

MINUTES OF SPECIAL CONVOCATION

London - Thursday, 19th February, 1998
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 in attendance were Justice Gordon P. Killeen, E. Susan Elliott, Anne-Marie Tymec, Lesley Gotlib, John Kromkamp, Margaret McSorley, Roman Woloszczuk, Gordon Good, Eileen Gillese, Marinus Lamers, Jay Strosberg, Dalida Negrin, Muriel Murphy, Paul Ross and Cleda Yachetti.

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Following the luncheon, the Treasurer, the Benchers and their guests proceeded to the auditorium for the Call to the Bar ceremonies of the 82 graduates of the 39th Bar Admission Course and 1 transfer candidate.

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

PRESENT:

The Treasurer (Harvey T. Strosberg, Q.C.), Aaron, Chahbar, Epstein, Furlong, Lamont, Manes, Martin, Millar, Murphy, O'Connor, Ortved, Ross, Stomp, Swaye and Yachetti

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

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CONFERRING OF AN HONORARY DEGREE

Mr. Philip Epstein, Q.C., Chair of the Admissions and Equity Committee introduced the Doctoral candidate, Ms. E. Susan Elliott and read the following citation:

“Treasurer, it is my pleasant duty to present to you and to this Convocation E. Susan Elliott and request that you confer upon her the degree of Doctor of Laws honoris causa.

Called to the bar in 1981, she practised law in a small firm and early on involved herself in the activities of her local bar association.

Elected a bencher in 1991 she soon won the recognition and respect of her peers for her dedication to the work of the Law Society and her thoughtful analysis of the issues. Her abilities led her to being appointed Chair of the Women in the Legal Profession Committee and the Libraries and Reporting Committee.

Elected Treasurer in 1995, the combination of her leadership and her ability to forge a consensus by reconciling divergent views allowed her to guide her fellow benchers through a review of the way in which the benchers discharged their obligation to govern the legal profession in the public interest. The policies and procedures resulting from that process will benefit the Law Society, the profession and the public in the years ahead and I ask therefore that you grant her the degree of Doctor of Laws honoris causa.”

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

Ms. Elliott then addressed the candidates and their guests.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Mr. Alan Treleaven, Executive Director of Education presented the prizewinners to the Treasurer.

The Treasurer presented the following prizes to the respective recipients:

Awarded 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 Pensa & Associates Prize for the student attaining the highest grades in the Bar Admission Course at London

GREGORY LOUIS FLYNN

Awarded The Arthur Wentworth Roebuck Award donated by friends of the late Senator Roebuck for the student attaining the highest grade in Family Law; The Beverley Genest Prize for the student attaining the highest grade in Family Law at London

PAULA JUNE PUDDY

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

KIMBERLY GAIL FULTON

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 KENNETH DOWNING

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

KELLY ANNE CLARK TRANQUILLI

CALL TO THE BAR

Mr. Robert Martin and Ms. Heather Ross presented to the Treasurer 83 candidates for the Call to the Bar as follows:

THIRTY-NINTH BAR ADMISSION COURSE 1997 - 1998

83 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 Gordon P. Killeen, Ontario Court of Justice (General Division) presiding.

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

Justice Killeen 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.