

MINUTES OF SPECIAL CONVOCATION

London - Tuesday, 13th February, 2001  
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 Chief Justice R. Roy McMurtry, Justice Eileen E. Gillese, Robert Badun, Marion Stuart, Dean Ian Holloway, Brian Mazer, Jennifer Smout, Gregory K. G. Clark and Gordon B. Carmichael.

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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 73 graduates of the Bar Admission Course and 2 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 Rachel Weisdorf.

PRESENT: (Platform)

The Treasurer (Robert P. Armstrong, Q.C.), Marion Boyd, Leonard Braithwaite, Thomas Carey, Kim Carpenter-Gunn, Abdul Chahbar, Edward Ducharme, Patrick Furlong, George Hunter, Gavin MacKenzie, Derry Millar, Daniel Murphy, Niels Ortved, Judith Potter, William Simpson, Gerald Swaye and Robert Topp.

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Chief Justice R. Roy McMurtry, Justice Eileen E. Gillese, Justice Edward F. J. McGrath, Marion Stuart, Dean Ian Holloway, Brian Mazer, Jennifer Smout, Gregory K. G. Clark, Otto Colosimo, 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

Mr. Edward Ducharme, Vice-Chair of the Admissions Committee introduced the Doctoral candidate, The Hon. Madam Justice Eileen E. Gillese and read the following citation:

“It is my pleasant duty to present to you and to this Convocation, The Honourable Madam Justice Eileen E. Gillese and request that you confer upon her the degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*.

Hers is a career in which early promise evidenced by a Rhodes Scholarship and undergraduate and graduate degrees in law from Oxford University has been fulfilled by a career of accomplishment.

After a brief period in the private practice of law, she turned her significant intellectual powers and energy to the teaching of law at the University of Western Ontario Law School where her academic abilities were recognized and her appreciation of the practical and political problems of administration gained her the respect of her peers culminating in her being appointed Dean of the Faculty of Law.

A gifted and energetic teacher, she has won numerous awards for teaching excellence including the Edward Pleva Award, the University of Western Ontario's most prestigious teaching award.

In addition to her academic responsibilities, she has served the wider community as Chair of the Financial Services Commission of Ontario, the Financial Services Tribunal and the Pension Commission of Ontario as well as acting as a consultant to governments both in Canada and internationally.

Treasurer, Madam Justice Gillese's contributions to the teaching of law including her learned writings in the area of trust and pension law and her service to the wider community make her a worthy candidate for the degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa* which I respectfully request that you confer upon her."

The Treasurer admitted Justice Eileen Gillese to the degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*.

Justice Gillese then addressed the candidates and their guests.

#### PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

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

The Treasurer presented the following prizes to the respective recipients.

Awarded The Osgoode Society for Canadian Legal History Prize for being one of the twenty-five students attaining the highest grades in the Bar Admission Course; The Margaret McNulty Award for the student who, among the graduates of the Faculty of Law, University of Western Ontario, attained the highest grades in the Bar Admission Course; The Harrison Pensa Prize for the student attaining the highest grades in the Bar Admission Course at London; 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 Margaret P. Hyndman, O.C., Q.C., D.C.L. Prize donated by the Alpha Mu Chapter, Kappa Beta Pi Legal Association for the student attaining the second highest grade in Business Law

Troy Harold Lehman

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

Justin John Heimpel

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

Amy Catherine Dale

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

Sheila Colleen Handler

Mr. Justice Edward J. McGrath presented the prize to Ms. Handler.

### CALL TO THE BAR

Mr. Gerald Swaye, Mr. Abdul Chahbar and Ms. Judith Potter, representatives of the Admissions Committee presented to the Treasurer 75 candidates for the Call to the Bar as follows:

#### BAR ADMISSION COURSE 2000 - 2001

#### 75 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, the Barristers Oath and the 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.

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.

Confirmed in Convocation this 24th day of May, 2001

Treasurer