

Doctor of Laws, honoris causa

February 13, 2001

Eileen E. Gillese

Treasurer,

It is my pleasant duty to present to you and to this Convocation, the Honourable Madam Justice Eileen E. Gillese, and request that you confer upon her the degree of Doctor of Laws, Honoris Causa.

Hers is a career in which early promise, evidenced by a Rhodes Scholarship and undergraduate and graduate degrees in law from Oxford University, has been fulfilled by a career of accomplishment.

After a brief period in the private practice of law, she turned her significant intellectual powers and energy to the teaching of law at the University of Western Ontario Law School, where her academic abilities were recognized and her appreciation of the practical and political problems of administration gained her the respect of her peers, culminating in her being appointed Dean of the Faculty of Law.

A gifted and energetic teacher, she has won numerous awards for teaching excellence, including the Edward Pleva Award, the University of Western Ontario's most prestigious teaching award.

In addition to her academic responsibilities, she has served the wider community as Chair of the Financial Services Commission of Ontario, the Financial Services Tribunal and the Pension Commission of Ontario, as well as acting as a consultant to governments both in Canada and internationally.

Treasurer, Madam Justice Gillese's contributions to the teaching of law, including her learned writings in the areas of trust and pension law and her service to the wider community make her a worthy candidate for the degree of Doctor of Laws, Honoris Causa, which I respectfully request that you confer upon her.