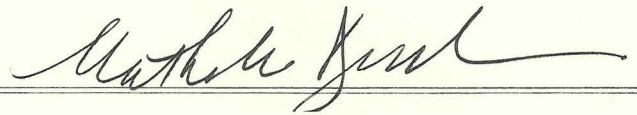


Doctor of Laws, honoris causa

July 19, 2004



Treasurer, may I present to you and this Convocation Nathalie Des Rosiers, LL.B., LL.M., LSM and request that you confer upon her the degree of Doctor of Laws honoris causa.

Nathalie Des Rosiers has dedicated her professional career to the promotion of access to justice by advocating for minorities – often in non-adversarial and non-traditional ways.

As a professor of law she has served as a role model and mentor for many who form the future of the legal profession. In doing so, she has instilled in them a dedication to the commitment of justice for all.

As a leading proponent of French linguistic rights in the Franco-Ontarian community, Nathalie Des Rosiers has held the office of President of AJEFO and in 1999 appeared as counsel in the Supreme Court of Canada in a seminal case dealing with linguistic rights under the Criminal Code.

As the current President of the Law Commission of Canada, she works tirelessly to fulfill the agency's commitment "to engage Canadians in the renewal of the law to ensure that it is relevant, effective, and equally accessible to all, and just."

Nathalie Des Rosiers is deserving of the highest honour this Society can give and I request you, Sir, to confer upon her the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.