


Doctor of Laws, honoris causa

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Treasurer, may I present to you and to this Convocation Ed Ratushny, C.M., Q.C., S.J.D., and request that you confer upon him the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.

The legal profession is a noble, learned and honourable profession with a passionate dedication to justice. Entry to its membership comes with a two-fold obligation – to provide rigorous, disciplined advice and to serve the public as the occasion may require.

Over his eminent legal career, which has spanned more than forty years, Ed Ratushny has worked tirelessly to fulfill his professional obligations.

He is a distinguished legal scholar and professor with an impressive, if not enviable, academic background. He has worked assiduously through his speeches and writings to improve the legal and justice system, and through his lectures to educate, challenge and inspire the future generations of the profession.

Ed Ratushny has further applied his abilities to serve his country and society in a number of capacities and ways. He has worked for and in government, advising on complex constitutional and administrative law issues, and as an adjudicator in human rights, labour and sports cases.

Ed Ratushny has devoted his professional life to performing in the finest traditions of the Bar, and in doing so provides a role model and source of inspiration to those who follow him.

He 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.