

Communiqué

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The Benchers have directed that a questionnaire be sent to every member of the Society to obtain information on changes in earning and practising conditions, attitudes towards institutional advertising and advertising by individual lawyers, the number of lawyers entering the profession and other related matters. It will be mailed shortly and members are asked to take time to complete and return it.

Convocation authorized the Treasurer to appoint a special committee to make recommendations to the Federal government task force which is reviewing the provisions of the Immigration Act concerning immigration consultants. It is expected that the special committee will urge that greater responsibility be taken by solicitors at key stages of the process of advising prospective immigrants.

The Treasurer referred with regret to the death last month of John Austin Dufferin Slemin of Brantford who was first elected a Bencher in 1956, becoming a Bencher ex officio in 1971. He maintained an active interest in the affairs of the Society though in recent years frail health has prevented his attendance at Convocation.

The rights and privileges of seven recent graduates will be suspended at the end of this month if they have not by then paid the levy for errors and omissions insurance or applied for exemption from coverage.

Bernard Aron of Toronto was disbarred today. He had altered the terms of a mortgage and directed a bank to pay the proceeds to himself, all without his client's knowledge and misappropriated more than \$30,000 of clients' funds.

Peter Csont of Waterloo was suspended from practice for one year. In 1972 and 1973 he had helped to destroy some documents and to prepare others which assisted a corporation to evade payment of income taxes, and in 1974 gave false evidence before the Securities Commission concerning the transaction.

Kenneth Jarvis,

Secretary.