

MINUTES OF SPECIAL CONVOCATION

Toronto - Friday, 26th 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 205 graduates of the 40th Bar Admission Course and 5 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 the Law Society Choir.

PRESENT: (Platform)

The Treasurer (Harvey T. Strosberg, Q.C.), Nora Angeles, Nancy Backhouse, Gordon Bobesich, Thomas Carey, Eleanore Cronk, Paul Lamek, Donald Lamont, Shirley O'Connor, Niels Ortved, Helene Puccini, Heather Ross and Gerald Swaye.

and

Chief Justice Patrick J. LeSage, Justice Sam N. Filer, Toni Silverman, V. Maureen Kempston Darkes, Huguette Malyon, Dean Peter Hogg, Freya Kristjanson, James Musgrove, James Hodgson, Jeffrey Cowan, 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.

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CONFERRING OF AN HONOURARY DEGREE

Mr. Paul Lamek, Q.C. introduced the Doctoral candidate Ms. Maureen Kempston Darkes and read the following citation:

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

After her call to the Bar in 1975 she joined the legal staff of General Motors of Canada. During the next 18 years she held a number of positions within this multi-national corporation in both the United States and Canada which were a recognition of her abilities as a lawyer and as an executive. Her proven leadership resulted in her appointment in 1994 as President and General Manager of General Motors of Canada Limited and Vice President of the General Motors Corporation.

In addition to these workplace responsibilities Mrs. Darkes has been involved in a number of advisory roles to both governmental and charitable entities, the latter including the Boards of the University of Alberta and the Women's College Hospital Appeal. She was made a member of The Order of Ontario in 1997 in recognition of her many accomplishments.

It is therefore fitting that the Law Society recognize her by conferring upon her the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa, which I ask, Treasurer, that you now bestow upon her."

The Treasurer admitted Maureen Kempston Darkes to the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.

Mrs. Kempston Darkes 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 The Treasurer's Medal, The Edwin George Long, K.C. Memorial Scholarship, and The Ronald O. Daly Scholarship for the student attaining the highest grades in the Bar Admission Course; The Arthur Wentworth Roebuck Award donated by friends of the late Senator Roebuck for the student attaining the highest grade in Family Law; and a share of The William Belmont Common, Q.C. Prize for Criminal Procedure for the student attaining the second highest grade in Criminal Procedure

ANDREW ELLIOT BERNSTEIN

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

WILLIAM DAVID CASTELL

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

KURT STEFAN VICTOR CLULOW

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

MICHAEL HAROLD KIMBERLEY

Awarded a share of The McCarthy Tetrault Business Law Prize donated by McCarthy Tetrault for the student attaining the highest grade in Business Law at Ottawa

NICHOLAS JAMES LEWIS

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

MICHELLE LYNN SIMPSON OLMSTEAD

Awarded The Harcourts Advocacy Award for the student attaining the highest combined grades in Civil Litigation, Family Law and Criminal Procedure

ARLEN KID STERNBERG

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

DAVID RAJENDRA SURAT

The Treasurer presented Ms. Katherine DesRochers with the Law Society of Upper Canada Certificate in memory of her late husband Thomas DesRochers.

CALL TO THE BAR

Ms. Nora Angeles, Ms. Heather Ross, Ms. Eleanore Cronk and Mr. Niels Ortvad presented to the Treasurer 210 candidates for Call to the Bar as follows:

FORTIETH BAR ADMISSION COURSE 1998 - 1999

210 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 Patrick J. LeSage, Chief Justice, Ontario Court of Justice (General Division) presiding.

The candidates were presented to Chief Justice LeSage 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.

Chief Justice LeSage then addressed the new Barristers and Solicitors.

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