

MINUTES OF SPECIAL CONVOCATION

Ottawa - Thursday, 3rd February, 1994  
3:00 p.m.

Prior to Convocation, the Treasurer and Benchers held a reception in the Amphitheatre Foyer of the National Arts Centre, followed by a luncheon in the Amphitheatre. The guests in attendance were Mr. Justice J.B. Chadwick, Julie Chadwick, Robert Chadwick, Mr. Justice W. Dan Chilcott, Jean Chilcott, Dean Donald McRae, Warren Dunlop, Elizabeth Farquharson, Shirley Furlong, Joan Hickey, Micheline Brennan, Dean Donald D. Carter, Madam Justice Judith M. Bell, Peter Cronyn, Jackie Huston, Rick Street, Marie Fortier, Lise Manton, Danielle Manton, Bernard J. Manton, Robert Gordon Robertson, P.C., C.C., Nicole McKinnon, Mr. Justice Peter D. Cory and Patricia Monteur.

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Following the luncheon, the Treasurer, the Benchers and their guests proceeded to the Opera in the National Arts Centre for the Call to the Bar Ceremonies of the 205 graduates of the 35th Bar Admission Course and 3 transfer candidates.

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CONVOCATION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 3:00 P.M.

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PRESENT

The Treasurer (Paul S. A. Lamek), Bastedo, Brennan, Campbell, R. Cass, Farquharson, Feinstein, Furlong, Graham, Hickey, Lamont, McKinnon, S. O'Connor and Scott.

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

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CONFERRING OF AN HONORARY DEGREE

Mr. Colin D. McKinnon, Q.C., Vice-Chair of the Legal Education Committee read the following Citation:

"It is my pleasant duty to present to you and to this Convocation the Honourable Robert Gordon Robertson and ask that you confer upon him the Degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.

His has been a career of service to this country and its citizens from his initial appointment as a junior officer in External Affairs through his appointment as the senior civil servant in the federal government, Clerk of the Privy Council and Secretary to the Cabinet.

Throughout this distinguished career spanning nearly four decades his keen intellect, incisive analysis, sound judgment and quiet humility earned him the respect of his peers and ensured he played a central role in the development of public policy.

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Of particular note was his involvement in constitutional issues and federal/provincial relations where he not only advised governments but after his retirement shared his knowledge and understanding of the issues with the public through articles and lectures thus contributing to the informed debate which is a foundation of our democratic traditions.

It is fitting that the legal profession recognize the contribution of the Honourable Robert Gordon Robertson and award him, Treasurer, the degree of Doctor of Laws honoris causa."

The Treasurer then admitted the Honourable Robert Gordon Robertson to the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.

ADDRESS

The Treasurer introduced the Honourable Robert Gordon Robertson, who addressed Convocation.

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PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Ms. Marie Fortier, Regional Director of Education of the Bar Admission Course presented the recipients of awards to the Treasurer.

The Treasurer presented the following prizes to the respective recipients:

Awarded The Gowling, Strathy & Henderson Prize for the student attaining the highest grades in the Bar Admission Course at Ottawa

Ellen Anne Margoese

Awarded 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 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 awarded a share of The International Academy of Trial Lawyers Plaque and The Herbert Egerton Harris Advocacy Scholarship for the student attaining the highest grade in Civil Litigation

Kathleen Mary Blanche

Awarded The Stuart Thom Prize donated by Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt for the student attaining the highest grade in Business Law; and The McCarthy Tetrault Business Law Prize donated by McCarthy Tetrault for the student attaining the highest grade in Business Law at Ottawa

Marla Joy Morry

Awarded 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

Timothy Robin MacKay

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CALL TO THE BAR

Mr. Lloyd Brennan, Q.C. of the Admissions Committee presented to the Treasurer 208 candidates for the Call to the Bar as follows:

THIRTY-FIFTH BAR ADMISSION COURSE 1993 - 1994

208 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 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 Court of Appeal for Ontario and the Ontario Court of Justice (General Division) was convened, with Justice W. Dan Chilcott, Registrar, Ontario Court of Justice (General Division), presiding.

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

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

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At the conclusion of the formal proceedings the new Barristers and their guests were entertained by the Treasurer and Benchers at a reception in the Opera Lobby.

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Confirmed in Convocation this            day of            1994.

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