

Doctor of Laws, honoris causa

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Treasurer, it is my distinct honour to present to you and to Convocation, Professor Michael Trebilcock and ask that you confer upon him the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.

Known as the "father of law and economics in Canada," Michael Trebilcock has had an illustrious career as a legal scholar, educator, mentor and policy advisor. His intellectual contribution to this country and the world beyond has been enormous. After completing his LL.B. at the University of Canterbury and his LL.M. at the University of Adelaide, Michael Trebilcock immigrated to Canada where he began what would be an exceptional and distinguished teaching career – first, at McGill Law School and then, from 1972 on, at the Faculty of Law, University of Toronto. His visionary use of economic analysis in the study of law has resulted in not only the creation of one of the world's finest Law and Economics Programmes at the University of Toronto but has thrust his many scholarly works to the forefront of the international research scene.

Michael Trebilcock has been the recipient of several prestigious awards and honours, but the greatest testament to his enormous contribution to Canadian law lies with the many students he has mentored and encouraged throughout his teaching career. Their lives and professional careers have been indelibly shaped by his influence.

Professor Michael Trebilcock is deserving of the highest honour this Society can give and I request you, Sir, to confer upon him the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.