

Doctor of Laws, honoris causa

February 12, 2002 *Marlys Edwardh*

TREASURER, may I present to you and this Convocation *Marlys Edwardh* and request that you confer upon her the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.

In an overwhelmingly male-dominated profession, *Marlys Edwardh* has shattered the stereotype and become one of the leading criminal barristers in Canada. She is a role model and mentor for female members of the legal profession everywhere. Not afraid to advance the perimeters of justice, *Marlys Edwardh* has produced some of this country's most non-traditional defences. In doing so, she has become a leader of the bar in Constitutional and Criminal law.

Born in Toronto, she obtained her LL.B. from Osgoode Hall and her LL.M. from the University of California. Early on, she decided to devote her practice primarily to criminal law and its related fields. Throughout her career she has served her profession by challenging the traditional confines of law in her practice and in her publications. She has served the public through her work on several Royal Commissions and she has served her clients through the use of her keen creative legal mind and superb talent as a cross-examiner.

A recipient of the Law Society Medal for her outstanding contributions to the profession, *Marlys Edwardh* is truly a pioneer in the field of Criminal law.

She is deserving of the highest honour this Society can give and I request you, Sir, to confer upon *Marlys Edwardh* the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.