

The Advocates' Society

THE ADVOCATES' SOCIETY WELCOMES NEW PRESIDENT AT END OF TERM DINNER

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A record 1,111 members and special guests gathered at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel on June 6, 2007 for The Advocates' Society End of Term Dinner, a formal event that has become a highly-anticipated annual opportunity for collegiality amongst advocates and the judiciary.

Members paid tribute to outgoing president **Michael E. Barrack** of McCarthy Tétrault LLP, and welcomed new president **Michael A. Eizenga** of Siskind, Cromarty, Ivey & Dowler LLP in London. Mr. Eizenga praised Mr. Barrack for his enormous work ethic and for chairing events that challenged members to maintain their civility and passion in the pursuit of justice, and their commitment to social progress.

Joining Michael Eizenga on the 2007 – 08 Executive Committee are **Peter J. E. Cronyn** of Nelligan O'Brien Payne LLP in Ottawa (First Vice-president); **Sandra A. Forbes** of Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg LLP in Toronto (Second Vice-president); **Marie T. Henein** of Henein and Associates in Toronto (Treasurer), and **Mark D. Lerner** of Lerner's LLP in London (Secretary).

Mr. Eizenga noted that The Advocates' Society has experienced phenomenal growth in the last decade and that it now operates as a service organization in various parts of Canada. Because much of its programming is exactly what is craved by the legal communities in emerging democracies, this year the Society will expand its focus to include an international component.

Special guests at the End of Term Dinner included the Honourable **Warren K. Winkler**, Chief Justice of Ontario; the Honourable **Heather J. Smith**, Chief Justice of the Superior Court of Justice, the Honourable Chief Justice **Annemarie E. Bonkalo** of the Ontario Court of Justice,; the Honourable **Michael J. Bryant**, Attorney General of Ontario; the Honourable **R. Roy McMurtry**; the Honourable **Brian W. Lennox**, and internationally acclaimed film director **Norman Jewison**.

The Honourable Marshall E. Rothstein of the Supreme Court of Canada presented the keynote address, offering tongue-in-cheek suggestions of practices and behaviour to avoid when advocating before the Supreme Court.

The Advocates' Society Arleen Goss Young Advocates' Award was presented to **Joseph DiLuca** of DiLuca Barristers. Created in memory of Society member Arleen Goss, who passed away in 2002 at the age of 40, the award recognizes innovative and passionate advocacy, contribution to social justice, and commitment to the community.

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