

MINUTES OF SPECIAL CONVOCATION

Toronto - Friday, 22nd March, 1991
10:30 a.m.

The Treasurer, the Benchers and their guests proceeded to the auditorium at Roy Thompson Hall, Toronto for the Call to the Bar Ceremonies of the 400 graduates of the 32nd Bar Admission Course and 1 transfer candidate.

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

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PRESENT:

The Treasurer (James M. Spence), Bastedo, Campbell, Carey, Chapnik, Farquharson, Ferguson, Ground, Howland, Kiteley, Lamek, Lamont, McKinnon, Peters, Legge, Rock, Somerville, and Thom.

The body of the auditorium was occupied by the 401 candidates and their guests.

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CONFERRING OF AN HONORARY DEGREE

Mr. Allan Rock, Q.C., Chair of the Legal Education Committee, read the following Citation:

"Mr. Treasurer,

It is my most pleasant duty to present to you and to this Convocation the Honourable Madam Justice Bertha Wilson and to request that you confer upon her the degree of Doctor of Laws.

Trained as a teacher in her native Scotland, law was her second career however her quiet determination and legal ability soon won her recognition. Her achievements and successes in the law have also served to mark a path which others have now followed. She was the first woman to be elected to the National Council of the Canadian Bar Association, the first woman to be appointed to a provincial Court of Appeal and the first woman appointed to the Supreme Court of Canada.

As a judge, first in the Court of Appeal of Ontario and more latterly in the Supreme Court of this nation, her rigorous legal analysis of the issues combined with her humane and sensitive awareness to the needs and rights of individuals led her to propound innovative approaches to the problems facing the legal system and society at large in these increasingly complex times.

Madame Justice Bertha Wilson has served the law, the profession and this country with great distinction and dedication and is deserving of the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa, which I ask that you confer upon her."

The Treasurer then admitted Madam Justice Bertha Wilson to the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.

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ADDRESS:

The Treasurer introduced Madam Justice Bertha Wilson, Supreme Court of Canada, who addressed the graduates.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS AND APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Alan Treleaven, Director of Legal Education presented the recipients of awards and appointments to the Treasurer.

The Treasurer presented the following prizes to the respective recipients:

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

Carol Elisabeth Jamieson

Awarded The Walter Williston Prize for Legal Scholarship:

Frank Edwin Denton

and congratulated the recipients of the following special appointment:

Appointed Law Clerks to The Honourable F.W. Callaghan , Chief Justice of the Ontario Court of Justice (General Division):

- Kirk Dennis Goodtrack
- Donna Guidolin
- Timothy John Law
- John Christopher Noonan
- Elizabeth Alexandra Waywell
- Diana Jane Young
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CALL TO THE BAR

Mr. Gordon H.T. Farquharson, Q.C. of the Admissions Committee presented to the Treasurer 401 candidates for Call to the Bar as follows:

THIRTY-SECOND BAR ADMISSION COURSE 1990 - 1991

401 CANDIDATES FOR CALL TO THE BAR

Enclosed in Convocation File, 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 addressed the new members of the Bar and congratulated them on behalf of The Law Society of Upper Canada.

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CONVOCATION ADJOURNED

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Following Convocation a Special Sitting of the Supreme Court of Ontario was convened, with The Honourable John W. Brooke, Court of Appeal for Ontario, presiding.

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

Mr. Justice Brooke then addressed the new Barristers and Solicitors.

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LUNCHEON:

At the conclusion of the formal proceedings, The Treasurer and Benchers had as their guests for luncheon in the Benchers' Dining Room, Osgoode Hall, some of whom were attending the 3:15 p.m. Call to the Bar Ceremony: Garth Manning, Canadian Bar Association-Ontario, Dean Robert J. Sharpe, Faculty of Law, University of Toronto, Assistant Dean Sharon Williams, York University, Peter White, Jr., President of the York County Law Association, The Honourable Mr. Justice John W. Brooke, Court of Appeal for Ontario, Madam Justice Bertha Wilson, Judge Colin S. Lazier, Thomas E. Lazier, John D. Gillespie, Harriett Gillespie, Susan Gillespie, Dean Martin L. Friedland, Thomas Friedland, Judy Friedland, Justice G. D. Finlayson, Arthur A.R.Scace, Susan Scace, James M. Tory, Marilyn Tory, Richard Tory, Justice T. Zuber, Barbara Zuber, David Zuber, Justice Nicholson McRae, Dorothea McRae and Rev. John Wilson.

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Confirmed in Convocation this day of ,
1991.

Treasurer