

MINUTES OF SPECIAL CONVOCATION

London - Tuesday, 15th February, 2000  
2:30 p.m.

Prior to Convocation, the Treasurer and Benchers held a reception and luncheon in Salon C at the London Convention Centre. The guests were Justice Lynne C. Leith, Justice Lee K. Ferrier, Marion Stuart, Dean Brian Mazer, Albert Oosterhoff, James Mays and Shirley Furlong.

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Following the luncheon, the Treasurer, Benchers and their guests proceeded to the auditorium for the Call to the Bar ceremonies of the 70 graduates of the Bar Admission Course and 3 transfer candidates.

CONVOCATION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 2:30 P.M.

The Treasurer asked all present to stand for the National Anthem sung by Elizabeth Kmiec.

PRESENT: (Platform)

The Treasurer (Robert P. Armstrong, Q.C.), Nancy Backhouse, Marion Boyd, Leonard Braithwaite, Thomas Carey, Kim Carpenter-Gunn, Abdul Chahbar, Gillian Diamond, Edward Ducharme, Todd Ducharme, Patrick Furlong, Donald Lamont, Niels Ortved, Judith Potter, Heather Ross, William Simpson and Gerald Swaye.

and

Justice Lynne C. Leitch, Justice Lee K. Ferrier, Marion Stuart, Shelley Gavigan, Dean Brian Mazer, Albert Oosterhoff, James Mays, Otto Colosimo, Alfred A. Mamo, Barry R. Card, John Saso, Richard Tinsley, Bob Bernhardt and Cindy Pinkus.

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

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CONFERRING OF AN HONORARY DEGREE

Ms. Nancy Backhouse, Chair of the Admissions Committee introduced the Doctoral candidate, The Honourable Mr. Justice Lee Ferrier and read the following citation:

“Treasurer, it is my pleasant duty to present to you and to this Convocation, The Honourable Justice Lee K. Ferrier, and request that you confer upon him the degree of Doctor of Laws *honoris causa*.

Called to the Bar in 1964, he soon established himself as a leader of the family law bar, and was recognized not only by his peers but by provincial and federal governments, which called on his expertise when making reforms in the area of family law and divorce.

His was not a narrow view of the law; his compassion and concern for others gave him a deep appreciation for the human and social dimension of family law and the need to reduce harmful conflict.

This compassionate and humane nature also saw outlet in his voluntary work with numerous community organizations dedicated to assisting the less fortunate.

Throughout his career he gave unstintingly of his time to the legal profession through participation in its voluntary and social organizations, and most importantly through his service as a Bencher and Treasurer of the Law Society, where he played a significant role in the development of policies governing the provision of legal services to the public through his membership on the Client Funding Committee and as Chair of the Legal Aid Plan.

His record of service to the people of this province and to the legal profession are in the highest tradition of the bar, and I ask therefore, Treasurer, that you confer upon him the degree of Doctor of Law *honoris causa*."

The Treasurer admitted Justice Lee Ferrier to the degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*.

Justice Ferrier then addressed the candidates and their guests.

#### PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Ms. Cynthia Marlyne Pinkus, Bar Admission Course Faculty Member, Toronto presented the prizewinners to the Treasurer.

The Treasurer presented the following prizes to the respective recipients.

Awarded The E. J. McGrath Prize for the student at London who has most clearly demonstrated excellence in the skills required in Criminal Practice

HUGH ROBERT GRIFFITH-JONES

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

BRIAN DOUGLAS HURREN

Awarded The Law Society's First Prize and The Edwin George Long, K. C. Memorial Scholarship for the student attaining the second highest grades in the Bar Admission Course; The Isadore Levinter Memorial Award for the student attaining the second highest grades in the Bar Admission Course; and a share of The S. J. Birnbaum Q.C. Scholarship Third Prize for the student attaining the third highest grade in Estate Planning

CYNTHIA LYNN NANTAIS

Awarded a share of The Beverley Genest Prize for the student attaining the highest grade in Family Law at London, and The Pensa & Associates Prize for the student attaining the highest grades in the Bar Admission Course at London

SPENCER SCOTT NICHOLSON

Awarded a share of The Beverley Genest Prize for the student attaining the highest grade in Family Law at London

KENNETH REGINALD STRONG

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

BENJAMIN DOUGLAS WAGHORN

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

JENNIFER LYNN HENRICKS  
CYNTHIA LYNN NANTAIS  
SPENCER SCOTT NICHOLSON

#### CALL TO THE BAR

Mr. Edward Ducharme, Ms. Judith Potter and Ms. Heather Ross, representatives of the Admissions Committee presented to the Treasurer 73 candidates for the Call to the Bar as follows:

BAR ADMISSION COURSE 1999 - 2000

73 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 Lynne C. Leitch, Superior Court of Justice, presiding.

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

Madam Justice Leitch then addressed the new Barristers and Solicitors.

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 Ballroom Foyer of the London Convention Centre.

15th February, 2000

Confirmed in Convocation this      day of      , 2000

Treasurer