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TREASURER: Derry Millar has assumed the position as the Law Society's 62nd Treasurer, having been acclaimed in May. Since being elected a Bencher in 1995, Derry has held a wide range of important positions at the Law Society. In his opening comments, Treasurer Millar identified important issues to be dealt with in the next two years, such as paralegal regulation, retention of women in the profession, sole and small firm practitioners, equity and access to justice. On behalf of the Profession, he also congratulated and thanked Mr. MacKenzie for his diligent work as Treasurer in the last 28 months.

FAREWELL TO TREASURER MACKENZIE: With the election of the new Treasurer, Gavin MacKenzie's extended tenure came to an end. He assumed the office of Treasurer in February 2006 by a vote of Convocation, following the resignation of George Hunter. Under the leadership of Mr. MacKenzie, the Law Society has overseen the implementation of the Regulation of Paralegals and important advances were made in respect of women lawyers in private practice, sole practitioners and small firms, as well as important reforms relating to the practice of real estate law. Mr. MacKenzie's steady hand assisted the Law Society in maintaining momentum and advancing initiatives not previously thought to be attainable. As a Profession, we have many reasons to be grateful for his years of service.

GLENN HAINEY (TORONTO): As a result of the vacancy created in Convocation by the acclamation of Treasurer Millar, Glenn Hainey has joined Convocation on the basis of the votes cast in the last Bencher election.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: Treasurer Millar tabled the following Committee appointments to ensure the important work of Convocation can be continued through the forthcoming summer months:

Committee	Chair	Vice-Chair
Access to Justice	Marion Boyd/Paul Schabas (Co-Chairs)	Avvy Go
Appeal Panel	Mark Sandler	
Audit	Beth Symes	Abdul Chahbar
Compensation	Derry Millar	
Compensation Fund	Tom Heintzman	
Equity/Aboriginal Issues	Janet Minor	Raj Anand
Federation of Law Societies	John Campion	
Finance	Bonnie Warkentin	Carol Hartman
Government Relations	James Caskey/Doug Lewis (Co-Chairs)	Laurie Pawlitza
Governance Task Force	Thomas Heintzman	Vern Krishna
Hearing Panel	Alan Gold	Thomas Conway
Heritage	Constance Backhouse	Melanie Aitken
Licensing & Accreditation Task Force	Vern Krishna	
Litigation	John Campion	
Paralegal	Paul Dray	
Priority Planning	Derry Millar	
Proceedings Authorization	Julian Porter	Beth Symes
Professional Development & Competence	Laurie Pawlitza	Constance Backhouse/Mary Louise Dickson
Professional Regulation	Linda Rothstein	Julian Porter/Bonnie Tough
Tribunals	Mark Sandler	Alan Gold
Human Rights Monitoring Working Group (Equity)	Joanne St. Lewis	
Retention of Women Working Group (Equity)	Laurie Pawlitza/Bonnie Warkentin (Co-Chairs)	

JUSTICE GREGORY MULLIGAN: Justice Mulligan was a Law Society Bencher from 1999 to 2003. We congratulate him on his appointment to the Superior Court of Justice.

NEW LAW SCHOOL: Laurentian University has undertaken a study of the feasibility of establishing a law school on its main campus in Sudbury. The proposed law school is intended to reflect the needs for legal education and legal services to include francophone and aboriginal communities. Laurentian now joins Lakehead University and Sir Wilfred Laurier University which have also undertaken the process to have a law school added as a new faculty in their institutions.

Have a happy and safe summer with family and friends. As in the past, should you have any questions, criticisms or suggestions, please do not hesitate to let me know.

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