

MINUTES OF SPECIAL CONVOCATION

Toronto - Tuesday, 8th February, 1994
10:30 a.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 390 graduates of the 35th Bar Admission Course and 1 transfer candidate.

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CONVOCATION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 10:30 A.M.

PRESENT

The Treasurer (Paul S. A. Lamek), Arnup, Campbell, Cullity, Epstein, Feinstein, Hill, Kiteley, Lamont, Lax, Moliner, Somerville 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 Legal Education Committee, read the following citation:

"It is my pleasant duty to present to you and to this Convocation The Honourable Samuel Grange and ask that you confer upon him the Degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.

As an artillery officer in World War II, as a practising lawyer and as a judge, his career has been marked by service to this country and its fellow citizens and to his profession.

As a teacher and mentor of young lawyers and later as a Bencher of this Law Society he returned to the profession in no small part the benefits the practice of law had conferred upon him.

His knowledge of the law joined with his ability to arrive at a practical resolution of problems was recognized by his appointment first to the High Court of Justice and subsequently to the Court of Appeal where in addition to his duties in court he was called upon to conduct important Royal Commissions of Inquiry.

Throughout his long career his obvious enjoyment of the law as a profession combined with his good humour and gentle nature have earned him a special place in the affections of the profession. He has contributed greatly to Osgoode Hall Law School through his active role in alumni matters.

An example of the highest traditions and standards of the profession, the Honourable Mr. Justice Samuel George McDougall Grange is truly deserving of the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa."

The Treasurer admitted The Honourable Samuel G.M. Grange to the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.

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ADDRESS

The Treasurer introduced The Honourable Samuel G.M. Grange, who addressed Convocation.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS AND APPOINTMENT

Mr. Alan Treleaven, Director of Education presented the recipients of awards and appointment to the Treasurer.

The Treasurer presented the following prizes and appointment to the respective recipients.

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

Stephen George Alexander Pitel

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

Michele Sharon Glassford

Appointed Law Clerk to The Chief Justice of the Ontario Court of Justice (General Division)

Diane Eve Zimnica

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CALL TO THE BAR

Mr. Donald H.L. Lamont, Q.C., of the Admissions Committee presented to the Treasurer 391 candidates for Call to the Bar as follows:

THIRTY-FIFTH BAR ADMISSION COURSE 1993 - 1994

391 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 of the Bar 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 The Honourable John Wilson Morden, Associate Chief Justice of Ontario presiding.

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

Mr. Justice Morden then addressed the new Barristers and Solicitors.

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At the conclusion of the formal proceedings, the Treasurer and Benchers held a reception and luncheon at Osgoode Hall and had as their guests Dean Marilyn Pilkington, Mr. Justice R. Roy McMurtry, Mr. Justice John W. Morden, Mr. Justice Samuel Grange, Mr. Justice John Sopinka, Marie Sopinka, Melanie Sopinka, Randy Sopinka, Brian MacDonnell, Mr. Justice Frank Iacobucci, Nancy Iacobucci, Andrew Iacobucci, Edward Iacobucci, Igor Ellyn, Q.C., Tom Clemenham, Muriel Murphy, Michael Murphy, Patti Murphy, Dougall Grange and Wayne Shaw.

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Confirmed in Convocation this day of 1994.

Treasurer