

MINUTES OF SPECIAL CONVOCATION

London - Monday, 15th February, 1999
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 D. R. McDermid, Justice Thomas G. Zuber, David Zuber, Maureen Zuber, John Zuber, Sherri Zuber, Timothy Zuber, Laurie Zuber, Justice Peter B. Hockin, Justice Grant A. Campbell, Madam Justice Mary E. Marshman, Justice David Aston, Justice R. Jeffrey Flinn, Justice Robert M. P. Daudlin, Justice John H. Brockenshire, Justice Gordon Thomson, Justice Joseph G. Quinn, Madam Justice Eileen Gillese, Christopher Kruba, Mr. and Mrs. Kruba, Richard Kruba, Marion Stewart, Margaret McSorley, Stephen R. Cameron, Albert Oosterhoff and Marinus Lamers.

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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 98 graduates of the 40th 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 Akua Carson.

PRESENT: (Platform)

The Treasurer (Harvey T. Strosberg, Q.C.), Nora Angeles, Nancy Backhouse, Kim Carpenter-Gunn, Abdul Chahbar, Patrick Furlong, Donald Lamont, Derry Millar, Daniel Murphy, Niels Ortved, Heather Ross, Tamara Stomp, Gerald Swaye and Robert Topp.

and

Justice D. R. McDermid, Justice Thomas G. Zuber, Marion Stewart, Stephen R. Cameron, Albert Oosterhoff, Myra Tawfik, Marinus Lamers, Margaret McSorley, John Saso, Richard Tinsley and Bob Bernhardt.

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

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CONFERRING OF AN HONOURARY DEGREE

Ms. Nancy Backhouse, Chair of the Admissions and Equity Committee introduced the Doctoral candidate, Mr. Justice Thomas Zuber and read the following citation:

"Treasurer, it is my pleasant duty to present to you and to this Convocation The Honourable Mr. Justice Thomas Zuber and request that you confer upon him the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.

Called to the bar in 1951, his quick grasp of the essential legal principles of a case combined with an ability to convey his argument in a clear and concise manner soon established him as a leading counsel. Those same abilities stood him in good stead when he was appointed to the County Court Bench in 1968. He has served as a County Court Judge, a Judge of the Supreme Court of Ontario, a Judge of the Court of Appeal for Ontario and most latterly as the Senior Regional Judge for the Southwest District of the Ontario Court of Justice.

A distinguished jurist he has not only applied himself to the trying of disputes but also to teaching, having taught at the University of Windsor Law School and to authoring legal tests.

His career has been marked by service to his clients, his community, the profession and, above all, the law and is illustrative of the highest ideals of our learned profession making him truly worthy of the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa which I ask, Treasurer, you now confer upon him."

The Treasurer admitted Justice Thomas Zuber to the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.

Justice Zuber then addressed the candidates and their guests.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Ms. Margaret McSorley, Head of the Bar Admission Course, London presented the prizewinners to the Treasurer.

The Treasurer presented the following prizes to the respective recipients.

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

MELANIE ANNE COULTER

Awarded The Pensa & Associates Prize for the student attaining the highest grades in the Bar Admission Course at London, and a share of The S. J. Birnbaum, Q.C. Scholarship Second Prize for the student attaining the second highest grade in Estate Planning

REBECCA LEE KRASNOR

Awarded The McCarthy Tetrault Business Law Prize donated by McCarthy Tetrault for the student attaining the highest grade in Business Law at London, and a share of The Stuart Thom Prize donated by Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt for the student attaining the highest grade in Business Law

KRISTINA MARIE SHAW

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

MICHAEL KENNETH SMITH

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

LEANNE BETH WINTER

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

SANDRA ELIZABETH VAN YMEREN

CALL TO THE BAR

Ms. Heather Ross, Ms. Tamara Stomp and Ms. Kim Carpenter-Gunn, representatives of the Admissions and Equity Committee presented to the Treasurer 101 candidates for the Call to the Bar as follows:

FORTIETH BAR ADMISSION COURSE 1998 - 1999

101 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 Ontario Court of Justice (General Division) convened with The Honourable Mr. Justice D. R. McDermid, Regional Senior Justice, Southwest Region, Ontario Court of Justice (General Division) presiding.

The candidates were presented to Justice McDermid 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.

Justice McDermid 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.