

MINUTES OF SPECIAL CONVOCATION

Toronto - Friday, 26th February, 1999
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 199 candidates of the 40th Bar Admission Course and 1 transfer candidate.

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

The Treasurer asked all to stand for the National Anthem sung by the Law Society Choir.

PRESENT: (Platform)

The Treasurer (Harvey T. Strosberg, Q.C.), Nora Angeles, Robert Armstrong, Nancy Backhouse, Larry Banack, Gordon Bobesich, Thomas Carey, Abdul Chahbar, Austin Cooper, Elvio DelZotto, Gary Gottlieb, Paul Lamek, Donald Lamont, Gavin MacKenzie, Derry Millar, Niels Ortved, Helene Puccini, Heather Ross, David Scott and Gerald Swaye.

and

Justice Coulter A. Osborne, Justice James M. Spence, Hope Sealy, Huguette Malyon, Alexander Greer, Dean Ronald Daniels, Donald Short, John Ritchie, Jimmy Dick, John Saso, Richard Tinsley, Bob Bernhardt, Ian Lebane, Cindy Pinkus and Roman Woloszczuk.

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

CONFERRING OF AN HONOURARY DEGREE

Ms. Nancy Backhouse, Chair of the Admissions and Equity Committee introduced the Doctoral candidate, Ms. Hope Sealy and read the following citation:

"Treasurer, it is my pleasant duty to present to you and to this Convocation, Hope Sealy and ask that you confer upon her the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.

Appointed a lay bencher in 1991, her quick intellect combined with her articulate and reasoned presentation, honed by her years as a broadcast journalist soon earned her the respect of the benchers and made her a worthy and effective representative of the public in Convocation.

As a bencher she made a significant contribution to the regulation of the legal profession in Ontario, as she participated in the work of the bench on numerous standing and special committees including the special committee which examined, restructured and implemented a new model of governance for the Law Society.

Her understanding of human nature informed by a strong faith enabled her to put a human face to the Law Society when functioning as a Complaints Commissioner and as a member of the discipline panels.

We are indebted to her for her contribution to the profession and the public and I ask therefore Treasurer that you now confer upon her the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa."

The Treasurer admitted Ms. Hope Sealy to the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.

Ms. Sealy then addressed the graduates and their guests.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

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

JOHN ROBINSON BILLINGSLEY
BRIAN EDWARD COHEN
AMANDA JANE IRIS HUNTER
EDDY MEZZETTA

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

OSLYN LYNDONNA BRAITHWAITE

Awarded a share of The Law Society's Third Prize for the student attaining the fourth highest grades in the Bar Admission Course

ALLAN DAVID COLEMAN

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

DAVID JOSHUA LEVY

Awarded The Samuel Lerner, Q.C. Prize in General Advocacy for the student attaining the highest combined grades in Civil Litigation, Public Law, and Family Law; and a share of The Isadore Levinter Prize donated by the Advocates' Society for the student attaining the highest grade in Public Law

KIMBERLY ALESIA DAWN OZUBKO

Awarded a share of The Practitioners' Prize in Real Estate for the student attaining the highest grade in Real Estate

JOHN FREELAND SMITH

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

JOSEPH ALEXANDER STARKMAN

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

SCOTT PATRICK SUMNER

CALL TO THE BAR

Mr. Larry Banack, Mr. Thomas Carey, Mr. Derry Millar and Mr. Elvio DelZotto, representatives of the Admissions and Equity Committee presented to the Treasurer 200 candidates for the Call to the Bar as follows:

FORTIETH BAR ADMISSION COURSE 1998 - 1999

200 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.

The Treasurer introduced Mr. Jimmy Dick, a Cree from Moose-Cree on James Bay who performed an original Cree Honour Song using the "Eagle Heart Drum".

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 Coulter A. Osborne, Court of Appeal for Ontario presiding.

The candidates were presented to Justice Osborne 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 Osborne 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 Coulter A. Osborne, Madam Justice Fran Kiteley, Madam Justice Denise Bellamy, Justice James M. Spence, Kathie Spence, Andrew Spence, Hope Sealy, Kevin Stuart, Mark Stuart, V. Maureen Kempston Darkes, Larry Darkes, Neil Macdonald, Huguette Malyon, Alexander Greer, Peter Hogg, Donald Short, John Ritchie, James Musgrove, James Hodgson, Bev Hodgson, Tyler Hodgson, Cathy Strosberg, Sharon Strosberg, David Robins, Elaine Strosberg, Jay Strosberg, Hayley Zelicovitz, Franklin Lyons and Marni Lyons.