



Admission Ceremonies 3 February 2014

Chief Justice's observations

We congratulate you, ladies and gentlemen, on your admission to this noble profession. We hope you find your careers in the law most fulfilling, and that you derive real satisfaction from the help you will be able to give others.

I am sure you would want us to acknowledge, as well, the support you will have received, in your ascent to this pinnacle, from family and friends. I am sure they will be enjoying today, and appreciating by the way that these ceremonies are in duration about one-fifth the length of the usual university graduation ceremony!

When I speak of your ascent to a pinnacle, it is but part way up the mountain, and you will find you need continually to develop your professional capacities.

You have demonstrated capacity to do all these things, and whether your destination be barristers' chambers, solicitors' offices, or elsewhere, we warmly wish you well.

I spoke at the outset of the nobility of the profession, which is the aggregation of a number of aspects: its public orientation, its traditions, and its independence, efficiency and ethics. You may be proud to join its ranks.

It is reassuring, with admission ceremonies at the beginning of the year especially, to be reminded of the enduring character of the legal profession. We thank you, on behalf of the community, for your own prospective contribution.