

MINUTES OF SPECIAL CONVOCATION

Ottawa - Thursday, 9th February, 1995
3:00 p.m.

Prior to Convocation, The Treasurer and Benchers held a reception in the Amphitheatre Foyer of the National Arts Centre, followed by a luncheon in the Amphitheatre. The guests in attendance were Dean Donald Carter, Dean Sanda Rodgers, Professor Alfred Alan Borovoy, W. Ormon Murphy, John Kromkamp, Madam Justice Louise Charron and Marie Fortier.

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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 199 graduates of the 36th Bar Admission Course and 2 transfer candidates.

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

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PRESENT:

The Treasurer (Paul S. A. Lamek), Bellamy, Brennan, R. Cass, Epstein, Feinstein, Furlong, Graham, Lax, McKinnon, Peters and Scott.

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

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CONFERRING OF AN HONORARY DEGREE

Mr. Colin D. McKinnon, Q.C. of the Legal Education Committee read the following citation:

"It is my pleasant duty to present to you and to this Convocation Alfred Alan Borovoy.

Alan Borovoy has been general counsel of the Canadian Civil Liberties Association since 1968. He has been an outspoken advocate for civil liberties throughout Canada. On behalf of the Canadian Civil Liberties Association, Mr. Borovoy has made representation on issues diverse as wire tapping, prisoners' rights, discrimination, poverty, the Official Secrets Act, legal aid, confidentiality of health information, the War Measures Act, native rights, capital punishment, religious education in public schools, to name but just a few of the civil liberties issues with which he has been involved. Mr. Borovoy has widely written on civil liberties including a book in 1988 entitled When Freedoms Collide, The Case for Civil Liberties, which was nominated for the Governor General's award in non-fiction. In 1991 he authored Uncivil Obedience, The Tactics and Tales of the Democratic Agitator. Mr. Borovoy has taught at Dalhousie Law School in Halifax on civil liberties, taught at the University of Toronto, the University of Windsor, York University and has been a guest lecturer at many universities across this country.

He received the Order of Canada in 1982, the Law Society Medal from The Law Society of Upper Canada in 1989, the Award of Merit from the City of Toronto in 1982 and received Honorary Doctor of Laws degrees from Queen's University, York University and the University of Toronto.

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No one has been a more outspoken defender of our civil liberties in this country and for his manifest contribution to the civil liberties of all of us and in recognition of his great contribution in this area, and ask that you confer upon him the Degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa."

The Treasurer then admitted Alfred Alan Borovoy to the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.

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The Treasurer introduced Mr. Borovoy, who addressed Convocation.

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PRESENTATION OF AWARDS AND APPOINTMENT

Ms. Marie Fortier, Regional Director of Education of the Bar Admission Course 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 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; and awarded The Gowling, Strathy & Henderson Prize for the student attaining the highest grades in the Bar Admission Course at Ottawa

Mitchell Bruce Charness

Awarded The McCarthy Tetrault Business Law Prize donated by McCarthy Tetrault for the student attaining the highest grade in Business Law at Ottawa

Martha Ann Tweedie

Awarded The Samuel Lerner, Q.C. Prize in General Advocacy for the student attaining the highest combined grades in Civil Procedure, Public Law, and Family Law; and a share of The Arthur Wentworth Roebuck Award donated by friends of the late Senator Roebuck for the student attaining the highest grade in Family Law

Jodie Elaine Van Dieen

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

Joseph Pierre Champagne

Awarded a share of The Elisabeth Slasor Prize donated by Gowling, Strathy & Henderson for the student attaining the highest grade in Estate Planning at Ottawa

Sunny Pankaj Handa
Frans Luc Vandendries

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

Trevor Andrew Shaw

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CALL TO THE BAR

Mr. Philip Epstein, Q.C. Chair of the Legal Education Committee presented to the Treasurer 201 candidates for the Call to the Bar as follows:

THIRTY-SIXTH BAR ADMISSION COURSE 1994 - 1995

201 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) was convened, with The Honourable Madam Justice Louise Charron, Ontario Court of Justice (General Division) presiding.

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

Madam Justice Charron 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.

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Confirmed in Convocation this day of 1995.

Treasurer