

Doctor of Laws, honoris causa

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David W. Scott

Treasurer,

It is my most pleasant duty to present to you and to this Convocation, David William Scott, and request that you confer upon him the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.

For nearly four decades, armed with his formidable powers of perception and persuasion, he has engaged in the intellectual combat of litigation.

His advocacy is marked by a penetrating analysis of the issue at hand, coupled with a clarity and simplicity of presentation which reduces complex issues to their essential elements. These abilities, combined with his keen intellect and his adherence to the highest traditions of the bar, have earned him recognition as one of Canada's foremost litigators, a recognition evidenced not only by the esteem in which he is held by his peers but by numerous awards for advocacy, including the Advocates' Society Medal and recognition by the American College of Trial Lawyers.

His judgement and great energy have been employed not only for the benefit of his clients, but also for the benefit of the profession and his community. As a lecturer, teacher and author, he has contributed to the intellectual growth of the profession, and as a Bencher of the Law Society from 1991-99 he made significant contributions to the governance of the profession. His contribution to the civic community in Ottawa is remarkable both in its breadth and depth.

David William Scott, Mr. Treasurer, is truly one of those members of our profession who embodies and exemplifies the highest traditions of the bar and is a most worthy recipient of the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.