

MINUTES OF SPECIAL CONVOCATION

Toronto – Thursday, 3rd October, 2002
9:00 a.m.

The Treasurer, Benchers and their guests proceeded to the auditorium at Roy Thomson Hall in Toronto for the Call to the Bar ceremonies of the 243 graduates of the Bar Admission Course and 5 transfer candidates.

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CONVOCATION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:00 A.M.

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

PRESENT: (Platform)

The Treasurer (Prof. Vern Krishna, Q.C., FCGA), Larry Banack, Gordon Bobesich, Thomas Carey, Abdul Chahbar, Earl Cherniak, Andrew F. Coffey, Gillian Diamond, Avvy Go, Gary Gottlieb, Janet Minor, Gregory Mulligan, Heather Ross, Joanne St. Lewis, William Simpson, Gerald Swaye.

and

Justice Dennis R. O'Connor, Justice Edward W. Ducharme, Professor Alistair MacLeod, Huguette Thomson, Dean Bruce Elman, Patrick Monahan, M. Virginia MacLean, Jeffrey Cowan, Malcolm Heins, Diana Miles, Roman Woloszczuk and Dr. Roger Fisher.

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

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CONFERRING OF AN HONORARY DEGREE

The Honourable Justice Edward Ducharme introduced the Doctoral candidate, Professor Alistair MacLeod, and read the following citation:

“Treasurer, may I present to you and Convocation Professor Alistair MacLeod, B.A., B.Ed., M.A., Ph.D., LL.D., D.Litt., F.R.S.C. and request that you confer upon him the degree of Doctor of Laws *honoris causa*.

Alistair MacLeod was born in North Battleford, Saskatchewan, but lived most of his early life on the ancestral farm in Inverness County, Cape Breton Island. The sights and sounds of the sea and the land along Canada’s eastern coastline made a deep and lasting impression upon the young man growing up there.

Between 1957 and 1960, he earned a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Education degree at St. Francis Xavier University and in 1961; he received his Master of Arts at the University of New Brunswick.

Eventually, he left his beloved Cape Breton to take his Ph.D. degree at the University of Notre Dame and then accepted a position at the University of Windsor. He taught with distinction there for over thirty years. Today, he holds the position of professor emeritus at the University of Windsor.

Alistair MacLeod is also one of the world’s most revered writers. In 1999, he published *No Great Mischief*, a sweeping tale of the MacDonald clan set in Cape Breton. *No Great Mischief* has now been

translated into more than fourteen languages and has won many awards, including the IMPAC Dublin Literary Award, the world's richest literary prize for a single work of fiction. No other Canadian before or since has won this prestigious award.

He is deserving of the highest honour this Society can give and I request you, Sir, to confer upon Professor Alistair MacLeod the degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*".

The Treasurer admitted Professor Alistair MacLeod to the degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*.

Professor MacLeod then addressed the candidates and their guests.

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES

Ms. Diana Miles, Director, Professional Development & Competence presented the prizewinners to the Treasurer.

The Treasurer presented the following prizes to the respective recipients:

Awarded The Treasurer's Medal; The Ronald O. Daly Scholarship; The Edwin George Long, K.C. Memorial Scholarship (highest grades); The Osgoode Society for Canadian Legal History Prize; and The Harcourts Advocacy Award

Luke John Merrimen

Awarded The Osgoode Society for Canadian Legal History Prize; The Margaret McNulty Award; and a share of the S. J. Birnbaum Q.C. Scholarship Third Prize

James Michael Brown

Awarded The Osgoode Society for Canadian Legal History Prize, and a share of The Practitioners' Prize

Nora Kathryn Flood

Awarded The Osgoode Society for Canadian Legal History Prize, and a share of The S. J. Birnbaum Q.C. Scholarship First Prize

Holly Joanne Reid

Awarded The Osgoode Society for Canadian Legal History Prize, and a share of The Isadore Levinter Prize

Jason Albert Wadden

Awarded The Osgoode Society for Canadian Legal History Prize

*Theodora Theodonis
Michael Phillip McGraw*

Awarded a share of The McCarthy T9trault Business Law Prize – London

Alasdair James Federico

Awarded a share of The S. J. Birnbaum Q.C. Scholarship First Prize

Krista Beth McLeod

Awarded a share of The S. J. Birnbaum Q.C. Scholarship Third Prize

Brian Andrew Kobilke

Thiago Nery Kurtz

CALL TO THE BAR

Mr. Thomas Carey, Mr. Gary Gottlieb, Mr. Gregory Mulligan and Ms. Heather Ross, representatives of the Professional Development, Competence and Admissions Committee presented to the Treasurer 248 candidates for the Call to the Bar as follows:

BAR ADMISSION COURSE 2002

248 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 Superior Court of Justice convened, with The Honourable Dennis R. O'Connor, Associate Chief Justice of Ontario presiding.

The candidates were presented to Justice O'Connor 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 O'Connor 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 Dennis R. O'Connor, Justice J. Stephen O'Neill, Justice Edward W. Ducharme, Professor Alistair MacLeod, Huguette Thomas, Dean Bruce Elman, Patrick Monahan, Dean Alison Harvison Young, Virginia MacLean, Bonnie Tough, Jeffrey Cowan, Michelle Flowerday, Eileen O'Neill, Laurie Pawlitza, Miriam Young, Daniel MacLeod, Andrew MacLeod, Kevin MacLeod, Barb MacLeod, Douglas Gibson, Erica Armstrong, Andrew Armstrong, David Armstrong, Andrea Armstrong, Jeff Polowin, Angela Polowin, Casey Walsh, Craig Carter and Chris Schindler.

Confirmed in Convocation this 27th of February, 2003

Treasurer