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DOCTORAT HONORIFIQUE OCTROYÉ AU  
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André Donat Pharand is a most distinguished graduate of Dalhousie's Law School. He is one of Canada's foremost experts on the international law of the sea, especially with regard to the Arctic.

Although the University of Ottawa became his academic home in 1959, Dalhousie University has also enjoyed and benefitted over the years from collaboration with this world-renowned alumnus where he received his LL.B. in 1952.

Before coming to study at Dalhousie, Dr. Pharand, who was born in Hanmer, Ontario, served from 1943 to 1946 as an Officer in the Canadian Army and then the Royal Canadian Air Force. Awarded a Sir James Dunn Scholarship, he earned the degree of Master of Laws from Dalhousie in 1953. In 1956, his doctoral dissertation, "Sector Theory in the Arctic", earned him the Medal of Law from the Law Faculty of the University of Paris. Dr. Pharand has been the worthy recipient of many other scholarships, awards, degrees and honours.

His plentiful contributions to the University of Ottawa have been recognized by his being named that University's "Research Professor of the Year" in 1974; "Teaching Professor of the Year" in 1988; and since 1988, Emeritus Professor of Law.

Acknowledged as one of Canada's leading scholars in International law, Dr. Pharand's teaching and extensive publications have highlighted issues

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\* **N.D.L.R.** : Le 28 mai 1999 l'Université Dalhousie décernait un doctorat honorifique à notre collègue Donat Pharand, professeur émérite de l'Université d'Ottawa. Nous sommes heureux de publier la « Citation » ainsi que le « Convocation Address » du récipiendaire.

relating to the Arctic and to the law of the sea. His works, which are regarded as classics in the field, include : "The Law of the Sea of the Arctic, with Special Reference to Canada" (1973); "The Northwest Passage : Arctic Straits"(1984); "Canada's Arctic Waters in International Law" (1988); and "The Continental Shelf and the Exclusive Fishing Zone" (1993). His expertise has resulted in numerous consultancies for the Department of External Affairs on International law issues. He has also acted as advisor to several foreign governments on law of the sea matters and served on international arbitrations. More recently, he was asked to provide a legal opinion to the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples regarding specific International law implications in the context of possible accession to sovereignty by Québec.

Dr. Pharand's distinguished contributions have been widely recognized. He was elected as a Member of the Royal Society of Canada in 1982. He became a Queen's counsel in 1984. Five years later he was awarded the distinguished John E. Read Medal for « outstanding contribution to the cause of international law ». In 1994, he was appointed an Officer of the Order of Canada.

Dr. Pharand's extensive community and public-minded endeavours include service through the Canadian Bar Association, the American Society of International Law, the American Foreign Law Association, the International Commission of Jurists, the United Nations Association of Canada, the Canadian Institute of International Affairs, the Arctic Institute of North America, and the Canadian Council of International Law on which he has served as President.

As one of our graduates, Dr. Pharand exemplifies the Weldon tradition of public service promoted at Dalhousie. Over the years, Dr. Pharand has maintained a strong connection with his *alma mater*, contributing major articles to the *Dalhousie Law Journal*, and to *International Insights* (the Dalhousie Journal on International Affairs); serving on adjudication panels for students in our graduate programmes; and supporting the activities of the student associations. In all of these activities we have formed a great appreciation of his warm friendship, good humour, and *bonhomie* in both official languages.

For his pre-eminent contribution to International law, his excellence in research and teaching, his achievements as a public servant of the world, and his long friendship with Dalhousie, I ask you, Mr. Chancellor, in the name of the Senate, to bestow upon André Donat Pharand, the degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*.

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