

## MINUTES OF SPECIAL CONVOCATION

Ottawa – Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2010  
9:00 a.m.

The Treasurer (W. A. Derry Millar), benchers and their guests proceeded to Southam Hall in the National Arts Centre for the Call to the Bar ceremonies of 218 candidates listed in the Report of the Director of Professional Development and Competence.

## CONVOCATION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:00 A.M.

A quorum of Convocation was present.

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

The Treasurer asked all present to stand for the National Anthem sung by Martine Richard.

The Treasurer welcomed the candidates and their guests.

CONFERRING OF AN HONORARY DEGREE

Ms. Pawlitza, Chair of the Professional Development and Competence Committee introduced the Doctoral candidate, the Honourable Thomas A. Cromwell and read the following citation:

“Treasurer may I present to you and this Convocation the Honourable Thomas A. Cromwell, and request that you confer upon him the degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*.

Justice Cromwell’s career has been a melding of the best traditions of the Bench, the Bar and academia. Called to the Bar of Ontario in 1979, he practised in Kingston and Toronto for three years before accepting a teaching position at the Faculty of Law at Dalhousie University. In 1997, he was appointed to the Nova Scotia Court of Appeal and then in 2008, he was appointed to the Supreme Court of Canada.

He is an illustrious Canadian who possesses a brilliant legal mind characterized by clarity of thought and sound analytical reasoning. The respect that he has garnered throughout his career is not based solely on his legal prowess but also his warm and generous nature. His quick wit, sense of humour and his ability to relate to all those he encounters serve to further distinguish this outstanding recipient.

The Honourable Thomas A. Cromwell is most deserving of this honour and I request you, Sir, to confer upon him the degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*”.

The Treasurer admitted the Honourable Thomas A. Cromwell to the degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*.

Mr. Justice Cromwell addressed the candidates and their guests.

### CALL TO THE BAR

Ms. MGrath, Ms. Minor and Mr. Simpson presented to the Treasurer the 218 candidates for the Call to the Bar.

### 218 CANDIDATES FOR CALL TO THE BAR

(list of candidates in Convocation file)

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 barristers.

### 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 Justice Paul S. Rouleau presiding.

The candidates were presented to Justice Rouleau before whom they took the Oaths and acknowledged their signatures on the Rolls in the presence of the Court.

Justice Rouleau then addressed the new barristers and solicitors.

At the conclusion of the formal proceedings the new lawyers and their guests were received by the Treasurer and benchers in the Southam Hall Lobby.

Confirmed in Convocation this 29<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2010.

Treasurer