

Tab 1

LAW SOCIETY OF ONTARIO

MOTION TO BE MOVED AT THE MEETING OF CONVOCATION ON JUNE 27, 2019

MOVED BY:

SECONDED BY:

THAT Convocation approve the consent agenda set out at Tab 1 of the Convocation Materials.

DRAFT

MINUTES OF CONVOCATION

Thursday, 23rd May, 2019
10:00 a.m.

PRESENT:

The Treasurer (Malcolm M. Mercer), Adourian, Alford (by telephone), Banack, Braithwaite, Brown, Burd, Charette, Chiummiento, Chrétien, Clément, Conway (by telephone), Cooper, Corsetti, Da Silva, Desgranges, Donnelly, Epstein, Esquega, Fagan, Falconer, Ferrier, Goldstein, Graham, Groia, Horgan, Horvat, Klippenstein, Krishna, Lalji, Lean, Lewis, Lippa, Lomazzo, Lyon, Marshall, Merali, Papageorgiou, Pawlitza, Pineda, Poliacik, Pollock, Prill, Richardson, Sheff, Shi, Shin Doi, Shortreed, Sikand, Spurgeon, C. Strosberg, H. Strosberg (by telephone), Troister, Walker, Wilkes, Wilkinson and Wright.

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Secretary: James Varro

The Reporter was sworn.

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TREASURER'S REMARKS

The Treasurer welcomed all those joining Convocation by webcast.

The Treasurer recognized that Convocation is meeting in Toronto which is a Mohawk word that means "where there are trees standing in the water".

The Treasurer acknowledged that Convocation is meeting on the traditional territory of the Mississaugas of New Credit First Nation and acknowledged the Haudenosaunee, and the long history of all of the First Nations in Ontario and the Métis and Inuit peoples. The Treasurer thanked the First Nations people who lived and live in these lands for sharing them with us in peace.

The Treasurer addressed the protocol for Convocation in the Lamont Learning Centre.

The Treasurer welcomed to Convocation and congratulated all new benchers in anticipation of the challenging, interesting and fulfilling work ahead for Convocation, and also welcomed back and congratulated the re-elected benchers.

The Treasurer noted his understanding that a motion respecting repeal of the Statement of Principles is to be delivered to the Secretary. The Treasurer advised that he will shortly advise Convocation on when a special Convocation to address the motion to be delivered will be held.

The Treasurer noted the launch this month of the second and final phase of the Law Society's public awareness campaign, which includes a public facing and a member focused component.

The Treasurer congratulated the recipients of the Law Society Awards bestowed at a ceremony last evening.

The Treasurer noted the Law Society's Asian and South Asian Heritage month event, scheduled on May 28, 2019, co-hosted with the Federation of Asian Canadian Lawyers and the South Asian Bar Association of Toronto.

The Treasurer advised that after 19 years of service Terry Knott, Executive Director of Corporate Services, will retire on May 31, 2019. On behalf of Convocation, the Treasurer thanked Ms. Knott for her dedication, leadership and tremendous contribution over the years.

The Treasurer explained the process for the consent agenda.

POINT OF ORDER

Mr. Falconer raised a point of order respecting the calling of a special Convocation and expressed the view that there is no justification for a special Convocation on the subject of the repeal of the Statement of Principles; and that he proposes to raise this point of order at the appropriate time.

ELECTION OF BENCHER

It was moved by Ms. Corsetti, seconded by Ms. Papageorgiou, that, –

WHEREAS Malcolm Mercer was elected as a bencher from the Province of Ontario "A" Electoral Region (City of Toronto) on the basis of the votes cast by all electors.

WHEREAS upon being elected Treasurer on June 28, 2018, Malcolm Mercer ceased to hold office as an elected bencher in accordance with subsection 25 (2) of the *Law Society Act*, thereby creating a vacancy in the office of bencher elected from the Province of Ontario "A" Electoral Region (City of Toronto) on the basis of the votes cast by all electors.

THAT under the authority contained in By-Law 3, Tanya Walker, having satisfied the requirements contained in subsections 43(1) and 45 of the By-Law, and having consented to the

election in accordance with paragraph 12(1)(d) of the By-Law, be elected by Convocation as benchers to fill the vacancy in the number of benchers elected from the Province of Ontario "A" Electoral Region (City of Toronto) on the basis of votes cast by all electors.

Carried

The Treasurer welcomed Ms. Walker to Convocation.

MOTION – CONSENT AGENDA – Tab 2

Mr. Charette made a request that the work of the Human Rights Monitoring Group be discussed at a future Convocation, which the Treasurer acknowledged.

It was moved by Ms. Corsetti, seconded by Ms. Papageorgiou, that Convocation approve the consent agenda set out at Tab 2 of the Convocation Materials.

Carried

Tab 2.1 – DRAFT MINUTES OF CONVOCATION

The draft minutes of Convocation of April 25, 2019 were confirmed.

Tab 2.2 – MOTIONS

THAT Megan Shortreed and Atrisha Lewis be appointed as the Law Society's summary order appointees pursuant to the *Law Society Act*.

THAT the following be reappointed to the Hearing Division of the Law Society Tribunal for a term from May 23, 2019 to May 28, 2021:

Larry Banack
Vern Krishna
Ross W. Murray
Harvey T. Strosberg
Tanya Walker
Bradley H. Wright

THAT the following be appointed to the Hearing Division of the Law Society Tribunal for a term from May 23, 2019 to May 28, 2021:

Ryan Alford
Jean-Jacques Desgranges
Etienne Esquega

Sam Goldstein
Philip Horgan
Shelina Lalji
Cheryl Lean
Cecil Lyon
C. Scott Marshall
Lubomir Poliacik
Geoff Pollock
Chi-Kun Shi
Julia Shin Doi
Megan Shortreed
Alexander Wilkes
Claire Wilkinson

THAT Gina Papageorgiou be appointed to the Hearing and Appeal Divisions of the Law Society Tribunal for a term from May 23, 2019 to May 28, 2021.

THAT Jack Braithwaite be reappointed to the Hearing Division and appointed to the Appeal Division of the Law Society Tribunal for a term from May 23, 2019 to May 28, 2021.

THAT the following be reappointed to the Hearing and Appeal Divisions of the Law Society Tribunal for a term from May 23, 2019 to May 28, 2021:

Robert Burd
Paul M. Cooper
Seymour Epstein
Isfahan Merali
Linda R. Rothstein
Clayton Ruby

THAT the following be reappointed to the Hearing and Appeal Divisions of the Law Society Tribunal for a term from May 23, 2019 to November 29, 2019:

Raj Anand
Christopher D. Bredt
Barbara Murchie
Peter C. Wardle

Carried

Tab 2.3 – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT ON ADMINISTRATIVE CALLS TO THE BAR

THAT the Report of the Executive Director of Professional Development and Competence listing the names of the call to the bar candidates be adopted.

Carried

Tab 2.4 – EQUITY AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE/COMITÉ SUR L'ÉQUITÉ ET LES AFFAIRES AUTOCHTONES REPORT

Re: Human Rights Monitoring Group Requests for Interventions

That Convocation approve the interventions in the following cases:

- a. Indictment against lawyer Amir Salar Davoudi – Iran
- b. Murder of lawyer Promise Frank Igwe – Nigeria

Carried

PROFESSIONAL REGULATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Ms. Horvat presented the Report.

Re: Proposed Amendments to By-Law 11 – Exercise of Powers and Deadline for Payment of Orders for Costs

It was moved by Ms. Horvat, seconded by Mr. Epstein, that Convocation approve amendments in principle to sections 23 and 58(2) of the Law Society's By-law 11 to align with current job titles, department structures, and operations in the Professional Regulation Division, as set out in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Motion in the Report.

Carried

Re: National Discipline Standards

Ms. Horvat presented the report for information.

For Information:

- National Discipline Standards

TRIBUNAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Ms. Merali presented the Report.

Re: 2018 Law Society Tribunal Annual Statistics

Ms. Merali introduced the report for information.

Mr. Wright, Chair of the Tribunal, presented the report for information.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Ms. Miles informed Convocation on the operational matter relating to the court robing rooms, in response to questions received about this facility from new benchers.

Mr. Goldstein moved that this matter be deferred for discussion at a future Convocation as a matter of policy.

The Treasurer ruled the motion out of order.

EQUITY AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE/COMITÉ SUR L'ÉQUITÉ ET LES AFFAIRES AUTOCHTONES REPORT

The Treasurer advised that the in camera item in the Report has been deferred to the June Convocation at the request of the mover of the motion for that item, Ms. Merali.

REPORTS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

EQUITY AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE/COMITÉ SUR L'ÉQUITÉ ET LES AFFAIRES AUTOCHTONES REPORT

- Equity Legal Education and Rule of Law Series Calendar

TRIBUNAL COMMITTEE REPORT

- 2018 Law Society Tribunal Annual Statistics

CONVOCATION ROSE AT 11:44 A.M.

Tab 1.2

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THAT the following be appointed to the Compensation Fund Committee: Joseph Groia (Chair), Cathy Corsetti (Vice-Chair), Lubomir Poliacik, Seymour Epstein and Gerald Sheff.

THAT Teresa Donnelly be appointed to the Hearing and Appeal Divisions of the Law Society Tribunal for a term from June 27, 2019 to May 28, 2021.

THAT Geneviève Painchaud be appointed to the Hearing Division of the Law Society Tribunal for a term from June 27, 2019 to May 28, 2021.

To the Benchers of the Law Society of Ontario Assembled in Convocation

The Executive Director of Professional Development and Competence reports as follows:

CALL TO THE BAR AND CERTIFICATE OF FITNESS

Licensing Process and Transfer from another Province – By-Law 4

Attached is a list of candidates who have successfully completed the Licensing Process and have met the requirements in accordance with section 9.

All candidates now apply to be called to the bar and to be granted a Certificate of Fitness on Thursday, June 27th, 2019

ALL OF WHICH is respectfully submitted

DATED this 27th day of June, 2019

CANDIDATES FOR CALL TO THE BAR
June 27th 2019

Transfer from another province (Mobility)

Michael Donald David Adams
Angela Maria Blake
Nadia Chami
Devin Phillip Coady
Rebecca Ashley Cole
Christopher Gavin Durrant
Lindsay Elizabeth Dykstra
Nathan Laurence Gates
Ria Joelise Guidone
Daniel Leonard Kiselbach
Bonnie Marie Leonard

Randal Anton Madsen
Joshua Moegi Makori
Gregory John Tucker
Zia Shahid Waseer
Muhammad Abrar
Yang Bai
Erin Eileen Riley-Oettl
Bernadita Tamura-O'Connor
Carson Michael Falk
Shashi Kant Sharma
Ashok Kabuli

Licensing Candidates

David Oudyk Benham-Suk
Sang-Kyun Bong
Leah Marie Gardner
Batoul Hassan
Christian Murad

Arjun Rudra
Kerry Sun
Michael Enrique Weinberger
Jonathan Rand

Transfer Candidates (from Québec)

George Nicholas Chilakos
Matthew Meland
Yifang Zhao

Academic (Law School Deans/Professors)

Darren O'Toole