

MINUTES OF SPECIAL CONVOCATION

Toronto - Thursday, 22nd February, 2001
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 208 graduates of the Bar Admission Course and 1 transfer candidate.

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

The Treasurer asked all present to stand for the National Anthem sung by Tamara Hummel.

PRESENT: (Platform)

The Treasurer (Robert P. Armstrong, Q.C.), Leonard Braithwaite, John Campion, Earl Cherniak, Andrew Coffey, Edward Ducharme, Neil Finkelstein, Gary Gottlieb, Robert Lalonde, Donald Lamont, Laura Legge, Derry Millar, Gregory Mulligan, Judith Potter, Heather Ross, William Simpson and Gerald Swaye.

and

Justice Joan L. Lax, Justice James M. Spence, Justice Gordon Barkman, Justice Walter S. Gonet, Huguette Malyon, Dean Peter W. Hogg, Bonnie Goldberg, Thomas C. Marshall, Q.C., Cindy Wasser, Jeff Cowan, Richard Tinsley, Bob Bernhardt, Roman Woloszczuk, Cindy Pinkus, Leah Daniels and Evan Shapiro.

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 introduced the Doctoral candidate, The Honourable Mr. Justice James M. Spence and read the following citation:

“Treasurer, it is my pleasant duty to present to you The Honourable Mr. Justice James M. Spence and request that you confer upon him the degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*.

Possessed of a keen and analytical intellect, following his call to the Bar in 1968, he applied his talents to the intricacies and complexities of corporate and commercial law particularly in the area of foreign investment, an area in which he served as advisor to the federal government.

He has contributed greatly to the profession through his extensive writings not only in his area of practice but on wider and more philosophical issues relating to the role of an independent bar and judiciary in a free and democratic society and the need to maintain professional standards within the profession.

His concerns about the governance of the profession and the maintenance of its high standards were given practical expression during his period of service as a Bencher, particularly as Chair of the Research and Planning Committee, and Treasurer of this Law Society.

Service to the profession has been matched by service to the community evidenced by his membership on numerous boards most notably the Ontario College of Art and the Canadian Art Foundation.

The Honourable Mr. Justice Spence has exemplified both as a solicitor and judge those qualities of service and professionalism which the profession holds in high esteem and I therefore ask that you confer upon him the degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*."

The Treasurer admitted The Honourable Mr. Justice James M. Spence to the degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*.

Justice Spence then addressed the candidates and their guests.

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES

Mr. Bob Bernhardt, Director of Education presented the prizewinners to the Treasurer.

The Treasurer presented the following prizes to the respective recipients:

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; a share of The Herbert Egerton Harris Advocacy Scholarship for the student attaining the highest grade in Civil Litigation; and a share of The International Academy of Trial Lawyers Plaque for the student attaining the highest grade in Civil Litigation

Alison Tara Tortorice

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 William Belmont Common, Q.C. Prize for Criminal Procedure for the student attaining the second highest grade in Criminal Procedure

Henry James Powell White

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

Rebecca Rose Griffin
Caroline Virginia Jones
Jeffrey Peter Ludlow

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

Benjamin Moss

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

Mark Robert Flowers

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

Maria Civita Sciarretta
Melaney Joan Wagner

CALL TO THE BAR

Mr. Gregory Mulligan, Ms. Laura Legge, Mr. Edward Ducharme and Ms. Heather Ross, representatives of the Admissions Committee presented to the Treasurer 209 candidates for the Call to the Bar as follows:

BAR ADMISSION COURSE 2000 - 2001

209 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 Madam Justice Joan L. Lax presiding.

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

Justice Lax 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, Justice Joan L. Lax, Justice Sidney N. Lederman, Justice John W. Morden, Joyce Morden, Martha De Simone, Rocco De Simone, Peter G. Gordon, Justice James M. Spence, Katherine Spence, Sheila Spence, Andrew Spence, Huguette Malyon, Dean Peter W. Hogg, Thomas C. Marshall, Q.C., Cindy Wasser and James Edney.

Confirmed in Convocation this 24th day of May, 2001

Treasurer