

Doctor of Laws, honoris causa, April 19th, 1985

*W. Goldwin Carrington*

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Madam Treasurer ---

It is a distinct honour and privilege to present to you the Honourable Mr. Justice William Goldwin Carrington Howland, Chief Justice of Ontario and request that you confer on him the degree of Doctor of Laws Honoris Causa.

During an illustrious and rewarding career in the law beginning with his Call to the Bar of this Province in 1939 he has undertaken many roles; practitioner, teacher of law, Bencher, Treasurer and judge. To each he has brought a quickness of intellect, a keenness of perception, a firmness of character and a fullness of compassion which have enabled him to achieve a balanced appreciation of human problems and to arrive at just and equitable solutions to them and won for him the confidence and respect of his peers and enabled him to provide leadership and direction to the judiciary, the profession and those involved in the administration of justice.

Exemplifying the highest traditions of our profession his energies and talents have not been employed solely for the benefit of the law. His church and his community have also received generously of his time and abilities.

Occupying the highest judicial office of this province, the selfless and dignified manner in which he has discharged the onerous responsibilities of that post has commanded respect for the man, the office and the legal profession. He deserves, Madam Treasurer, to receive the highest honour the Law Society can bestow.