



Attorney General urges cooperation on equity, access

Attorney General Marion Boyd told Law Society benchers that access and equity issues are the most pressing challenges confronting the justice system today. In her address to Convocation on January 28, Ms. Boyd urged the Society to work closely with her Ministry to enhance access to legal services and to ensure more equitable representation of minority groups within the justice system.

The Attorney General commended the on-going efforts of the Society's Equity Committee, which was established in 1991 to facilitate the representation of minority groups in the legal profession. The committee is now in the process of developing a comprehensive rule of professional conduct on non-discrimination (known as draft Rule 28) which mirrors the provisions of the Ontario Human Rights Code. Ms. Boyd said that as guardians of the justice system, the Law Society and the legal profession have a duty not only to meet the standards of the human rights code but also to out-



**Attorney General
Marion Boyd**

perform other organizations and professions in doing so.

"We cannot expect the public to be confident that lawyers are advising their clients wisely about their human rights obligations if the profession itself is seen to be unknowledgeable about, or resisting, current human rights jurisprudence," the Attorney General told Convocation.

"I would urge the Law Society to continue with its efforts to set clear standards which leave no doubt about the profession's commitment to meeting all human rights obligations."

Ms. Boyd praised the efforts of the Society in working with her Ministry to find constructive solutions to the financial difficulties facing the Legal Aid Plan. The family and refugee law pilot projects developed jointly by the Ministry, the Law Society and the Legal Aid Plan

are indicative of Ontario's willingness to evaluate new approaches to the delivery of legal services, Ms. Boyd said.

Ms. Boyd also expressed hope that the Law Society would approve a women's legal clinic that would provide family law legal services in addition to counselling, translation and other social services. The proposal to set up such a clinic was defeated by benchers in November on the grounds that it failed to meet affirmative-action criteria.

Ensuring that defaulting lawyers pay their family support payments, increasing interest income earned by the Law Foundation and regulating paralegals are some of the initiatives that Ms. Boyd said would require future joint action between her Ministry and the Law Society.

Update on GST Disbursements

Recently, Revenue Canada auditors in the Kingston, Peterborough and Ottawa area were advising lawyers to charge GST on disbursement items that had not been subject to GST in the past.

Two solicitors have appealed their audits (GST assessments). The Law Society has retained counsel and an agreement has been reached with the Kingston District Office of Revenue Canada (Excise) that no more GST assessments would be conducted in that area until the results of the appeal are known.

The Law Society wants to hear from lawyers who have experienced the same problem with GST assessments in other areas of the province. The Law Society will seek to make arrangements with the local district offices of Revenue Canada to postpone GST assessments until the issue of disbursement exemptions has been resolved.

Members are asked to contact the Practice Advisory Service at (416) 947-3369.

Criminal deduction cut in legal aid budget

Demand for legal aid certificates in criminal and refugee law is expected to decrease according to projections made in the Legal Aid Plan's budget for the 1994/95 fiscal year beginning April 1. The \$269 million budget was approved by Law Society benchers in January.

An additional five per cent deduction (over and above the mandatory statutory deduction of five per cent) that criminal lawyers have been required to forfeit on their fees since 1992 will be lifted as originally promised on May 1, 1994.

The Ontario Government will be required to increase its contribution to the Plan by \$2.6 million next year to cover the costs of the family and refugee law pilot projects.

Insurance head retires

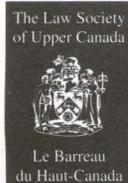
Lin Whitman, the Law Society's director of insurance since 1990, retired on January 31. Mr. Whitman, a 40-year veteran of the insurance industry, was the president of the Canadian Indemnity Company prior to joining the Law Society.

Edwin J. Anderson, formerly of Dominion of Canada General Insurance Company, has taken over as President of the Lawyers Professional Indemnity Company. He has been in the insurance business for almost 35 years.

Treasurer's Diary

Treasurer Paul Lamek looks forward to meeting with members and exchanging views on a number of issues. In the next few months he has been asked to speak to members of the following county law associations:

York	February 7
Brant	February 9
Sudbury	February 22
Wellington	February 24
Northumberland	March 7
Durham	March 10



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Convocation attendance and roll-call votes

Jan. 28, 1994	Attend		Motion*
	a.m.	p.m.	
Arnup, John			
Bastedo, Thomas	✓	✓	F
Bellamy, Denise	✓	✓	Ab
Bragagnolo, Rino	✓		F
Brennan, Lloyd	✓	✓	F
Campbell, Colin	✓	✓	F
Carter, Robert			
Copeland, Paul	✓		A
Cullity, Maurice	✓	✓	
Curtis, Carole			
Elliott, Susan	✓	✓	F
Epstein, Philip	✓	✓	A
Feinstein, Abraham	✓	✓	F
Finkelstein, Neil	✓	✓	F
Goudge, Stephen	✓	✓	F
Graham, Netty			
Hickey, Michael	✓	✓	F
Hill, Casey	✓		Ab
Howie, Kenneth	✓	✓	F
Howland, William			
Kiteley, Frances	✓	✓	A
Krishna, Virender	✓		F
Lamont, Donald			
Lax, Joan	✓		F
Legge, Laura	✓		F
Lerner, Samuel			
Levy, Earl	✓	✓	F
McKinnon, Colin	✓	✓	F
Manes, Ronald	✓	✓	F
Martin, Arthur			
Mohideen, Fatima	✓	✓	F
Moliner, Marie	✓	✓	Ab
Murphy, Daniel	✓	✓	F
Murray, Ross			F
O'Brien, Brendan	✓		F
O'Connor, Dennis	✓	✓	F
O'Connor, Shirley			
Palmer, Julaine	✓	✓	F
Peters, Patricia	✓	✓	F
Richardson, Nora			
Rock, Allan			
Ruby, Clayton	✓	✓	
Scace, Arthur	✓	✓	F
Scott, David			
Sealy, Hope	✓	✓	F
Somerville, Marc	✓	✓	F
Strosberg, Harvey			
Thom, Stuart	✓	✓	F
Topp, Robert	✓	✓	F
Wardlaw, James	✓	✓	F
Weaver, Mary	✓	✓	F
Yachetti, Roger	✓	✓	F
Lamek, Paul (Treas.)	✓	✓	

Non-voting Benchers in attendance

R. Cass, K. Jarvis, A. Lawrence, P.B.C. Pepper

*Motions A=against, F=for, Ab=abstain

That the request of the Legal Aid Committee for a \$5-million grant from the Law Foundation's reserve fund not be considered at this time. Passed 31 to 3 with three abstentions.



Membership Reinstatements and Suspensions

January 1994

Members whose names appear below have been **reinstated** after previously being suspended for administrative reasons (non-payment of either annual fees or errors and omissions levies). A listing of newly suspended members appears on the overleaf. The year after each member's name is the year of

call to the Ontario bar. Enquiries regarding members listed should be directed to the Admissions and Records Department, (416) 947-3318.

REINSTATEMENTS

Bell Teresa Maria	1983	London, ON
Berkal Harvey Jay	1981	Toronto, ON
Billings Brenda Lorraine	1986	Bowmanville, ON
Boone Ernest	1983	Mount Pearl, NF
Bouma Anthony Bastiaan	1978	Chicago, Il., USA
Brock Arlene Sandra	1990	Hamilton, Bermuda
Burton John William	1981	Goodwood, ON
Butler Donna Lynn	1982	Toronto, ON
Cassidy Joseph Patrick Henry	1983	Ottawa, ON
Chisholm Andrea Lynn	1987	Fonthill, ON
Clark Laura Anne	1993	Ottawa, ON
Clutterbuck John William	1979	Cobourg, ON
Cooper Maureen	1980	Willowdale, ON
Crozier Robert Vernon	1977	Ottawa, ON
Cuthbertson David Alexander	1977	Downsview, ON
Deroux James Keith	1984	Orangeville, ON
Duggan Stephen Gregory	1976	Gloucester, ON
Eady Donald Kenneth	1990	Toronto, ON
Eakins Kevin Smiley	1991	Kingston, ON
Eisenstein Michael	1976	Etobicoke, ON
Finlayson Donald Grant	1959	Ottawa, ON
Flannigan Gerald Lloyd	1976	Lambeth, ON
Franceschini Michael Paul	1990	Toronto, ON
Galway Michael Anthony	1967	Toronto, ON
Giamberardino Maria Catherine	1990	Ottawa, ON
Gilhooly David Richard	1981	Ottawa, ON
Gleason Marie Germaine	1986	Toronto, ON
Goodwin Elizabeth Hamilton	1980	Kowloon, Hong Kong
Graham James Russell Newport	1989	Vancouver, BC
Hajsaniuk Andrew	1981	Don Mills, ON
Harvard John Milton	1974	Strathroy, ON
Haytchouk Nelly	1982	Borden, ON
Hermant Aaron	1955	Toronto, ON
Holmes Nancy Diane	1989	Ottawa, ON
Izzard Karen Ann	1990	Ottawa, ON
Jackson Marilyn Elizabeth	1976	Tweed, ON
Johnson Kiddy Chloe	1988	Seattle, WA., USA
Jones Margaret Jean	1986	London, ON

LaFleur Robert Silvio	1968	Ottawa, ON
Lai Yim Shik Daniel	1990	Central, Hong Kong
Laird Katherine Elizabeth Ellen	1979	Toronto, ON
Lecker Eric Adam	1988	Pickering, ON
Long Randie Stephen	1990	Gabriola Island, BC
Losier Anthony Joseph	1990	Ottawa, ON
MacFadyen Mary Katherine	1981	Ottawa, ON
Madisso Merike	1978	Toronto, ON
Mallory Dorothy Jeanne	1965	Toronto, ON
Marples Ian Robert	1979	Orleans, ON
Martin Stewart Neill	1968	Toronto, ON
Maus Jairus Hamilton	1986	Cambridge, ON
McCutcheon John Steven	1987	Campbellville, ON
McMurray David John	1987	Kingston, ON
McPherson John Murray	1977	Red Deer, AB
Menard Marie Louise	1984	Willowdale, ON
Mills Donald Hugh	1954	North York, ON
Mitchell Graeme George	1982	Regina, SK
Moffet John Christopher	1987	Ottawa, ON
Montgomery Margot Elizabeth	1983	Crystal Lake, IL., USA
Muir David Allen	1988	Toronto, ON
Murphy William Hugh	1984	Moncton, NB
Pillay Sukanya	1992	New York, NY., USA
Priest Margaret Frances Dunn	1989	Toronto, ON
Ramati Ilan Michael	1984	Burbank, CA., USA
Randall Dana James	1987	Cookstown, ON
Reid Mary Catherine Loyola	1988	Torrance, CA., USA
Rosenberg Lewis Harvey	1959	Toronto, ON
Ross Janet Cheryl	1982	Toronto, ON
Safer Rhonda Hilary	1989	Thornhill, ON
Sage Richard William	1981	Toronto, ON
Sage Stephen Nicholas	1988	Saint Paul, MN., USA
Salomaa Timothy David	1976	Mississauga, ON
Samulovitch Gerry	1975	Toronto, ON
Sanchez Eulalio Emilio	1988	Ottawa, ON
Sanderson David Stewart	1993	Oakville, ON
Sobel William Richard	1984	Los Angeles, CA., USA
Stewart James Spence	1956	Baltimore, ON
Stich Irene	1977	London, ON
Strong Michael James	1985	Tokyo, Japan
Takacs Andra Marie	1986	Toronto, ON
Valcour Gary Franklin	1976	Oshawa, ON
Virkutis Robert Reinhold	1989	Toronto, ON
Von Riedemann Mario Joseph	1990	Vancouver, BC
Ward Lee Edward	1978	Carleton Place, ON
Weiss Gerald Leslie	1985	Don Mills, ON

SUSPENSIONS

The following members were suspended on January 28, 1994 for non-payment of the Errors and Omissions Insurance levies:

Beattie Roger William	1990	Toronto, ON
Blayways Jeffrey Aaron	1990	Toronto, ON
Doyle Joseph Paul Robert	1983	Orleans, ON
McArter Raymond Gary	1990	Hamilton, ON