

Doctor of Laws honoris causa

June 17, 2009

Thomson.

Treasurer, may I present to you and this Convocation George M. Thomson and request that you confer upon him the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.

Called to the Bar of Ontario in 1967, George Thomson has had a long and varied career as a practitioner, law professor, judge, Executive Director of the National Judicial Institute, Deputy Minister of three Ontario ministries, and as Deputy Minister of Justice and Deputy Attorney General of Canada.

He is widely recognized as a highly respected problem-solver who has been called upon to chair a number of public inquiries and provincial reviews, including an inquiry into reform of social assistance policies and programs and a review of the appeal process of Ontario's regulated professions.

His career exemplifies the best of our profession — public service, versatility, innovation, a commitment to social justice in the fullest sense, and leadership in the public, educational, and judicial spheres.

George M. Thomson is most deserving of this honour and I request you, Sir, to confer upon him the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.