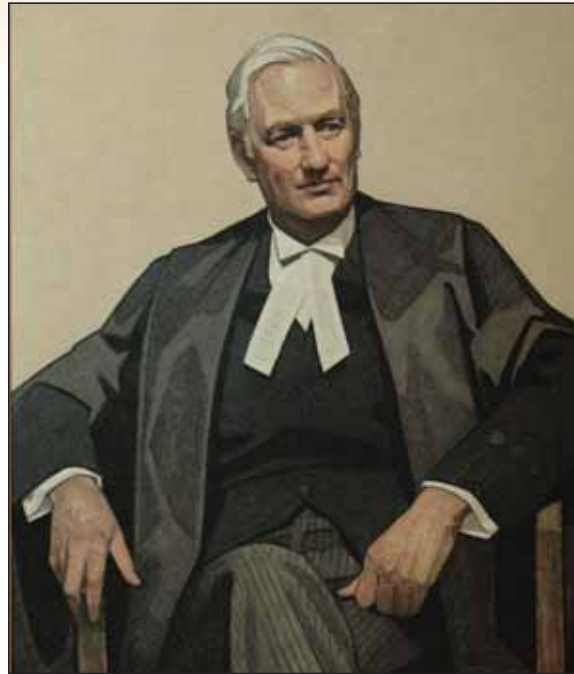

IN MEMORIAM

Kenneth Jarvis 1927-2007



In the early hours of September 8, 2007, Kenneth Phillips Jarvis, Q.C., RCA, passed away peacefully in Millbrook, Ontario. A lawyer, a skilled singer, a nationally renowned sculptor and an accomplished photographer, Kenneth Jarvis was truly a modern day Renaissance man.

Called to the Bar of Ontario in June 1956, he practised law for a short time, then joined the staff of the Law Society of Upper Canada in 1958. In his book, *The Law Society of Upper Canada and Ontario Lawyers 1797-1997*, Christopher Moore wrote that Kenneth Jarvis “joined the Law Society staff partly because the demands of downtown practice left him too little time for his art.”

He served the Law Society with dedication and loyalty first as the Deputy Secretary (1958-1966), then as the Secretary (1966-1987), and finally as Under Treasurer (1987-1988). During that time he combined his love of legal history, art and photography with his responsibilities at the Law Society. His photographs of Osgoode Hall regularly graced the pages of the *The Law Society Gazette* and his sculptures of legal legends adorned not only the halls of Osgoode Hall, but also legal institutions across the country, including the Supreme Court of Canada and the University of Alberta’s Law Institute.

His deep appreciation of the traditions of the law, the Law Society and the history of Osgoode Hall, was evident in everything that he did.

Kenneth Jarvis retired as the Secretary of the Law Society in 1987. During his tenure he was a trusted confidant and advisor to numerous treasurers and benchers. His influence on, and his contributions to the Law Society and the legal profession are undeniable.

Upon his retirement, Convocation honoured his service and many contributions by appointing him an Honorary Bencher of the Law Society at the same ceremony at which they conferred this honour upon then British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

On September 15, 2007, Kenneth Jarvis was remembered and honoured at a service held in Toronto attended by his family, friends and many admirers. Donations in his memory may be made to the Order of St. John, Federal District, or the Osgoode Society for Canadian Legal History. ❖