

Doctor of Laws, honoris causa, April 15, 1981.

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Mr. Treasurer --

May I present to you and to this Convocation George Duncan Finlayson with the request that you confer upon him the degree of Doctor of Laws.

The adversarial system depends for its success upon the disciplined valour of intelligent and courageous advocates trained in the arts of intellectual combat to represent contesting parties in the pursuit of their lawful interests and the assertion of their legal rights. George Duncan Finlayson possesses in the highest degree those formidable powers of perception and persuasion which distinguish the effective counsel. His forthright honesty and bold strategy have been devoted to the service of his clients in their adversity and to the leadership of his profession when as Treasurer of The Law Society of Upper Canada his strength and wisdom were engaged in defence of that essential independence of the Bar upon which all our freedoms rest.

I request you, Sir, to confer upon George Duncan Finlayson the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.

George D. Finlayson