

MINUTES OF SPECIAL CONVOCATION

Toronto - Friday, 25th February, 2000
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 192 graduates of the Bar Admission Course and 2 transfer candidates.

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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.), Nancy Backhouse, Larry Banack, Gordon Bobesich, Abdul Chahbar, Andrew Coffey, Marshall Crowe, Dino DiGiuseppe, Edward Ducharme, Donald Lamont, Neil Finkelstein, Ronald Manes, Gregory Mulligan, Niels Ortved, Heather Ross and Donald White.

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Chief Justice R. Roy McMurtry, The Hon. Justice Frank Iacobucci, Huguette Malyon, Professor Marilyn Pilkington, Dean Ronald J. Daniels, Jonathan D. Spiegel, John Ritchie, Jeffrey G. Cowan, Richard Tinsley, Bob Bernhardt, Roman Woloszczuk, Cindy Pinkus, Ian Lebane, Elizabeth Cowie and Evan Shapiro.

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

CONFERRING OF AN HONORARY DEGREE

Ms. Nancy Backhouse, Chair of the Admissions Committee introduced the Doctoral candidate, The Hon. Mr. Justice Frank Iacobucci, and read the following citation:

“Treasurer, may I present to you and to this Convocation The Honourable Justice Frank Iacobucci, Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, and request that you confer upon him the degree of Doctor of Laws *honoris causa*.

His career exemplifies a dedication to the law, the profession, and the public service, which is extraordinary both in its breadth of undertaking and its level of accomplishment.

Entering the profession in 1964 he left private practice to pursue a career in the teaching of law at the University of Toronto. There, his quick intellect, his administrative skills and his leadership were soon recognized by his peers, and he was given a succession of increasingly responsible positions both within the law school - where he occupied the deanship - and within the wider academic community, where he held the post of Vice-President and Provost of the University.

His talents were then called on by the Government of Canada, where he held the position of Deputy Attorney General of Canada, followed by his appointment as Chief Justice of the Federal Court and, in 1991, his elevation to the Supreme Court of Canada.

In addition to this contribution to the law and the legal profession, he has also contributed his talents and energy to the community at large, and in so doing has exemplified the highest ideals of our profession.

A model for the profession, he is truly deserving of the degree of Doctor of Laws *honoris causa*, which I ask, Treasurer, you confer upon him.”

The Treasurer admitted The Hon. Mr. Justice Frank Iacobucci to the degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*.

Justice Iacobucci then addressed the candidates and their guests.

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES

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

The Treasurer presented the following prizes to the respective recipients:

Awarded 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

CHRISTIANNE CATHERINE ZIMMER

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

FIONA MARGARET INNES

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

JUSTIN KEITH DIGGLE
ELLIOTT ALEXANDER VARDIN

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

KRISTINE MARIE DI BACCO
AARON SCHOTT EMES
NATHAN VERHAGEN

Awarded the Osgoode Society for Canadian Legal History Prize for attaining the highest grades in the Bar Admission Course.

FIONA MARGARET INNES
JULIANE PARK
JOHNNY MICHAEL SABETTI
NATHAN VERHAGEN

CALL TO THE BAR

Mr. Larry Banack, Mr. Neil Finkelstein, Ms. Heather Ross and Mr. Donald White, representatives of the Admissions Committee presented to the Treasurer 194 candidates for the Call to the Bar as follows:

BAR ADMISSION COURSE 1999 - 2000

194 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 R. Roy McMurtry, Chief Justice of Ontario, presiding.

The candidates were presented to Chief Justice McMurtry 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.

Chief Justice McMurtry 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, Chief Justice R. Roy McMurtry, Justice Heather F. Smith, Justice Frank Iacobucci, Nancy Iacobucci, Edward Iacobucci, Sheryl Strother, Andre Iacobucci, Melanie Aitken, Justice Peter deC. Cory, Edith Cory, Professor Marilyn L. Pilkington, Wayne Shaw, Professor J. Robert S. Prichard, Huguette Malyon, Jonathan D. Speigel, John Ritchie, Fred Myers, Erica Armstrong, Mary Ellen Mulligan and Marylyn White.

Confirmed in Convocation this day of , 2000

Treasurer