

MINUTES OF SPECIAL CONVOCATION

Toronto - Thursday, 26th February, 1998  
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 367 graduates and 10 transfer candidates of the 39th Bar Admission Course.

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

PRESENT:

The Treasurer (Harvey T. Strosberg, Q.C.), Angeles, Backhouse, Carey, Carter, Crowe, DelZotto, Epstein, Gottlieb, Lamek, Lamont, Manes, Puccini, Ross, D. Scott, Sealy, Stomp and Topp.

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

CONFERRING OF AN HONORARY DEGREE

Mr. Philip Epstein, Q.C., Chair of the Admissions and Equity Committee introduced the Doctoral candidate, Mr. Robert K. Rae, Q.C. and read the following citation:

"It is my most pleasant duty to present to you and to this Convocation the Honourable Robert Keith Rae, and to request that you confer upon him the degree of Doctor of Laws honoris causa.

His has been a career marked by high achievement in government and in the practice of law. He was first elected to the House of Commons in 1978, and served continuously until 1982, when he became leader of the New Democratic Party of Ontario and was elected to the Ontario legislature. He served as Leader of the Official Opposition before becoming Premier in 1990.

His government presided over a major restructuring of the Ontario economy during the most difficult recession since the 1930's, and made significant advances in social policy.

Bob Rae is known throughout the country for his leadership in advancing initiatives to strengthen Canada's constitutional framework. He is widely respected for his passionate defence of national unity, and for advocating a flexible and progressive federalism.

In 1995 Bob Rae returned to the private sector as a partner at the law firm of Goodman, Phillips and Vineberg. His record of outstanding leadership in government, in advancing social policy and in advancing the cause of Canada have brought honour to the profession, and he is truly deserving of the award of Doctor of Laws honoris causa."

The Treasurer admitted Robert K. Rae, Q.C. to the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.

Mr. Rae then addressed the graduates and 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 Law Society First Prize, The Edwin George Long, K.C. Memorial Scholarship and The Isadore Levinter Memorial Award for the student attaining the second highest grades in the Bar Admission Course; The Harcourts Advocacy Award for the student attaining the highest combined grades in Civil Litigation, Family Law, and Criminal Procedure; The Samuel Lerner, Q.C. Prize in General Advocacy for the student attaining the highest combined grades in Civil Litigation, Public Law, and Family Law; The Herbert Egerton Harris Advocacy Scholarship for the student attaining the second highest grade in Civil Litigation; Awarded a share of The William Belmont Common, Q.C. Prize in Criminal Procedure for the student attaining the second highest grade in Criminal Procedure

JULIE GAIL ROSENTHAL

Awarded The Vera L. Parsons Prize for the student attaining the highest grade in Criminal Procedure; Awarded The Joseph Sedgwick, Q.C. Prize for Criminal Procedure

ROBERT DAVID NORTH

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

CARLOS ALBERTO FERREIRA CERQUEIRA

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

JANE NICOLE MALLEN  
WILLIAM MICHAEL GRANT OSBORNE

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

LAURA HELEN ATKINSON KERR

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

ELIZABETH JEAN EVANS  
MOTRIA ANN ONYSCHUK-MOROZOV  
FABIO MARK SOCCOL

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

KEVIN GREGORY BROCKLEHURST  
ALLAN ALEXANDER BUIST  
WILLIAM MICHAEL LE MAY  
ALLISON LOUISE MCBAIN  
JOHN RALPH NACCARATO  
TARA SHERU RITA NAZERALI  
DANIEL LAWRENCE SCHOLES  
GAVIN STUTTARD  
PETER BASIL ARMAND TOMLINSON

CALL TO THE BAR

Ms. Backhouse, Mr. Carey, Mr. Lamont and Ms. Angeles presented to the Treasurer 377 candidates for Call to the Bar as follows:

THIRTY-NINTH BAR ADMISSION COURSE 1997 - 1998

377 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 Chief Justice R. Roy McMurtry, Chief Justice of Ontario presiding.

The candidates were presented to Chief Justice McMurtry before whom they took the usual oaths 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 Treasurer, Benchers and their guests returned to Osgoode Hall.