

Doctor of Laws, honoris causa

July 23, 2004 Louise Charron

Treasurer, may I present to you and this Convocation The Honourable Justice Louise Charron and request that you confer upon her the degree of Doctor of Laws honoris causa.

Throughout her career, Louise Charron has promoted the principle of equal access to justice and has served as a role model for Francophone Ontarians. A Francophone raised in Ottawa, she has been acutely sensitive to the need for access to justice in both of this country's official languages. After being called to the Bar in 1977, she practiced with the bilingual firm of Lalonde, Chartrand & Gouin in Ottawa, specializing in civil litigation. She also became an active member of the Association des juristes d'expression française de l'Ontario.

From 1994 to 1996, she served as the Associate Director of the National Judicial Institute, an organization dedicated to the development and delivery of continuing education programs for federal, provincial and territorial judges, which reflect the cultural, racial and linguistic diversity in Canada. Currently, as a judge of the Court of Appeal for Ontario, Justice Charron continues to promote the principle of equal access to justice in her rulings, many of which have been groundbreaking.

The Honourable Justice Louise Charron 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.