lamek, McKinnon, Peters and Rock.

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

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CONFERRING OF AN HONORARY DEGREE

Mr. Paul S.A. Lamek, Q.C., Chair of the Legal Education Committee, read the following Citation:

"Treasurer, it is my pleasant duty to present to you the Honourable Kim Campbell, Minister of Justice and Attorney General for Canada, and request that you confer upon her the degree of Doctor of Law, honoris causa.

As Attorney General she plays a critical role in the administration of justice and the legal system in Canada and she brings to her task a balance and sensitive judgment which has assisted her in accommodating and reconciling competing deeply held views and values about fundamental aspects of our laws and judicial system. Cognizant of her responsibilities she has been alert to the need for law reform in areas of profound concern to the public.

As the first woman to hold the office of Attorney General for Canada she has brought a new perspective to that high office. A perspective deepened by her experience as a scholar and university professor and her experience in politics at all levels of government. She has applied herself with dedication and diligence to meeting the challenges of the office and I request, Treasurer, that you confer upon her the degree of Doctor of Laws honoris causa."

The Treasurer then admitted The Honourable Kim Campbell to the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.

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ADDRESS

The Treasurer introduced The Honourable Kim Campbell, Minister of Justice & Attorney General of Canada who addressed the candidates.

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PRESENTATION OF AWARDS AND APPOINTMENTS

Ms. Holly Harris, Regional Director of Education presented the recipients of awards and appointments to the Treasurer.

The Treasurer presented the following prizes to the respective recipients:

Awarded The Gowling, Strathy & Henderson Prize for the student attaining the highest grades in the Bar Admission Course at Ottawa; The Arthur Wentworth Roebuck Award donated by friends of the late Senator Roebuck for the student attaining the highest grade in Family Law; and the Harcourts Advocacy Award for the student attaining the highest combined grades in Civil Procedure, Family Law and Criminal Procedure:

Roxanne Grace Cooligan

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:

Marilyn Joyce Vardy

Awarded The S.J. Birnbaum, Q.C. Scholarships, Second Prize for the student attaining the second highest grade in Estate Planning; and The Elisabeth Slasor Prize donated by Gowling, Strathy & Henderson for the student attaining the highest grade in Estate Planning at Ottawa:

Caron Linnea George

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

Stephen Peter Zaluski

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CALL TO THE BAR

Mr. Lloyd Brennan, Q.C. of the Admissions Committee presented to the Treasurer 176 candidates for the Call to the Bar as follows:

THIRTY-THIRD BAR ADMISSION COURSE 1991 - 1992

176 CANDIDATES FOR CALL TO THE BAR

Enclosed in Convocation file, list of the 176 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.

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CONVOCATION ADJOURNED

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Following Convocation a Special Sitting of the Supreme Court of Ontario and the Ontario Court of Justice (General Division) was convened, with The Honourable Mr. Justice Duncan Gordon Blair, Court of Appeal for Ontario presiding.

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

Mr. Justice Blair 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 of the National Arts Centre.

Confirmed in Convocation this day of , 1992.

Treasurer