

## **Media Advisory/Photo Opportunity - 148 new lawyers to graduate at Ottawa Congress Centre ceremony - Law Society to present honorary Doctorate to acclaimed legal author**

TORONTO, July 8 /CNW/ - The Law Society of Upper Canada will present an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws (LL.D.) to Professor Michael J. Trebilcock in recognition of his outstanding service to the public and the legal profession as a lawyer, educator and accomplished legal author.

During the ceremony, 148 new lawyers will be called to the Ontario Bar -- 88 women and 60 men. Nine students will also be presented with special awards for attaining the highest marks in the Law Society's Bar Admission Course and excellence in skills. An award to a Francophone prize winner will be made in both English and French. In Ottawa, 16% of the new calls to the Bar are Francophones.

When: Thursday, July 10, 2003  
10:00 a.m.

Where: Ottawa Congress Centre  
55 Colonel By Drive, Ottawa

Professor Michael J. Trebilcock is an accomplished legal author, who has been published in many subjects. He has won numerous awards for his work including the Owen Prize for his book, *The Common Law of Restraint of Trade*. This book was also chosen as the best English language law book published in Canada in the past two years.

Law Society Treasurer, Frank Marrocco, Q.C., will begin the ceremony by conferring the honorary Doctorate to Professor Trebilcock. The honorary degree is awarded at the Law Society's Call to the Bar celebrations to select members of the public and profession who exemplify the character and values held in esteem by the legal profession. Following his award, Professor Trebilcock will serve as keynote speaker.

Call to the Bar ceremonies are also being held in London and Toronto in July. The Law Society will call almost 900 new lawyers to the Bar across the province. Continuing a trend seen over the last few years, women account for the majority of new calls to the Bar (54%) province-wide.

Please note: Upon arrival, please check-in at the media desk. Please

confirm your attendance in advance, if possible.

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