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LAW - THE GREAT PROFESSION

I MUST CONFESS IT WAS WITH SOME TREPIDATION THAT I ACCEPTED THE GREAT PRIVILEGE AND HONOUR YOU ACCORDED TO ME BY YOUR INVITATION TO ADDRESS THIS DISTINGUISHED ASSEMBLY ON THIS MOST IMPORTANT AND AUSPICIOUS OCCASION. BUT BY BESTOWING UPON ME THE VERY GREAT HONOUR OF THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF LAWS AWARDED BY THE LAW SOCIETY YOU REMOVED MY DIFFIDENCE AND RESTORED MY CONFIDENCE. MAY I JUST SAY HOW VERY MUCH AND HOW DEEPLY I APPRECIATE THE HONOUR WHICH HAS BEEN PAID TO ME BY THE SOCIETY REPRESENTING THE PROFESSION TO WHICH I HAVE BELONGED FOR SOME 43 YEARS. IF ALADDIN WITH HIS WONDERFUL LAMP HAD APPEARED BEFORE ME AND GIVEN ME ONE WISH, I COULD THINK OF NOTHING I SHOULD HAVE DESIRED MORE EARNESTLY OR TREASURED MORE HIGHLY.

NOW, HAVING BEEN SOMEWHAT REMOVED, AS IT WERE, FROM THE DAY TO DAY PRACTICE OF LAW OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS, I THOUGHT IT WISE, AS A REASONABLE AND PRUDENT MAN, TO CONSULT COUNSEL AS TO WHAT I MIGHT SAY TODAY AND I RECEIVED MUCH ADVICE. MOST OF IT WAS NEGATIVE, FULL OF WARNINGS, INJUNCTIONS AND TABOOS AS TO WHAT I SHOULD NOT TALK ABOUT - WHAT SUBJECTS I SHOULD AVOID. IT WAS ALL VERY VALUABLE AND I HAVE HEEDED IT, PARTICULARLY THAT OF THE YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN I CONSULTED, WHO, IN SUMMARY SAID THREE THINGS - - FIRST, BE BRIEF; DON'T BE LONGWINDED; AND SECOND, DON'T ATTEMPT TO BE FUNNY OR HUMOUROUS; AND THIRD, DON'T BE MINISTERIAL, DON'T PREACH A SERMON. EACH OF THOSE INJUNCTIONS OR PRECEPTS I PROPOSE TO HEED AND FOLLOW. THE OCCASION, WHILE A HAPPY ONE, DOES NOT CALL FOR HUMOUR, EVEN IF I WERE ABLE TO SUPPLY IT; I WAS NEVER CALLED OR DEDICATED SO AS TO BE QUALIFIED TO PREACH; AS FOR BEING LONGWINDED, WE ARE TOLD ON GREAT AUTHORITY, THAT IT IS THE THOUGHTS OF YOUTH WHICH ARE LONG, LONG THOUGHTS, SO I DO NOT QUALIFY TO SPEAK AT LENGTH.

I DO THINK, MR. TREASURER, THAT IF I HAD EVEN A SMALL MODICUM OF THE TALENT OF ONE OF OUR POPULAR TELEVISION COMEDIANS, I MIGHT HAVE ASKED FOR AND RECEIVED AN "AMEN" FOR THE UNDERTAKINGS I HAVE JUST GIVEN.

WITH THESE PREMISES ESTABLISHED, PERMIT ME TO OFFER A FEW POSITIVE THOUGHTS WHICH COME TO MIND. IF YOU WANT A TITLE FOR WHAT I AM ABOUT TO SAY, CALL IT "LAW - THE GREAT PROFESSION".

TRADITIONALLY, THERE HAVE BEEN ONLY THREE PROFESSIONS -- THE CHURCH (OF WHICH TEACHING IS AN OFF-SHOOT), MEDICINE, AND THE LAW.

THEY ARE RECOGNIZABLE AS PROFESSIONS BECAUSE THEY POSSESS CERTAIN FEATURES IN COMMON. EACH IS CONCERNED WITH A PARTICULAR AREA OF MAN'S (AND WOMAN'S) WELL-BEING. THE CHURCH CARES FOR MAN'S SPIRITUAL WELFARE. MEDICINE AIMS AT SUSTAINING OUR PHYSICAL HEALTH. THE LAW IS A CODE OF CONDUCT DESIGNED TO REGULATE AND PRESERVE MAN'S RIGHTS INTER SE - BETWEEN MAN AND MAN.

IT IS THE RULE BY WHICH WE LIVE AND IT ENCOMPASSES THE WHOLE AMBIT
OF OUR LIVES.

IT WOULD SERVE NO USEFUL PURPOSE AND IT IS NOT MY INTENTION
TO COMPARE THESE PROFESSIONS OR ASSIGN TO THEM ANY ORDER OF
RELATIVE IMPORTANCE.

PERHAPS IT WILL SUFFICE TO POINT OUT THAT IN EVERY HUMAN
BEING AS IT ENTERS THE WORLD, THERE IS LIGHTED A SPIRITUAL FLAME
WHICH REACHES UP TO WORSHIP IN SOME FORM OR OTHER WITH OR WITHOUT
BENEFIT OF GUIDANCE, INSTRUCTION OR TEACHING. MAN COMES INTO THE
WORLD WITH THIS HERITAGE - RATHER, THIS ENDOWMENT.

AND, OF COURSE, WE ALL ARRIVE UPON THIS EARTHLY SCENE EQUIPPED
WITH A PHYSICAL BODY, MORE OR LESS PERFECT, CAPABLE OF GROWTH
AND DEVELOPMENT OVER A PERIOD OF TIME, SUBJECT TO ILLS AND INJURY
AND EVENTUAL DETERIORATION, AND NEEDING, OCCASIONALLY PERHAPS,
DEPENDING GENERALLY UPON HOW WE USE OR ABUSE IT, SOME DEGREE
OF PROFESSIONAL CARE.

BUT APART FROM SOME FEW BASIC INSTINCTS MAN MAKES HIS APPEARANCE ON EARTH BEREFT OF ANY INBORN OR INNATE CODE OF CONDUCT. THE SOCIETY INTO WHICH HE IS BORN WILL HAVE ESTABLISHED RULES AND THESE HE MUST LEARN AND TO THESE HE MUST CONFORM IF HE IS TO BEHAVE IN AN ACCEPTABLE MANNER AND LEAD A SATISFACTORY AND SATISFYING EXISTENCE.

IT HAS BEEN THE ROLE OF THE LEGAL PROFESSION IN VERY LARGE PART TO FORMULATE THAT CODE, TO EXPLAIN IT AND INTERPRET IT, AND TO MODIFY AND IMPROVE IT AS THE NEED ARISES FROM TIME TO TIME IN A CHANGING WORLD.

NOW I SUGGEST TO YOU THAT THAT IS A MOST IMPORTANT ROLE BECAUSE THE WAY THAT CODE IS FRAMED, THE WAY THESE RULES OF CONDUCT ARE DESIGNED, THE MORE FULLY THEY TAKE INTO ACCOUNT MAN'S NEED TO DEVELOP, THE MORE READILY THEY MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO ASPIRE TO HIS POTENTIAL, THE MORE THOROUGHLY AND ACCURATELY THEY RECOGNIZE, DEFINE AND ENCOMPASS HUMAN RIGHTS, TO

SUCH GREATER EXTENT IS MAN ABLE TO GROW TOWARD HIS FULL STATURE AND ACHIEVE THE WELL-ROUNDED, PRODUCTIVE AND COMPLETE LIFE. AND I SUBMIT THAT THERE IS NO HIGHER AVOCATION, CALLING OR PROFESSION IN ANY WALK OF LIFE.

NOW, YOU ARE PROBABLY SAYING, "WHAT HAS THIS TO DO WITH THE DAY-TO-DAY PRACTICE OF LAW IN THE MAKING OF CONTRACTS, THE FORMING OF CORPORATIONS, OR EVEN OUR APPEARANCES BEFORE THE COURTS, CIVIL OR CRIMINAL?"

I SAY TO YOU OUT OF A LONG EXPERIENCE THAT THROUGH ALL THOSE EVERY DAY, SOMETIMES HUMDRUM ACTIVITIES, THERE RUNS THIS GOLDEN THREAD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND YOU MUST NOT LOSE SIGHT OF IT BUT WEAVE IT INTO THE FABRIC OF YOUR DAILY LIFE AND WORK IF YOU ARE TO BE A TRUE AND WORTHY MEMBER OF THE GREAT PROFESSION OF THE LAW.

EACH OF THE THREE TRADITIONAL PROFESSIONS WHICH I HAVE MENTIONED HAS A HALLMARK WHICH STAMPS IT AS A TRUE PROFESSION;

WHEN CIRCUMSTANCES DEMAND, THE MEMBERS OF EACH PROFESSION WILL RENDER THEIR SERVICES UNHESITATINGLY - WITHOUT FEE. WE ARE IN THE ERA OF THE COMPUTER BUT LET THIS CAVEAT BE GIVEN. CLIENTS MUST NOT BE REGARDED AS, OR PERMITTED TO BECOME, MERE INPUT IN THE FORM OF NUMBERS. THE FIRST CHARGE UPON A LAWYER IS NOT TO SEEK TO MAXIMIZE HIS BILLINGS OR INCOME - IT IS TO RENDER THE BEST POSSIBLE SERVICE. IF WE DEPART FROM THE TIME-HONOURED TRADITION OF GIVING OUR BEST SERVICES, GRATUITOUSLY WHEN CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE, THE PRACTICE OF LAW WILL HAVE DEGENERATED FROM THE STATUS OF A PROFESSION TO THAT OF A MERE BUSINESS ENTERPRISE. I CHARGE EACH OF YOU WHO IS CALLED TO THE BAR TODAY TO SEE THAT INSOFAR AS YOU ARE CONCERNED, THAT DOES NOT HAPPEN.

NOW, IF MY THESIS IS CORRECT, EACH OF YOU WILL HAVE SOME PART, LARGE OR SMALL, IN THE FORMULATION OF LAW: IN YOUR PRACTICE, IN YOUR COURT WORK, MANY OF YOU NO DOUBT AS LEGISLATORS, SOME OF

YOU EVENTUALLY AS JUDGES - SOME AS TEACHERS; ALL OF YOU IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER WILL HAVE AN INFLUENCE UPON THE MAKING OF OUR LAWS AND IN DETERMINING HOW WELL THEY SERVE AS RULES OF CONDUCT TO PRESERVE THE RIGHTS OF MEN AND WOMEN IN OUR SOCIETY.

NOW I CAUTION YOU THAT YOU MUST NOT FALL INTO THE ERROR OF REGARDING LAW AS AN END IN ITSELF, BUT BEAR IN MIND THAT IT IS A MEANS TO AN END AND THAT END IS JUSTICE. THERE HAVE BEEN TIMES IN THE HISTORY OF OUR LAW WHEN PARLIAMENT, LEGISLATURES, COURTS, JUDGES AND LAWYERS HAVE HAD THEIR EYES SO FIRMLY FIXED UPON THE LAW THAT THEY LOST SIGHT OF THE PURPOSE AND MEANING OF THE LAW, NAMELY JUSTICE, WHICH THE LAW WAS FAILING TO ACHIEVE AND SO THE LAW AND LAWYERS FELL INTO DISREPUTE. IF THE LAW IS TO MERIT AND HOLD RESPECT AS A CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE UP OUR SOCIETY THEN IT MUST APPROXIMATE AS NEARLY AS MAY BE, - AND WE SHALL ALWAYS BE STRIVING FOR BUT NEVER ACHIEVING PERFECTION - TO THAT FORMULA WHICH WILL PROVIDE JUSTICE - JUSTICE FOR THE PEOPLE IN THEIR RELATIONSHIPS AND DEALINGS WITH ONE ANOTHER AND WITH

GOVERNMENTS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES.

I RECALL WHEN I WAS A STUDENT ATTENDING LAW SCHOOL GOING ONE DAY INTO THE COURT OF APPEAL TO OBSERVE THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE. A YOUNG LAWYER FROM ONE OF THE COUNTY TOWNS WAS ARGUING THE CASE FOR HIS CLIENT, THE APPELLANT. TWICE IN THE COURSE OF HIS SUBMISSION, HE SAID, "SO I COME BEFORE THIS COURT TO OBTAIN JUSTICE." THE SECOND TIME HE SAID THAT ONE OF THE VERY SENIOR LEARNED ABLE AND RESPECTED JUSTICES INTERRUPTED HIM AND SAID "YOU SAY YOU ARE SEEKING JUSTICE, MR. JONES. GIVE US THE LAW. GIVE US THE LAW. IF THERE IS ANY JUSTICE IN THE LAW YOU SHALL HAVE IT." THE YOUNG BARRISTER SEEMED QUITE SHATTERED; HIS PLEA SEEMED TO FALTER AND HE SOON SAT DOWN. I CONFESS THAT AT THE TIME I WAS DISTURBED AND TROUBLED. I HAD ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT JUSTICE AND LAW COINCIDED AND THAT JUSTICE WAS CONTAINED WITHIN THE LAW. THAT, I DISCOVERED, WAS NOT ALWAYS SO. OF COURSE I LEARNED ABOUT THE RULE OF LAW, THE PRINCIPLE OF STARE DECISIS, THE VALUE OF PRECEDENT, THE VIRTUE OF CERTAINTY, SO

THAT PERSONS MIGHT KNOW THEIR RIGHTS AND THE LAW NOT BE SAID TO
BE AS LONG AS THE CHANCELLOR'S FOOT. BUT IT BOTHERED ME THAT
DECISIONS BASED UPON LAW MIGHT FAIL TO RENDER JUSTICE, AND THE
MORE I STUDIED THE LAW AND BECAME FAMILIAR WITH IT THROUGH
PRACTICE, THE MORE I BECAME CONVINCED THAT THE LAW MUST BE A
LIVING, CHANGING THING, THE SUBJECT OF CONTINUAL SCRUTINY AND
REFORM IF IT WERE TO ACHIEVE THE IDEAL WHERE THE INTERPRETATION
AND APPLICATION OF THE LAW WOULD RESULT IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF
JUSTICE.

PERMIT ME, IF YOU WILL, ONE SOMEWHAT PERSONAL REFERENCE
WHICH I TRUST YOU WILL NOT CONSIDER IMMODEST. LATER ON, WITH
THE HELP OF MANY PEOPLE, DEDICATED, CONCERNED AND PERCEPTIVE,
I HAD THE VERY GREAT PRIVILEGE OF HELPING TO INITIATE AND
IMPLEMENT SOME REFORMS IN OUR LAWS IN THIS PROVINCE TO GIVE
THEM I THINK A LARGER CONTENT OF JUSTICE, TO BRING THEM CLOSER

TO THE IDEAL OF THE PROTECTION AND MAINTENANCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

THAT WAS A GREAT SATISFACTION AND I SAY TO YOU THAT I BELIEVE IT IS THE DUTY AND OBLIGATION OF EVERY LAWYER TO STRIVE IN EVERY WAY HE CAN TO SEE THAT LAW DOES AS CLOSELY AS POSSIBLE APPROXIMATE JUSTICE.

LORD DENNING, THE GREAT ENGLISH JUDGE, WHO HAS BEEN CALLED "THE COMMANDING FIGURE OF THE COMMON LAW COMMONWEALTH", IN AN ADDRESS TO THE CANADIAN BAR ASSOCIATION SOME TIME AGO, MADE REFERENCE TO THE ATTITUDE AND HABIT OF OBEDIENCE WHICH OUR PEOPLE HAVE FOR THE LAW, AND HE SAID THIS: I QUOTE: "PEOPLE DO NOT OBEY THE LAW SIMPLY BECAUSE THEY ARE COMMANDED TO DO SO: NOR BECAUSE THEY ARE AFRAID OF SANCTIONS OR OF BEING PUNISHED. THEY OBEY THE LAW BECAUSE THEY KNOW IT IS A THING THEY OUGHT TO DO.....THERE IS THE SIMPLE MORAL OBLIGATION TO MAINTAIN ORDER. PEOPLE REALISE THAT WITHOUT LAW THE COUNTRY WILL COLLAPSE AND EVERYONE WILL SUFFER.

BUT MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL IS THE MORAL QUALITY OF THE LAW ITSELF. PEOPLE WILL RESPECT RULES OF LAW WHICH ARE INTRINSICALLY RIGHT AND JUST AND WILL EXPECT THEIR NEIGHBOURS TO OBEY THEM, AS WELL AS OBEYING THE RULES THEMSELVES: BUT THEY WILL NOT FEEL THE SAME ABOUT RULES WHICH ARE UNRIGHTEOUS OR UNJUST. IF PEOPLE ARE TO FEEL A SENSE OF OBLIGATION TO THE LAW, THEN THE LAW MUST CORRESPOND WITH WHAT THEY CONSIDER TO BE RIGHT AND JUST, OR, AT ANY RATE, MUST NOT UNDULY DIVERGE FROM IT. IN OTHER WORDS, IT MUST CORRESPOND, AS NEAR AS MAY BE, WITH JUSTICE."

AND THEN HE GOES ON, AND THESE ARE STILL HIS WORDS: "SO YOU SEE HOW GREAT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY WHICH RESTS UPON THE LAWYERS. THEY REPRESENT THE RIGHT-MINDED MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY IN SEEKING TO DO WHAT IS FAIR BETWEEN MAN AND MAN AND BETWEEN MAN AND THE STATE: AND THEY CAN ONLY DO THIS BY MEANS OF JUST LAWS JUSTLY ADMINISTERED."

LET ME TOUCH UPON ONE OTHER MATTER, ONE OTHER RESPONSIBILITY, WHICH I CONSIDER TO BE OF SUPREME IMPORTANCE - AND I USE THE

WORD "SUPREME" DELIBERATELY AND ADVISEDLY. I REFER TO THE
TEACHING OF THE LAW. NOT THE EDUCATION OF YOU WHO ARE ENTERING
THE PROFESSION; YOUR TRAINING HAS BEEN LONG AND ARDUOUS AND I
HAVE NO DOUBT ADEQUATE. WHAT I AM CONCERNED WITH IS THE LACK
OF TEACHING OF SOME OF THE PRINCIPLES OF LAW TO THE LAYMAN, THE
MAN IN THE STREET, THE COMMON MAN, IF THERE IS SUCH - AND I
DON'T BELIEVE THERE IS - TO THE YOUTH IN OUR SCHOOLS. LOOK FOR
A MOMENT AT THOSE OTHER TWO PROFESSIONS. VERY FEW PERSONS BECOME
MINISTERS OR PRIESTS OR RABBIS BUT EVERY CHURCH FOSTERS AND
ENCOURAGES IN THE HOME AND IN SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND CHURCH SCHOOLS
AT A VERY EARLY AGE, THE TEACHINGS OF THE CHURCH AND WHAT IT
STANDS FOR. RELATIVELY FEW PEOPLE BECOME PHYSICIANS OR SURGEONS,
BUT OUR SCHOOLS DO TEACH THE RULES AND BASIC PRINCIPLES OF
HEALTH - ANATOMY, PHYSIOLOGY AND HYGIENE. BUT HOW REMISS WE
ARE THAT WE DO NOT TEACH OUR YOUNG PEOPLE THE ROOT PRINCIPLES
OF LAW IN A FREE SOCIETY, WHAT LORD HAILSHAM, FORMER LORD

CHANCELLOR, CALLS "THE BONY STRUCTURE ON WHICH ALL SOCIETY IS BUILT". AND HE GOES ON TO SPEAK OF "THE LACK OF THE STUDY OF LEGAL PRINCIPLES IN OUR GENERAL EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM." "LAW," SAYS LORD HAILSHAM, "IS THE FIRST OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES, AND SOME KNOWLEDGE OF LEGAL PRINCIPLE NEEDS TO BE WIDELY DISSEMINATED, NOT IN ORDER TO ASSIST THE BUSINESS OF THE COURTS, BUT TO GIVE SOCIETY THE STABILITY AND COHERENCE WHICH IT SO MARKEDLY LACKS TODAY."

THE PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION SAYS - AND I QUOTE "WE HAVE FAILED TO MAKE CLEAR TO THE VERY YOUNG HOW THE LAW FUNCTIONS TO PROTECT INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS AND PROVIDES FOR ORDERLY DEMOCRATIC CHANGE, THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN DISSENT AND VIOLENT PROTEST, THE NECESSITY TO BALANCE CIVIL RIGHTS WITH CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY."

I COULD QUOTE YOU MANY AUTHORITIES IN PUBLIC AND PROFESSIONAL LIFE TO SUPPORT MY PROPOSITION THAT WE NEED TO RESTORE THIS TYPE OF EDUCATION IN OUR SCHOOLS IN ORDER TO INCULCATE IN OUR YOUNG PEOPLE AN AWARENESS OF THE VALUES IN OUR LAWS AND INSTITUTIONS AND SO INSPIRE IN THEM CONFIDENCE AND FAITH IN OUR WAY OF LIFE.

IN THE INTEREST OF BREVITY I SHALL CALL ONLY ONE MORE WITNESS TO SUPPORT MY CASE - SPEAKING TO THE ACADEMIC CONVOCATION HERE IN THIS PLACE TWO YEARS AGO ON MARCH 26, 1971, MR. JUSTICE BORA LASKIN SAID THIS: - I QUOTE: "WE NEED TO INTRODUCE THE STUDY OF OUR LEGAL SYSTEM INTO OUR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS AS WELL AS TO MAKE IT A SUBJECT OF STUDY IN ARTS COURSES IN OUR COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES..... IN MY OPINION, IT IS AT THE STAGES OF EDUCATION EARLIER THAN UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE THAT THE FAMILIARIZING PROCESS SHOULD BEGIN." AND HE WENT ON, "IT IS OF HIGH IMPORTANCE FOR PUBLIC APPRECIATION OF THE PROTECTIVE AND POSITIVE ROLE OF LAW IN A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY

THAT OUR CITIZENRY SHOULD NOT BE LEFT TO BELIEVE THAT THEY HAVE NO RELATION TO THE LAW UNLESS THEY GET INTO TROUBLE."

WHY AM I SAYING THIS TO YOU? SHOULD I NOT RATHER BE TALKING TO MINISTERS AND DEPUTY MINISTERS AND BOARDS OF EDUCATION? BECAUSE I BELIEVE YOU HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY AS MEMBERS OF THIS PROFESSION TO MAKE KNOWN THE WORTH AND VALUE AND FUNCTION OF LAW IF THE PROFESSION IS TO SECURE AND MAINTAIN THE RESPECT IT DESERVES, AND BECAUSE YOU OWE IT TO THE SOCIETY IN WHICH YOU LIVE TO KEEP IT STRONG AND FREE AND MAKE IT A BETTER PLACE IN WHICH TO LIVE. AND BECAUSE I KNOW YOU WILL HAVE GREAT INFLUENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITIES WHERE YOU WILL SERVE AS LEGISLATORS, OR ON SCHOOL BOARDS OR ON MUNICIPAL COUNCILS, AND WHERE YOU CAN BRING YOUR INFLUENCE TO BEAR IN MANY WAYS TO INITIATE AND IMPLEMENT THIS MOST IMPORTANT AND DESIRABLE OBJECTIVE IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION. ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE, SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY AND IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO MEASURE THE BENEFITS WHICH WILL RESULT. FAIL IN THIS AND WE SHALL HAVE AMPLE TIME AND OCCASION FOR REGRET.

I UNDERTOOK NOT TO SERMONIZE AND I HAVE SAID NOTHING TO YOU ABOUT INTEGRITY, TRUST AND THE COMPLETE CANDOUR WHICH ARE, OF COURSE, THE BASIC AND ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF OUR PROFESSION. THESE I HAVE ASSUMED MUST BE PRESENT AND ABOVE AND BEYOND THESE I HAVE SPOKEN OF RESPONSIBILITIES WHICH IN CONCLUSION I SUMMARIZE.

IF THE PROFESSION IS TO LIVE UP TO ITS HIGH TRADITIONS; IF IT IS TO HAVE AND HOLD THE RESPECT OF MEN AND WOMEN, IT MUST BE VIGILANT TO KEEP THE LAW A LIVING MOVING THING ABREAST OF CHANGES IN SOCIETY AS THEY OCCUR SO THAT THE FORMULATION OF LAW, ITS APPLICATION AND ENFORCEMENT BECOME, AS NEAR AS MAY BE POSSIBLE, SYNONYMOUS WITH THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE; IT MUST TEACH THE LAW, MAKE OF IT NOT A MYSTERY BUT AN OPEN BOOK SO THAT ALL MEN MAY KNOW ITS WORTH AND VALUE; AND THE MEMBERS OF OUR PROFESSION MUST ALWAYS KEEP IN MIND AND NEVER FORGET THAT THE PRIME OBLIGATION OF THE LAWYER IS TO SERVE.

THESE OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES DEVOLVE NOW UPON
YOU, AND AS I CONGRATULATE YOU I CAN EXPRESS FOR YOU NO MORE
APPROPRIATE WISH THAN THAT YOUR CAREER AND YOUR CHARACTER WILL
BE IMPRINTED WITH THE STERLING HALLMARK OF SERVICE, THE TRUE
BADGE OF THE GREAT PROFESSION INTO WHICH YOU ARE CALLED THIS DAY.