

1 since my arrival in Convocation in September of 2010 --
2 I feel like I'm talking about a 5,000 watt radio
3 station in Fresno -- but since my arrival time I have
4 not identified an issue that is this contentious coming
5 up before as a matter of debate for Convocation, since
6 my arrival, which is a relatively short time ago. And
7 I wonder aloud, and it has been an issue raised before,
8 and I now put it squarely on the table for my
9 colleagues and you to consider, Madam Treasurer. I
10 wonder if it's not time to consider webcasting the
11 debate in May which will be so important to the bar, so
12 important to the youth in the bar.

13 The youth in the bar believe that
14 Benchers don't do a lot. That we don't take the tough
15 stands and we don't make the important decisions. I
16 know that we webcast to our staff, a staff of close to,
17 I'm told, 500 in this building. I know we have that
18 technology to do it, and as we speak right now I know
19 somebody is bored to tears with what I'm saying on
20 their desk somewhere in this building.

21 It seems to me that if the technology is
22 there, this might be exactly the time to employ it. Of
23 course, the people that are interested in this issue
24 will not be able to witness the debate because they
25 will not be able to fit into this room.

1 I encourage us and staff to consider
2 that on an important debate like this, surely we're no
3 more private and no less resourced than the Supreme
4 Court of Canada that routinely ensures that important
5 legal debates are accessible. We should be accessible
6 to our members. So I encourage that for consideration,
7 Madam Treasurer.

8 TREASURER PAWLITZA: Okay, Mr. Falconer.
9 Mr. Swaye.

10 MR. SWAYE: I'm just curious; I assume
11 that the task force has taken off the table abolition
12 of articling. Can I make that assumption? Or is that
13 still something that might or could be -- is there --
14 why don't I ask it this way.

15 Have you found, going around in the
16 consultations, any appetite from any corner to abolish
17 articling?

18 MR. CONWAY: Yes, but first of all,
19 option 3 contemplates the abolition of articling and
20 replacing it, and option 5 does too. So it's -- we are
21 looking -- that's -- those are two of the options that
22 are out there that contemplate an abolition of the
23 traditional articling system that we have known for
24 years, but the Articling Task Force has said that
25 experiential training is quintessential component to