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OsgoodePD receives hundreds of inquiries from internationally-trained law graduates and lawyers every year, seeking the Canadian law education they need to enter the Canadian legal profession. We have responded to that need by developing [programs designed to help](#) those individuals meet the requirements. We also try to help with integration into Canadian law practice. For example, our annual [Osgoode's Internationally Trained Lawyers Day](#) brings together regulators to provide information on licensing, and graduates who have been through the process to provide advice.

In this edition, you'll learn about some of the inspiring people involved in those programs. Since 2010, helping internationally-trained law graduates and lawyers achieve their career goals has been a key part of [our mission at OsgoodePD](#), and it's been a joy to see these resilient alumni overcome the many obstacles they face, and return to encourage those behind them.

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Articling recruitment: are you fishing in the right pond?

Many legal employers are gearing up for a busy articling recruitment season this summer. If you're hiring this year, you'll likely see a large number of applicants for roles in your organization. So, you've got quantity... but what about quality? Specifically, are you seeing the qualities in applicants that would be most valuable to you? [Read more](#)



Student Profile Boluwatife Awe

On Boluwatife, an internationally trained lawyer from Nigeria and a Current Student Ambassador (CSA) in the Intellectual Property Law program, her LLM experience and her advice for prospective students.

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From court clerk to counsel: remembering Rajeev Vijan

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused many losses, and OsgoodePD counts among these the death of a valued alumnus, Rajeev Vijan, who died at the age of 43 in late 2021. *"Raj is special to us not only because he was a member of our inaugural Canadian Common Law class, but because he was a kind and gracious person. We want to inspire others in the legal profession to approach their work in the way Raj did: as a warm and kind human being who was so interested in meeting and helping others,"* says Osgoode professor Faisal Bhabha, academic director of the Professional LLM in Canadian Common Law. [Read more about Raj and the prize founded by the Criminal Lawyers' Association in his memory.](#)

Faculty profile

Germán Morales Farah: International Business Law from south to north

Germán Morales Farah has been pushing his boundaries right from the beginning. Growing up in a small city in Argentina's Cordoba province, he started English lessons when he was only four years old—his parents wanted him to have the advantage of an international language. [Read more about Germán's journey to teaching at OsgoodePD](#)



OsgoodePD Staff Profile David Thomas

On David's journey from a small village in Wales, to practising law in Toronto and developing OsgoodePD's NCA exam prep program that's helped 1000+ internationally trained lawyers.

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Complimentary webinar

The Metaverse: Understanding Its Impact on the Practice of Law 2022

Led by Aaron Grinhaus, founder of Grinhaus Law in Toronto and virtual law office "Decentraland", this **complimentary** 60-min OsgoodePD webinar brings together a multidisciplinary panel of experts in law and technology to explain what the metaverse is, how creating and operating a virtual law firm works, and what legal issues these new mediums create. [Sign up to watch](#)

Upcoming Events and Deadlines

National Symposium - Urgent Legal Issues in Policing: Practical Strategies for Senior Officers, Defence, Crown Lawyers and Civil Litigators	June 7 & 9
Webinar - Giving Feedback While Working Remotely: A Workshop for Legal Professionals and Legal Organizations	June 8
Professional LLM Information Session (Canadian Lawyers) (Complimentary)	June 15
Certificate Info Session – HR, Labour and Pensions Law and General (Complimentary)	June 16 & 20
The Legal Guide to Managing Construction Delay and Impact Claims	June 16
Professional LLM Single Course Enrolment deadline	June 20
Professional LLM Information Session (No Prior Law Degree) (Complimentary)	June 23
43rd Annual Intensive Trial Advocacy Workshop (ITAW)	July 11-16
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