

MINUTES OF SPECIAL CONVOCATION

Toronto - Thursday, 25th February, 1999  
3:15 p.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 166 graduates of the 40th Bar Admission Course and 2 transfer candidates.

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CONVOCATION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 3:15 P.M.

The Treasurer asked all to stand for the National Anthem sung by Siobhan Dungan.

PRESENT: (Platform)

The Treasurer (Harvey T. Strosberg, Q.C.), Robert Aaron, Michael Adams, Nora Angeles, Nancy Backhouse, Thomas Carey, William Carter, Abdul Chahbar, Philip Epstein, Gary Gottlieb, Jennifer Keenan, Donald Lamont, Ronald Manes, Derry Millar, Sydney L. Robins, Heather Ross, David Scott and Gerald Swaye.

and

Madam Justice Heather J. Smith, Madam Justice Louise Arbour, Justice Douglas H. Lissaman, Judge Anton Zuraw, Huguette Malyon, Associate Dean Simon Fodden, Associate Dean Catherine Valcke, Igor Ellyn, James Howie, 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

Mr. Philip Epstein, Q.C. introduced the Doctoral candidate The Honourable Madam Justice Louise Arbour and read the following citation:

"Chief Justice, Treasurer, Distinguished Guests, Graduates, Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is my very great privilege to introduce to you The Honourable Louise Arbour and ask you, Treasurer, on behalf of the Law Society of Upper Canada, to confer upon her the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.

Madam Justice Arbour is a graduate of the University of Montreal. In 1970 she was a law clerk to Mr. Justice Louise-Philippe Pigeon in the Supreme Court of Canada. She later became a highly regarded Professor of Criminal Law at Osgoode Hall Law School in Toronto and remained there until she accepted an appointment to the then Trial Division of the Ontario Supreme Court in 1987. In recognition of her obvious talents, she was elevated to the Ontario Court of Appeal in March of 1990 where she served with distinction until October of 1996, when, in what can only be described as an incredible act of courage and determination, she took leave from the Court of Appeal to become chief prosecutor for the International War Crimes Tribunal at the Hague.

A few short weeks ago our television screens were filled with the image of Justice Arbour attempting to enter Kosovo to investigate a reported massacre of ethnic Albanians. Since 1996 she has investigated some of history's most horrific atrocities both in the former Yugoslavia and in the Central African Republic of Rwanda. She has had to deal with events that stagger the imagination and would make a stone weep. Above all, she has established the credibility of the War Crimes Tribunals and is in her own special way moving the world every closer to the establishment of a permanent international criminal court. The evidence of human barbarity to which Justice Arbour has become witness, cannot be imagined.

That she has persevered her dignity and composure and has forcefully pursued her goals in spite of enormous difficulties is a tribute to her courage. She is most deserving of the honour of the degree Doctor of Laws honoris causa."

The Treasurer admitted Madam Justice Louise Arbour to the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.

Madam Justice Arbour then addressed the graduates and 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 Joseph Sedgwick, Q.C. Prize for Criminal Procedure, and a share of The Vera L. Parsons Prize for the student attaining the highest grade in Criminal Procedure

JOHN PAUL ALEXANDROWICZ

Awarded The Law Society's First Prize, The Isadore Levinter Memorial Award, and The Edwin George Long, K.C. Memorial Scholarship for the student attaining the second highest grades in the Bar Admission Course; 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; and a share of The S. J. Birnbaum, Q.C. Scholarship Second Prize for the student attaining the second highest grade in Estate Planning

LAUREL ANNE BEAUDET

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

CELIA JEWEL HARTE  
PETER FRANCIS EMMANUEL LAFRAMBOISE

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

MARKUS FREDERICK KREMER

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

JENNIFER ALISON MAZIN

CALL TO THE BAR

Mr. Michael Adams, Mr. Robert Aaron, Ms. Nora Angeles and Ms. Heather Ross, representatives of the Admissions and Equity Committee presented to the Treasurer 168 candidates for Call to the Bar as follows:

FORTIETH BAR ADMISSION COURSE 1998 - 1999

168 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.

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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 Madam Justice Heather J. Smith, Associate Chief Justice of the Ontario Court of Justice (General Division) presiding.

The candidates were presented to Madam Justice Smith 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.

Madam Justice Smith then addressed the new Barristers and Solicitors.

At the conclusion of the formal proceedings the Treasurer, Benchers and their guests returned to Osgoode Hall.