

MINUTES OF SPECIAL CONVOCATION

Toronto - Thursday, 26th February, 1998
10:30 a.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 400 candidates of the 39th Bar Admission Course and 2 transfer candidates.

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CONVOCATION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 10:30 A.M.

PRESENT:

The Treasurer, (Harvey T. Strosberg, Q.C.), Adams, Armstrong, Banack, Carey, Carter, Copeland, Cronk, Crowe, Epstein, Finkelstein, Harvey, Lamek, Lamont, MacKenzie, Manes, Marrocco, Millar, Ortved, Ross, Ruby, Sachs, Sealy, Stomp, Topp and Yachetti.

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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. Ian G. Scott, Q.C. and read the following citation:

“Treasurer, it is my very great honour to present to you and to this Convocation Ian Gilmour Scott and request that you confer upon him the degree of Doctor of Laws honoris causa.

Called to the bar in 1959 his keen and incisive intellect, his ability to master the most complex issues, his eloquence and, perhaps most important of all, his passion, made him a formidable opponent in the courtroom and soon established him as a leading counsel.

But his was not a narrow devotion to the law and the art of advocacy. His considerable legal talents combined with a deep seated commitment to social justice and reform led him into politics and election to the Legislative Assembly in the riding of St. David. Appointment as Attorney General for the Province of Ontario soon followed. In addition to his duties as Attorney General, his other responsibilities for native affairs, for women’s issues and for race relations reflected his wide-reaching interests in social issues and his role as a dominant force in the political life of this Province.

His years of service to his clients, to the profession and the people of Ontario reflect the highest ideals of our profession and truly make him a worthy candidate for the degree of Doctor of Laws honoris causa.”

The Treasurer admitted Mr. Ian Scott to the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.

Mr. David Scott then addressed the graduates 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 Law Society Second Prize for the student attaining the third highest grades in the Bar Admission Course; Awarded a share of The S. J. Birnbaum, Q.C. Scholarship First Prize for the student attaining the highest grade in Estate Planning; 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

MICHAEL DAVID AMM

Awarded The Law Society Third Prize for the student attaining the fourth highest grades in the Bar Admission Course

ELIZABETH CAMILLA DAMIANI

Awarded a share of The Stuart Thom Prize donated by Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt for the student attaining the highest grade in Business Law; 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 Toronto

ERIC DAVID LAY
SCOTT MICHAEL JOHN ROLLWAGEN

Awarded a share of The Practitioners' Prize in Real Estate for the student attaining the highest grade in Real Estate

JONATHAN IGOR LUNDY

Awarded The McCarthy Tetrault Business Law Prize donated by McCarthy Tetrault for the student attaining the highest grade in Business Law at London

JAMES RAYMOND MORGAN

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

MARK DAVID RICHARD PARSONS

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

GREGORY MARK DEE
RONIT FLORENCE
KIMBERLEY JEANNE WHARRAM

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

GLENN KWOK LEUNG CHU
PETER WALTER SAMUEL COPELAND
JAMES FREDERICK CRANTON
JOHN EARL DUMITRU
LESLIE OWEN SNITMAN

CALL TO THE BAR

Messrs. Adams, Armstrong, MacKenzie and Ruby presented to the Treasurer 402 candidates for the Call to the Bar as follows:

THIRTY-NINTH BAR ADMISSION COURSE 1997 - 1998

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

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

Chief Justice LeSage then addressed the new Barristers and Solicitors.

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At the conclusion of the formal proceedings, the Treasurer and Benchers held a reception and luncheon at Osgoode Hall and had as their guests, Chief Justice R. Roy McMurtry, Justice W. F. Fitzgerald, Rose Fitzgerald, Ian G. Scott, Brian Scott, Benjamin Scott, Robert K. Rae, Arlene Perly Rae, John Rae, Jennifer Rae, Johanna Braden, Eddie Goodman, Joan Goodman, John Kromkamp, Steven Rosenhek, James Howie, Fred Myers, Cathy Strosberg, Amelia Chisholm, Joyce Epstein, Deborah Epstein, Aaron Franks, Norman Franks, Marlene Franks, Erica Armstrong, Andrew Armstrong, Marie Finkelstein, Donald O'Born, John Murray, Bridget Pateky and Cleda Yachetti.

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