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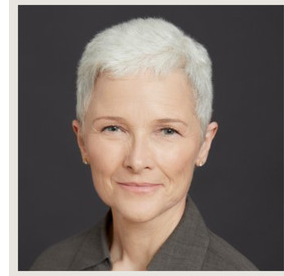


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Greetings all. In this month's issue, along with other news, we're profiling some new developments: new law practice skills courses in the LL.M. in Canadian Common Law, a new Professional LL.M. in Construction Law launching in Fall 2024, and a new Co-Director (with Professor Jinyan Li) in the LL.M. in Taxation Law, John Tobin.

At OsgoodePD, part of our mission is to keep professionals and executives at the forefront of legal knowledge, expertise and capability, and that means continuous creation and re-creation.

However, we cannot do that without ideas and input from you. If you have ideas about how we can meet – or better meet – a need for training or education, we're happy to hear from you. You can email me at vwatkins@osgoode.yorku.ca. Thanks for reading!



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What's New in the Canadian Common Law LLM: Practice Skills for Internationally Trained Lawyers

OsgoodePD's Professional LLM in Canadian Common Law may be 10 years old, but the program isn't resting on its laurels. In Fall 2024, a new stream of practice skills courses will be introduced. Developed by our Director, Faculty and Curriculum Development, Audrey Fried, in partnership with instructors Shelley Kierstead and Germán Morales Farah, the courses offer students the opportunity to integrate their substantive knowledge and skills from several courses in a way that simulates the realities of Canadian legal practice. [Read more](#)



Courtroom Testimony for Law Enforcement Professionals: Bridging the Expectation Gap

Testifying in court is a daunting prospect for anyone, especially when you consider the stakes of a criminal or regulatory prosecution. While lay witnesses can expect to get some



Alumni Profile Bill Watson

How Bill Watson's passion for lifelong learning led him to complete multiple OsgoodePD Certificates, and how applying the law in new and creative ways is beneficial not only for his clients, but for himself and his colleagues as well.

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leeway to account for their unfamiliarity with their surroundings, the same is generally not true for police officers or investigators giving evidence in their professional capacity, according to Lisa Henderson, recently retired Crown counsel with the Criminal Law Division of Ontario's Ministry of the Attorney General. *"More is expected of law enforcement professionals,"* she says. *"Nobody cares whether it's your first time testifying in court or not. You are expected to understand your role and perform as a professional witness should."* [Read more](#)



Welcome to John Tobin: New Co-Director of the Professional LLM in Tax Law

John Tobin's tax law career is about to come full circle. This fall – more than three decades after he earned the course prize as a student in Osgoode Hall Law School's introductory tax law

class – Tobin is set to start his role as co-director of **OsgoodePD's Professional LLM in Taxation Law**. He says that the program's enhanced opportunities for experiential learning and roleplaying will equip students to tackle new tax problems they encounter in private practice, academics and government, or prepare them for new careers in the field. *"We're bringing a new focus to the program that will emphasize not just the 'how,' but also the 'why' of tax policy and law,"* Tobin explains. [Read more](#)

Labour Law Issues in Pensions: Management and Union Perspectives (57m)

At the **2023 Osgoode Certificate in Pension Law**, John D.R. Craig (Mathews Dinsdale & Clark LLP) and Mark Zigler (Koskie Minsky LLP) discussed pensions in collective bargaining, the employer-union-employee relationship, incorporating pension plans into a collective agreement and jurisdictional issues.

[Watch the full session here:](#)



Faculty Profile Andrea Lee

Andrea Lee on discovering her interest in law in an architecture class, her experience as partner at Glaholt Bowles LLP and in various teaching roles, becoming a Co-Director for OsgoodePD's new **Professional LLM in Construction Law**, and why construction law is a very important and growing specialized area of law.

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An excerpt from The Osgoode Certificate in *Pension Law*

John D.R. Craig, Mathews, Dinsdale & Clark LLP
Mark Zigler, Koskie Minsky LLP



Upcoming Events and Deadlines

Professional LLM Info Session (For those with no prior law degree) (Complimentary)	October 31
ADR Institute of Canada - Annual National Conference (<i>Sponsored by OsgoodePD</i>)	November 2
Certificate in Workplace Mental Health Law	Starts November 7
Certificate in Professional Regulation and Discipline in the Ontario Health Care Sector	Starts November 8
Certificate in Advanced Human Resources Law for Senior HR Executives	Starts November 9
Mental Health Court: Essentials for Lawyers and Treatment Providers	November 10
Equality, Diversity and Inclusion: Cultural Competence for Legal Professionals	November 14
Criminal Lawyers' Association Annual Fall Conference (<i>Sponsored by OsgoodePD</i>)	November 17-18
Professional LLM Info Session (Canadian Lawyers) (Complimentary)	November 23
Drop-in Advising for Internationally Trained Lawyers and International Applicants	Weekly
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View all LLM programs and application deadlines	Learn more
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