

Doctor of Laws honoris causa

June 18, 2007

Barbara Jackman

Treasurer, may I present to you and this Convocation Barbara Jackman, and request that you confer upon her the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.

Called to the Bar of Ontario in 1978, Barbara Jackman has earned the reputation of being one of Canada's most effective advocates for refugee rights.

Throughout her career, she has shown a commitment to the highest ideals of the legal profession. She takes on the most difficult cases - difficult because of the clients, the legal issues, and public reaction. In doing so, she demonstrates a remarkable commitment to persons whose life experiences have been so very different from our own, and she does so without thought of self-interest.

Dedicated to public service, she works tirelessly as a mentor, a lecturer, and as a leader and member of numerous community associations.

Barbara Jackman is truly a role model to those who follow her, and I request, Sir, that you confer upon her the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.