

MINUTES OF SPECIAL CONVOCATION

Toronto - Friday, 21st February, 1997
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 385 graduates of the 38th Bar Admission Course.

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

PRESENT:

The Treasurer (E. Susan Elliott), Aaron, Bellamy, Cronk, DelZotto, Epstein, Finkelstein, Lamont, Marrocco, Ruby, Sachs, Stomp, Strosberg, Thom and Topp.

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

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CONFERRING OF AN HONORARY DEGREE

Mr. Philip Epstein, Q.C., Chair of the Admissions and Equity Committee introduced the Doctoral candidate, Ms. June Callwood and read the following citation:

“It is my pleasant duty to present to you and to Convocation June Callwood and ask that you confer upon her the degree of Doctor of Laws honoris causa.

A lay bencher of this Society from 1987 to 1991, she quickly appreciated the fine balance of professional regulation in the public interest. Her ability to perceive issues and address them in a principled but practical manner enabled her to make a significant contribution to the Law Society and the governance of the legal profession. It is not, however, for that service alone we honour her. We honour today a career that has been dedicated to improving the social and intellectual welfare of this nation.

As author and activist she has sought engagement and involvement with causes, with institutions but most importantly with individuals. The broad range of her interests, her intellectual curiosity, her energy, passion and her compassion have made her a role model to which we should all aspire and I ask, therefore, Treasurer, that you confer upon June Callwood the degree of Doctor of Laws honoris causa.”

The Treasurer then admitted Ms. Callwood to the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.

The Treasurer congratulated Ms. Callwood and invited her to address the graduates and their guests.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Ms. Meg Angevine, Director of Bar Admissions presented the recipients of awards to the Treasurer.

The Treasurer presented the following prizes to the respective recipients:

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

Richard Michael Kimel

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

Rhonda Lynn Maines
Alexander John Killoch

Awarded The William Belmont Common, Q.C. Prize for Criminal Procedure for the student attaining the second highest grade in Criminal Procedure.

Catherine Leslie Maunder

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.

Bryan Todd McNulty

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

Nicole Samara Rosenberg

Awarded The S. J. Birnbaum, Q.C. Scholarships, First Prize for the student attaining the highest grade in Estate Planning.

Elina Constance Yakimov

CALL TO THE BAR

Mr. Robert Aaron, representative of the Admissions and Equity Committee and Mr. Frank Marrocco presented to the Treasurer 385 candidates for the Call to the Bar as follows:

THIRTY-EIGHTH BAR ADMISSION COURSE 1996 - 1997

385 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) convened, with The Honourable Chief Justice Patrick J. LeSage, Ontario Court (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, The Honourable Allan Rock, Chief Justice R. Roy McMurtry, Justice Patrick J. LeSage, Justice George T. Walsh and spouse, June Callwood, Trent Frayne, Michael Brown, Eva Frank, Ross Davis, John Kromkamp, L. David Roebuck, Cathy A. Strosberg, Marie Finkelstein and Marlene DelZotto.

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Confirmed in Convocation this day of , 1997.

Treasurer