

# Doctor of Laws, honoris causa

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Treasurer,

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It is my pleasant duty to present to you The Right Honourable Beverley M. McLachlin, Chief Justice of Canada, and request that you confer upon her the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.

Fulfilling the promise of high academic success as a student, the combination of her keen intellect and her ability to marshall the facts and the law, and synthesize them in a compelling analysis, has been demonstrated not only in her judicial career but also as a private practitioner and law professor.

Complementing her intellectual attainments, her sound judgment and her compassion for, and understanding of, the private and public dimensions of legal issues has earned her the respect of the legal profession and the public across Canada.

She stands before us today as Chief Justice of Canada – the first woman to hold that post – continuing a remarkable career as a jurist, which began with her appointment to the County Court of British Columbia in 1981 and continued with her subsequent appointments, first as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, and then as a Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada.

Through her example and the high standards she has brought to the discharge of her duties she has brought great credit to our profession, and I ask therefore, Treasurer, that you confer upon her the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.