

MINUTES OF SPECIAL CONVOCATION

Toronto - Thursday, 22nd February, 2001
3:15 p.m.

The Treasurer, Benchers and their guests proceeded to the auditorium at Roy Thomson Hall, Toronto for the Call to the Bar ceremonies of the 197 graduates of the Bar Admission Course and 2 transfer candidates.

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

The Treasurer asked all present to stand for the National Anthem sung by Tamara Hummel.

PRESENT: (Platform)

The Treasurer (Robert P. Armstrong, Q.C.), Leonard Braithwaite, John Campion, Abdul Chahbar, Andrew Coffey, Edward Ducharme, Neil Finkelstein, Gary Gottlieb, Robert Lalonde, Donald Lamont, Laura Legge, Gavin MacKenzie, Derry Millar, Gregory Mulligan, Marilyn Pilkington, Judith Potter, Heather Ross, Clayton Ruby, Harvey Strosberg and Gerald Swaye.

and

Justice Sidney N. Lederman, Justice John W. Morden, Justice Ivan J. A. Fernandes, Justice Elizabeth Heneghan, Huguette Malyon, Jane Kidner, Thomas C. Marshall, Q.C., James Edney, Richard Tinsley, Bob Bernhardt, Roman Woloszczuk, Cindy Pinkus, Leah Daniels and Evan Shapiro.

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

CONFERRING OF AN HONORARY DEGREE

Mr. Derry Millar, Chair of the Admissions Committee introduced the Doctoral candidate, The Honourable Mr. Justice John W. Morden, and read the following citation:

“Treasurer, it is my pleasant duty to present to you and to this Convocation The Honourable Mr. Justice John W. Morden and request that you confer upon him the degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*.

Since his call to the Bar some forty years ago, in 1961, his has been a career distinguished by his dedicated service as a lawyer, as a Justice of the High Court of Justice and most latterly as a Justice of the Court of Appeal of Ontario.

As a practising lawyer with the Day Wilson Campbell firm, in addition to providing legal advice and counsel to his clients, he was counsel to The Royal Commission of Inquiry into Civil Rights. That Commission's final report defined for the first time the rights of individuals affected by decisions of administrative tribunals and set basic procedural standards for administrative bodies. The work of the Commission shaped the development of administrative law not only in Ontario but throughout Canada.

Appointed to the High Court of Justice in 1973, his demonstrated ability and legal scholarship saw him elevated to the Court of Appeal for Ontario in 1978 and appointment as the Associate Chief Justice of Ontario in 1990, a position he held until 1999.

As he had done in private practice, he applied his appreciation for the complexity and subtlety of the litigation process not only to the cases which came before him for determination but to the examination of the fundamental principles of the process through his work as first a member then later Chair of the Rules Committee. His dedication and leadership while Chair of the Committee has indebted the bar to him and advanced the administration of justice in this Province.

Throughout his career both as a lawyer and a judge, his quiet commitment to public service both within the law and in the wider community through his involvement in his church and community organizations make him a fitting recipient of the degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*. Treasurer, I now ask that you confer that honour upon him."

The Treasurer admitted The Honourable Mr. Justice John W. Morden to the degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*.

Justice Morden then addressed the candidates and their guests.

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES

Mr. Bob Bernhardt, Director of Education presented the prizewinners to the Treasurer.

The Treasurer presented the following prizes to the respective recipients:

Awarded The Osgoode Society for Canadian Legal History Prize for being one of the twenty-five students attaining the highest grades in the Bar Admission Course, and a share of The Herbert Egerton Harris Advocacy Scholarship for the student attaining the second highest grade in Civil Litigation.

David Arthur Wright

Awarded The Osgoode Society for Canadian Legal History Prize for being one of the twenty-five students attaining the highest grades in the Bar Admission Course

Amy Lynn Provvisionato
Jane Elizabeth Sirdevan

Awarded The Isadore Levinter Prize donated by The Advocates' Society for the student attaining the highest grade in Public Law

Adam Edward Walsh

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

Jonathan Michael Boulakia

CALL TO THE BAR

Mr. Clayton Ruby, Mr. Neil Finkelstein, Mr. Gary Gottlieb, Ms. Marilyn Pilkington and Ms. Judith Potter, representatives of the Admissions Committee presented to the Treasurer 199 candidates for the Call to the Bar as follows:

BAR ADMISSION COURSE 2000 - 2001

199 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 the Court of Appeal for Ontario and the Superior Court of Justice convened, with The Honourable Mr. Justice Sidney N. Lederman, presiding.

The candidates were presented to Justice Lederman 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.

Justice Lederman then addressed the new Barristers and Solicitors.

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

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Confirmed in Convocation this 24th day of May , 2001

Treasurer