

MINUTES OF SPECIAL CONVOCATION

Ottawa - Tuesday, 24th February, 1998  
3:00 p.m.

Prior to Convocation, the Treasurer and Benchers held a reception and luncheon in the Amphitheatre of the National Arts Centre. The guests in attendance were Justice Jean-Marc Labrosse, Justice J. M. Bordeleau, Paul Lamek, Pamela Brickenden, Mr. and Mrs. Brickenden, John Kromkamp, Cyrille Lavigne, Jeannine Lavigne, Sanda Rodgers, Donald D. Carter, Terry McCarthy, William J. Simpson, Adriana Doyle, Francine Roach, Bernard Roach and Don Puccini.

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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 181 graduates of the 39th Bar Admission Course and 11 transfer candidates.

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

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PRESENT:

The Treasurer (Harvey T. Strosberg, Q.C.), Adams, Bobesich, Carter, Crowe, Epstein, Feinstein, Murray, Puccini, Swaye, Wilson and Wright.

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, Mr. Paul Lamek and read the following citation:

“Treasurer, it is my pleasant duty to present to you and to this Convocation Paul Stephen Andrew Lamek and request that you confer upon him the degree of Doctor of Laws honoris causa.

Although his early career was in teaching law both in the United States and here at Osgoode Hall Law School, his reputation and his pre-eminence in the profession is founded on his formidable skills as an advocate.

Like all great advocates he has the unique ability to isolate the central issue in a case, to assess its legal foundation and then through a profound mastery of the English language, to present it in a clear, cogent and comprehensible manner.

Elected a bencher of the Law Society in 1987 he applied his talents to the governance of the profession serving on numerous committees of Convocation and in 1993 was elected Treasurer by his peers.

As a legal educator, as a bencher and later Treasurer of the Law Society and as a leader at the bar, he has served the profession and returned to it in no small measure the benefits it has bestowed on him and is truly deserving of the degree of Doctor of Laws honoris causa.”

The Treasurer the admitted Mr. Lamek to the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.

Mr. Lamek then addressed the candidates and their guests.

#### PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Mr. Terry McCarthy, Acting Regional Director presented the prizewinners to the Treasurer.

The Treasurer presented the following prizes to the respective recipients:

Awarded a share of The S. J. Birnbaum, Q.C. Scholarship First Prize for the student attaining the highest grade in Estate Planning; Awarded a share of The Elizabeth Slasor Prize donated by Gowling, Strathy & Henderson for the student attaining the highest grade in Estate Planning at Ottawa.

Gerald Paul Lester Roger Heckman  
Clifton Michael Santosh Prabhu  
Stephanie Lynn Smith

Awarded The Isadore Levinter Prize donated by The Advocates' Society for the student attaining the highest grade in public Law; Awarded a share of The S. J. Birnbaum, Q.C. Scholarship Second Prize for the student attaining the second highest grade in Estate Planning

BENJAMIN PATRICK BEDARD

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

KEVIN KENNETH GRAHAM  
KELLY LEIGH SAMPLE

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

MARIE LENORE CRABB  
RENATO BRUNO RINO DIDONE  
SABRINA MAGRO  
LOUISE MARIE ALDEA MOREL  
WILLIAM JAMES SLOAN  
WANDA LENORE SLOMIANY

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

MICHAEL USHER EZRI

Awarded The Gowling, Strathy & Henderson Prize for the student attaining the highest grades in the Bar Admission Course at Ottawa; Awarded a share of The S. J. Birnbaum, Q.C. Scholarship Second Prize for the student attaining the second highest grade in Estate Planning

DEBRA JEANNE HENKE

Awarded The McCarthy Tetrault Business Law Prize donated by McCarthy Tetrault for the student attaining the highest grade in Business Law at Ottawa

RONALEE JEAN CAREY

CALL TO THE BAR

Mr. Bradley Wright and Ms. Helene Puccini, representatives of the Admissions and Equity Committee presented to the Treasurer 192 candidates for the Call to the Bar as follows:

THIRTY-NINTH BAR ADMISSION COURSE 1997 - 1998

192 CANDIDATES FOR CALL TO THE BAR

Enclosed in Convocation file is a list of the candidates for Call to the Bar.

The Treasurer addressed the new members of the Bar and congratulated them on behalf of The Law Society of Upper Canada.

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, The Honourable Mr. Justice Jean-Marc Labrosse, Ontario Court of Appeal presiding.

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

Justice Labrosse 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.