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---Upon commencing at 10:30 a.m.

THE TREASURER: Convocation will come to order. Please remain standing while the Law Society Choir sings our National Anthem.

---National Anthem

THE TREASURER: Please be seated.

My name is Harvey Strosberg, and I am the Treasurer of the Law Society. The Treasurer is the President of the Law Society of Upper Canada. The Law Society of Upper Canada governs the legal profession in Ontario in the public interest. The Directors of the Law Society are called Benchers and the Directors' meeting is called Convocation. Today the Benchers of the Law Society have assembled in Convocation for two purposes; first to admit Hope Sealy to the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa; and, secondly, to bestow upon our candidates the Degree of Barrister-at-law and call each of them to the Bar of the Province of Ontario.

When those tasks are completed Convocation will adjourn and then Mr. Justice Coulter Osborne will convene the special sitting of the Ontario Court of Appeal and the Ontario Court of Justice (General Division) for the administration of the Oaths of Allegiance, the Barristers Oath and the Solicitors Oath and then we will adjourn.

Now, Convocation is a formal affair. You have been told, hold your applause. You will be told don't yell out, "There is my Joe" and "There is my John". Don't

listen. Clap. Enjoy yourself. Go and take pictures if you wish. Today is your day. I want you to enjoy it. It is one of the few times in your life when you will be in an auditorium where everyone is happy.

Ms. Backhouse will introduce the candidate.

CHAIR, ADMISSIONS AND EQUITY

COMMITTEE:

Treasurer, it is my pleasant duty to present to you at this Convocation Hope Sealy and ask that you confer upon her the Degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.

Appointed a lay Bencher in 1991, her quick intellect combined with her articulate and ease of presentation honed by her position as broadcast journalist soon earned her the respect of the Benchers and made her a worthy and effective representative of the public in Convocation. As a Bencher she made a significant contribution to the regulation of the legal profession in Ontario. She worked tirelessly participating in the work of the Bench on numerous standing and special committees including the Special Committee which examined the structure and implemented a new model of government to the Law Society.

Her understanding of human nature, informed by a strong faith enabled her to put a human face to the Law Society when functioning as a member of the discipline panels.

We are indebted to her for her contribution to the profession and the public and I ask, therefore, Treasurer that you now confer upon her the Degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.

THE TREASURER: On behalf of the Benchers of the Law Society of Upper Canada and pursuant to the authority invested in me, I admit you to the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa, with all the rights and privileges appertaining thereto. Congratulations, Dr. Sealy.

DR. SEALY: Harvey, I love the red. It is just amazing. Treasurer, Benchers, Justice Coulter Osborne, Graduates, Guests, this is an amazing honour and I thank you, Treasurer, I thank you Benchers from the bottom of my heart.

Now, I'm sure that we have all undertaken tasks or responsibilities which we have regretted doing the minute we took them on, and certainly after a week or two they become such a bore and our colleagues have been so amazingly impossible that we have been driven up the wall, around the bend and thought never again. It has been an absolute treat working with the members of the Law Society as we sought together to govern the legal profession in this Province in the public interest.

I arrived in this city ten years ago, the end of January 1989. I came here from London and thank heavens for a lady who lived here to ease my introduction

from friends in England to their friends here. For apart from those wonderful contacts I genuinely found the attitude of persons that I met in Toronto to be in sync with the general temperature outside - cold, blustery, hostile, totally unwelcome. In my own field, which is broadcasting, I found that my accent was unacceptable. Imperial is how it was described, and you just know that imperial in that context was not meant as a compliment.

What on earth was I doing in this city? This question I asked myself over and over and over again. Now, even ten years ago, as I'm sure you can guess by the color of my hair, I wasn't exactly fresh out of school. I had graduated from university, worked successfully in New York City, in London, in Vancouver, and I liked it bright and green and I was desperate to get to work and form some connection with my new home, city and province because without a connection I put it to you, you don't ever really feel that you belong anywhere. Well, I found this connection and this sense of belonging in two communities - in my church community and in the Law Society of Upper Canada.

Now, one expects to find community in the church but in a community of lawyers when you are not a lawyer? Well, I am going to tell you that it was from the Benchers and staff of the Law Society of Upper Canada that I found the most open of welcomes in a city that I found unwelcoming. It was in their support that I found an

opportunity to connect with the city and province that I adopted as home.

The presumption with which my fellow Benchers greeted me was that I was equal to anyone until proven otherwise. Heavens knows that I didn't look like them and certainly with my imperial accent I didn't sound like them, but those differences never came between us. I was at home and surprise, surprise, at home amongst lawyers. So much for the notion that lawyers live on a different planet, are pompous, arrogant, interested only in other lawyers and of course their income. That was not my experience and I feel bold enough to say that that image of lawyers is merely caricature. I can think of no other profession which is so undeservedly maligned, where the mistakes of a few are used with such careless abandon to besmirch the reputation of the majority who provide their clients and their community with solid, careful and sometimes selfless service. And you must know that I see it as someone who participated on numerous discipline panels and meetings at the Law Society dealing with the complaints which have been made against lawyers. Time and time again indeed the misdeeds of a few were the focus of attention.

So, graduates, my view of the profession that you are entering has been heavily influenced by my years as a Bencher at the Law Society. I have seen the worst. I have seen the sadness and indeed the tragedy of

failure when dealing with lawyers who brought disgrace on themselves and their profession, and disgust and unhappiness to their clients. But working with my fellow Benchers I have also experienced the best. I encourage you to show to your clients and those with whom you will come in contact in your practice of law the same civility and openness as was shown to me by your governing lawyers. Civility shown in such acts as listening to them with a mind clear of presumption of what they are going to say or what you think they should say or ought to say, returning their phone calls, acknowledging their letters, respecting their opinion. Now, I know that that sort of behaviour comes naturally to you now. Don't lose that attitude. You will find that your civility will often mean as much to your clients as your knowledge of law.

There is another quality of your governing body that I urge you to adopt and that is courage. Believe me, it takes courage to govern a body made up of lawyers. First of all, the majority of Benchers are elected by lawyers. Then they turn out and the majority of lawyers say, well, you are there to do what I want you to do and the lawyers in their new role as Benchers say, no, we are here to govern the profession in the public interest. It isn't easy, it takes courage. Lawyers aren't a body of sheep. They don't accept any ruling without arguing.

I suggest to you that it took courage, whatever your view of the decision, to agree last year that

27 out of 49 of the students who had failed in their written examinations were nevertheless qualified to practice law. You, too, will need courage, whether to take on clients who society would rather that you didn't take on or to refuse to take on an intricate file because in your heart of hearts you know that you have a hidden problem.

You are about to become members of an honourable and noble profession, a profession which members of society must deal with in facing the break up of a marriage, facing imprisonment, setting up a business, getting status in this country, ensuring that personal liberties aren't taken away by the State through any of its agencies.

Now, I don't know why each of you determined to be a lawyer. Perhaps it run in your family. Perhaps it is a means to get wonderously rich, and if so good luck to you, but it might take you a little longer than you think it might. Perhaps because you have a fire in your belly for justice and feel that lawyering will help you to make a difference in your society. Perhaps it is a means of getting into politics. Whatever the urge that led to your presence here today, I must believe that in part you understood and understand the ideals reflected in the oaths which you will shortly swear or affirm, and find that you will uphold and maintain the interest of citizens according to the prosecution of the law of this Province and that you

will conduct yourself truly and with integrity. Savor those words. Savor the way you will feel when they are spoken and remember how you felt. Remember how you feel today as you take your place with the other lawyers in the province. I urge you to remember them because you have chosen a profession which a recently retired member of the Supreme Court of Canada referred to as a treadmill. Now, having gone through your articling and the Bar Admission Course I hazard a guess that you understand something about a treadmill. But that was just the start. There were be days, weeks, months, when you will indeed feel that you are on a treadmill. It is at such times that I urge you to reflect back on the day and the emotion of the moment. And not only of this moment. I urge you to make positive use of your memory bank to store other moments in your career when you will feel this way. When you have untangled an unreal real estate mess, when you see that your work assisting a couple untangling their marriage has left them on speaking terms with each other. You will experience these moments and I hope that you experience many of them, and I simply urge you to keep them in your memory bank to fall back along on to help overcome the need to despair and the carelessness that often accompanies the despair.

What else is there left today that I urge you to look upon in the future? Well, just look around you. I am sure there is someone sitting around you whom you don't mind if you don't see them quite a lot, but I

suspect that there are others around you who you want to see. Do. Keep those contacts. Don't lose them. It is true that no man or woman is an island and certainly no lawyer is an island, not even sole practitioners.

There will be times in your practice when you will be ill at ease over a case, a deal. Now, obviously you have to keep your clients' affairs confidential but when you are perplexed by a situation, when unsure how to proceed you do have the resources of the contacts you have made over the past years and I urge you to reach out to them, and don't also forget that for your support you have a resource which is dedicating to serving you and your clients. So reach out beyond the wonderful iron rails of Queen and University to those of the Law Society. So whether by connecting with friends made over the last years or by reaching out to your governing body, give a lie to those who perceive as lawyers as arrogant pig-headed know-it-alls. You have a valuable resource right here in this room.

Then there are others, your friends and family members. You are entering a profession where the work can be so intense that you forget that you are more than a lawyer. You can forget that you are also a son, a daughter, a father, mother, friend. Society is best served by lawyers who are themselves fully in touch with the social realities of family and community.

I suggest to you that you will be as good a

lawyer as you are a spouse, father, son, daughter, mother or friend. Whether you practice as a sole practitioner or in a large firm there will be pressures however suffered to disconnect you from everything but your files and your billings. Resist and keep resisting it. You owe it to yourself, you owe it to your family, you owe it to your society and you certainly owe it to your profession. I have seen too many cases of lawyers who allowed themselves to be consumed by their work to the detriment of their health, their dedication, the good of their clients and ultimately the reputation of their profession.

Believe me, trust me on this one, the single-minded pursuit of the files, casting family and friends aside ultimately leads to failure. Failure is to look back in mid or late life on a half filled or half-empty life.

You are entering a profession with a history of giving and I am not only here speaking of promoting work or offering services through Legal Aid, I am speaking of the volunteer work done by lawyers who help community groups draw up their constitutions or manage a meeting or fill out boring forms. I encourage you, too, to make yourselves available for such work. It is work that won't show up directly in your billings but in a certain way it will help keep you sane and that has a great impact on billings in the long run.

I congratulate you on your cause. I wish

you well in your profession. It is a profession that the Treasurer decides is one of great fun. I hope you will have fun in your career. I hope the practice of law will be everything that you hope it will be and then some. But I urge you don't lose the person that you are today. You be no good to yourself, your clients or your profession if you don't ensure that you allow enough time and energy for yourself in all your capacity not only in your work on files, and you will come away with ever increasing knowledge. Congratulations and good luck.

Thank you, again, Treasurer, and thank you for this wonderful, wonderful honour.

THE TREASURER: Just give us one minute. Hope, it is my pleasure to thank you. We admire you, we respect you, we love you, and we thank you very much for addressing us here today.

There is one matter that I overlooked so we could get on with the ceremony. I forgot to introduce everyone on the stage. I'm sure that you will forgive me but they won't. So I'm going to take a moment and ask you to stand please when I call your name. Mr. Justice Coulter Osborne; Mr. Justice Spence; of course you met Hope Sealy; Hugette Malyon from the Ontario Court of Appeal, the Registrar; Dean Greer from Osgoode Hall; Dean Daniels from the Faculty of Law from the University of Toronto; Donald Short is a representative of the CBAO; John Ritchie is representing the Metropolitan Toronto Lawyers Association;

Jimmy Dick, back stage right, he is going to do an Honour Song for us after your Call. Thank you. Please be seated.

The staff of the Law Society, John Saso, Chief Executive Officer; Richard Tinsely, Secretary of the Law Society; Bob Bernhardt, the Director of Education; Ian Lebane; Cindy Pinkus; and Roman Woloszcuk. Thank you.

My Bencher cohorts, Nancy Backhouse, Chair of Admissions & Equity Committee; Larry Banack, Tom Carey, Derry Millar, Elvio DelZotto, Gary Gottlieb, Bob Armstrong, Gord Bobesich, Austin Cooper, Paul Lamek, Gavin MacKenzie, Niels Ortved, Helen Puccini, Heather Ross, Dave Scott, Gerry Swaye, Ab Chahbar. One of our candidates will be joining us on the sage, Darcy Macpherson.

Darcy, thank you for coming and sitting with us. We'll be calling you.

May we have the introduction of the awards.

ACTING DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION:

Treasurer, I have the pleasure in presenting the following candidates who have won prizes in the Bar Admission Course.

Awarded a share of The S.J. Birnbaum, Q.C. Scholarship Third Prize for the student attaining the third highest grade in Estate Planning, John Robinson Billingsley, Brian Edward Cohen, Amanda Jane Iris Hunter, Eddy Mezzetta.

Awarded a share of The Herbert Egerton Harris Advocacy Scholarship for the student attaining the

highest grade in Civil Litigation, and a share of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers Plaque for the student attaining the highest grade in Civil Litigation, Oslyn Lyndonna Braithwaite.

Awarded a share of The Law Society's Third Prize for the student attaining the fourth highest grades in the Bar Admission Course, Allan David Coleman.

Awarded a share of The Herbert Egerton Harris Advocacy Scholarship for the student attaining the highest grade in Civil Litigation, and a share of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers Plaque for the student attaining the highest grade in Civil Litigation, David Joshua Levy.

Awarded The Samuel Learner, Q.C. Prize in General Advocacy for the student attaining the highest combined grades in Civil Litigation, Public Law, and Family Law; and a share of The Isadore Levinter Prize donated by the Advocates' Society for the student attaining the highest grade in Public Law, Kimberly Alesia Dawn Ozubko.

Awarded a share of the Practitioners' Prize in Real Estate for the student attaining the highest grade in real estate, John Freeland Smith.

Awarded a share of The S.J. Birnbaum, Q.C. Scholarship First Prize for the student attaining the highest grade in Estate Planning, Joseph Alexander Starkman.

Award awarded a share of The William Belmont

Common, Q.C., prize for Criminal Procedure for the student attaining the second highest grade in Criminal Procedure, Scott Patrick Sumner.

MR. BANACK: Treasurer, I present to you the following candidates for Call to the Bar of Ontario and admission to the Degree of Barrister-at-Law. Pheobe Pamela Ahlfeld, Andrew John Ahonen, Kaiser Akbar, Megan Patricia Allan, Blair John Allen, Martin Eduardo Anderson, Roy Angelow, Lesley Suzanne Arbus, David John Ardern, Elizabeth Gail Armstrong, Wendy Louise Arnott, Joseph Michael Beck, Jordan Scott Bernamoff, John Robinson Billingsley, Conrad Christian Bona, Patrick Thomas Bourk, Catherine Anne Bowles, Julia Cecilia Bradley, Oslyn Lyndonna Braithwaite, Brian Thomas Brophey, Jane Elizabeth Brueton, Ian William Bulmer, Kristi Lynn Burns, Richard Andrew Campbell, Michelle Joanne Canale, Giuseppe Carrera, Jadranka Cavrak, I-Ju Chen, Stefano Cimicata, Michael David Cuddy, Brian Edward Cohen, David Cohen, Allan David Coleman, Glen Andrew Cook, Michael David Crinson, Bozidar Cranatovi, Sarah Constance Crossley, Esther Natalie Daniel, Carolyn Ruth Decker, Rajeev Dewan, Tracy Ann Dewar, Martha Drassinower, Kathleen Andree Dussault, Leslie Rebecca Ita Erlich, Shelly Marvin Feld, Claudi Dorothea Feldkamp, Yvonne Fiamengo, Pasquale Filice, William Percy Finn, William George Wheeler Ford.

MR. CAREY: Robin Nicole Frew, Ariella Fuhrmann, Bonnie Ann Gerow, Keith Lea Geurts, Mindy Beth

Gilbert, Rodney Lewis Girard, Charles Evan Gluckstein, Joanne Charlene Groer, Margaret Irawati Gunawan, Robert Osborne Hansen, Tamara Lynn Hauerstock, Carolyn Mary Hayes, Martha Ilone Heder, Michael Stuart Held, Stuart Joseph Hoegner, Harry Joe Hong, Amanda Jane Iris Hunter, John David Hutmacher, Danielle Rosemary Joel, Ari Nathan Kaplan, Jasmine Shamsuddin Karimi, Kumail Karimji, Arish Arden Koorshed, Matthew Benjamin Klug, Yukiko Kojima, Brian Philip Koscak, Johathan Dushyendra Kulathungam, Trevor Lee Ladner, Renee Corinne Lang, Steven David Leckie, David Joshua Levy, Leslyn Ann Lewis, Vincent Seung-Woo Lim, Barbara Jane Lynch, Tiffany Eleanor MacDonald, Kari Judith MacKay, Darcy Lawrence Macpherson, Fernand Abdul Majid, Jennifer Maryan Emily Malchuk, Pauline Maree Malcolm, Anu Malhotra, Thomas William Reid Manes, Daniel Mansoor, Neil Kenneth Marcovitz, Jason Christopher Markwell, Craig Martin, Robert Francis Kennedy Mason, Dean Christopher Masse, Tonya Michell Matwee, Maureen Joyce Maguire.

MR. MILLAR: Daniel Lawrence McKay, Graham Thomas McLeod, Kathryn Anne McPhail, Robert Carl Meyer, Eddy Mezzetta, Lisa Ann Miron, Komal Mohindra, Adamo Anthony Moras, Rachel Moses, Boris Milorad Muchalov, James Raymond Hilliard Murdock, Younghee Na, Yasmin Nakhuda, Nada Nicola, Orié Hertzog Niedaviecki, Dean Christopher Novak, Patrick William Nugent, Nanette Evelyn O'Connor, Karen Marie O'Neill, Julia Yaa Janewa Osei-Tutu, Paul Andrew Ouellette, Kimberley Alesia Dawn Ozubko, Elisheva Naomi

Paton, Susan Elizabeth Peckover, Michael Joseph Petrocco, Michael Thomas Pickersgill, Genevieve Claire Plank, Andrew William Pollock, Lana Maria Patricia Pryce, Anna Raimondo, Bhupinder Singh Randhawa, James Edward Neil Rhodes, Neil Cameron Rigby, Lisa Joyce Roberts, Sarah Margaret Robertson, Kevin Andrew Robinson, Michael James Roland, Alon Rooz, Bruno Roti, Giovanni Russo, Harjinder Singh Sahdra, Fateh Salim, Fred Sampliner, Lisa Joy Sand, Mechelle Joanne Santarossa, Hiroko Sawai, Heather Naomi Segal, Matthew Peter David Seymour.

MR. DELZOTTO: Donald Scott Sheffield, Matthew Joshua Shuber, James Paul Anthony Shulman, Caryl Louise Silver, Dayna Eden Simon, Scott Irwin Simser, Jay Christopher Sinha, Graham Farrell Sirman, Andrew Skodyn, Catherine Michelle Small, Crawford Glendron Smith, James Wesley Smith, John Freeland Smith, Gavin Christopher Smyth, Diana Lesley Solomon, Stephen Jay Solursh, Sani Sood, Sean Grodon Sorensen, Derek Francesco Sorrenti, Andrew George Spence, Joseph Alexander Starkman, Michael Gordon Stewart, Scott Patrick Sumner, Lillian Deena Sversky, Matthew Damian Swarney, Cara Marie Sweeny, Veronica Michelle Syrtash, Sender Blaine Tator, Dilshad Mohamed Tavawalla, Annelis Kathryn Thorsen, Christine Lois Tier, Elizabeth Patricia Topp, Paula Andrea Trattner, Dimitra Tsagaris, Rocco Tuzi, Mahesh Uttamchandani, Kevin Paul von Bargaen, Paige Allison Wadden, Richard Lawrence Ward, Aaron Zale Waxman, Candice Lee Welsch, Arthur Patrick Wray West, Robert Daniel

Winters, Sean Evan Wise, Jeannine Renee Woodall, Dariusz Wroblewski, Michael Brian Wuls, Ariy Fakobson, Franky Yat Fong Lee, Yuri Zabelishensky, Jonathan Zepp, Lesley Ruth Charkow.

Will all the candidates please rise.

Treasurer, in the name of the Benchers of the Law Society of Upper Canada, I request you to confer upon these candidates who have completed the course of studies at the Bar Admission Course and passed the prescribed examinations and fulfilled all the requirements, the Degree of Barrister-at-Law and call them to the Bar of Ontario.

THE TREASURER: By virtue of the authority vested in me by Convocation, and pursuant to the Statutes in that behalf, I confer upon each of you the Degree of Barrister-at-Law and Call each of you to the Bar of the Province of Ontario.

Congratulations.

Would the candidates please be seated.

Your Honours, Ms. Sealy, Benchers, Guests, on behalf of the Benchers I want to introduce our friend Jimmy. Would you come forward, please? He has come all the way from Moose Factory and he is going to play an Honour Song and a Victory Song for us on the Eagle Heart Drum. This is a special honour and I am grateful that he has taken the time to come to do this for.

JIMMY DICK: Before I start, I just want to

briefly describe about the singing and the meaning of the drum. The singing was the original form of communication that you had when you were little babies to communicate with your parents to indicate that they need to take care of you, needed a change or get attention. The best way I can describe the singing style here is unfortunately they call it crying today. This drum gives life to everything. It represents the heart, the heartbeat of the people, and also the heartbeat of Mother Earth, and also the voice of the Great Spirit, the one that gives us life. This drum stick that I use is a spirit also, which gives it life when you start hitting it. This is also the same way that your heart works, when it starts beating it gives you life. I wanted to share that with you in case you are wondering what I am doing. Thank you.

---Honour Song

---Victory Song

THE TREASURER: Jimmy Dick, I want to thank you.

On behalf of the Benchers and the 28,800 lawyers in Ontario, there will be another 250 this afternoon, I welcome my new brothers and sisters into the Law Society and the profession of law. We have heard much about you, and well we should, because it is your day but it is also a celebration for you out there in the audience, the enthusiastic and wonderful audience who loves each of you and supported you over the last difficult years. So I

would ask you new lawyers, I would ask you to rise, turn around and give them a round of applause for what they have done for you.

I know how much each of you, parents and friends, how much you are enjoying this day because I can tell you that I am going to have the pleasure this afternoon of calling my daughter and my son-in-law to the Bar. I have but one message to give to you today. Value and preserve for as long as you can the spirit, the energy, the commitment and the enthusiasm that is self-evident in this room. I also ask you to remember that the law is not a job. It is obviously more than a mere mastery of the procedure. It is a noble and learned and honorable profession and to be a lawyer is a privilege and that privilege should be cherished by you every day and every moment. Just as the Law Society governs this profession in the public interest so you, too, must conduct yourself in the public interests recognizing that you serve the administration of justice in Canada and in the Province of Ontario and in every courtroom and with every client that you act and interact. So whatever your goals and whatever your aspirations abide your commitment to serve your client and the public with honesty and with integrity and with honor. If you abide your commitment you will do honour to yourselves, you will do honour to your families and you will do honour to this noble profession. I wish each of you long life, health, and I wish that every day of your

lives you should be as happy as you are today.

Convocation stands adjourned.

THE REGISTRAR: Order, all rise. This session special sitting of the Court of Appeal of Ontario and the Ontario Court of Justice (General Division) is now convened. God save the Queen.

Will the candidates please remain standing and all others please be seated.

CHAIR OF THE ADMISSIONS AND EQUITY

COMMITTEE:

Your Honour, on behalf of the Treasurer and the Benchers of the Law Society of Upper Canada, I have the honour to present the candidates whose names are before you. These Candidates have complied with the rules of the Law Society and have been called to the Bar in Convocation today. I would ask that they be allowed to take the usual Oaths.

THE REGISTRAR: Shall I proceed to administer the Oaths, Your Honour?

MR. JUSTICE OSBORNE: Please.

THE REGISTRAR: I am about to administer the Oath of Allegiance, the Barristers Oath and the Solicitors Oath. At the end of each Oath I will say the words "So help you God". You will then respond as follows. Any of you who object to being sworn may make an affirmation that is of the same force and effect as if you had sworn to the Oaths. At the conclusion of each Oath you will say the

words "I do so affirm" in a clear and loud voice. Those of you who are being sworn will at the conclusion of each Oath say the words "So help me God" again in a very clear and loud voice. The Oath of Allegiance will now be taken by those candidates who wish to be sworn to that Oath. You do swear that you will be faithful and bear truly allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her heirs and successors according to law, so help you God. We now say together.

---Oath of Allegiance

THE REGISTRAR: All candidates now will take the Barristers Oath.

You are called to the Degree of Barrister-at-Law to protect and defend the rights and interests of such citizens as may employ you. You shall all conduct faithfully and to the best of your ability. You shall neglect no one's interest nor seek to destroy anyone's property. You shall not be guilty of champerty or maintenance. You shall not refuse causes of complaint reasonably founded, nor shall you promote suits upon frivolous pretensions. You shall not pervert the law to favour or prejudice any one, but in all things shall conduct yours truly and with integrity. In fine, the Queen's interest and the interest of citizens you shall uphold and maintain according to the constitution and law of this province. All of this you swear to observe and perform to the best of your knowledge and ability, so help

you God. And now we say together.

--- Barristers Oath.

THE REGISTRAR: All candidates will also now take the Solicitors Oath.

You has do sincerely promise and swear that you will be truly you will truly and honestly conduct yourself in the practice of a solicitor, according to the best of your knowledge and ability, so help you God. And you now say together.

---Solicitors Oath

You may now be seated. Thank you.

MR. JUSTICE OSBORNE: Treasurer, colleagues, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen, it is an honour for me to play a small but essential, and you will be relieved to hear, a short part in this significant occasion.

On behalf of the judiciary of this Province of Ontario I want to extend to all of you who were called to the Bar this morning and admitted as solicitors my sincere congratulations. I wish each of you success and fulfillment in the years ahead.

Having sat here last year in a more important role, I was in the role of a parent, I think I can relate to those of you who through many years have contributed so much to the accomplishments of whose who were called to the Bar this morning. I am sure that they will be relieved to witness a conversion of their sons and

daughters, spouses, partners, and in some cases mothers and fathers from seemingly perpetual students to Ontario's newest barristers and solicitors.

I want to add my personal congratulations to Hope Sealy for the honour she has received today. She is a woman of great distinction with a deep commitment to the people of Canada.

For informational purposes only I should tell you that before being selected to the very important position of Treasurer of the Law Society of Upper Canada my friend Harvey Strosberg was an introvert who shied away from photo opportunities.

It is not for me to suggest to those of you who have been called to the Bar this morning which of the many paths now open to you, you should follow. You have many choices and it is for you with an open mind and those close to you to determine what you will do with your education in the law.

I would offer, nonetheless, the proper solemn observations. First, all of us who have acquired an education in the law must appreciate our continuing obligation to society. Second, in a variety of ways you will be asked for your opinions in the course of your careers, whatever career path you may follow. Be ever mindful of the need to tell those who seek your opinion what they need to know not what they want to hear.

Finally, for those who may appear in the

courts from time to time, don't be intimidated by judges. As is sometimes said, they are just former lawyers now working on a fixed income.

Let me conclude before we adjourn by repeating for all of Ontario's judges that I represent this morning, I wish you well as you embark upon the next chapter in your lives and to face the many challenges ahead.

Registrar, would you please adjourn the court.

THE REGISTRAR: Order, all rise. The sitting of this court is now concluded. God save the Queen.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and accurate computer-aided transcription of my shorthand notes taken to the best of my skill and ability.

M. J. Corcoran, C.S.R.