

The OsgoodePD News



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Jay Chalke helps ombuds and the ombuds-curious get to grips with the role

When **Jay Chalke** got his first taste of ombudsing back in the mid-1980s, there weren't many places a fledgling

professional like him could turn for advice about what the job would entail. Now serving as the British Columbia Ombudsperson, he is one of the most experienced in the business, having recently celebrated his tenth anniversary in the job – a tenure that makes him the longest-serving ombudsman in that province's history. He is currently co-program director of the **Certificate in Essentials for Ombuds**, a program offered jointly with the Forum of Canadian Ombudsman. [Read more](#)



Alumni Profile

After working as a CPA for a boutique agency, **Henry Shew** began looking for ways to deepen his knowledge of the subject, while at the same time improving his writing and research skills. He shares why he chose the **LLM in Taxation Law** and how he regularly feels the impact of his training in his day-to-day work.

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Reflections on Legal Education and the Human Lawyer

On June 27, 2025, people gathered online from 21 countries to take part in a one-day symposium on **Legal Education and the Human Lawyer**, co-sponsored by OsgoodePD,

the Association of Law Teachers, and *The Law Teacher* journal. The symposium focused on what is unique and important about human legal expertise and how we can support students in developing these capacities. [Read more](#)



Osgoode's Certificate in Mental Health Law keeps professionals up to speed in a dynamic field

Katharine Byrick can think of few practice areas more dynamic than mental health law. "It's an area of the law

that is constantly changing and evolving," says Byrick, the co-program director of the **Certificate in Mental Health Law**. But when Byrick entered the legal profession in the late 1990s, the issue was only just beginning to get the kind of attention that statistics suggest it deserves. [Read more](#)



Faculty Profile

Benjamin Berger isn't afraid to push his students. In fact, he says it's part of his job as program director of **Osgoode's Professional LLM in Criminal Law and Procedure**. But his challenging style is an effective one, judging by the steady stream of

Kicking off OsgoodePD's Summer Study Abroad Program 2025

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This past month, OsgoodePD welcomed a group of law students from the Chinese University of Hong Kong for our 20-day **Summer Study Abroad Program**. Over the course of the program, the students will be led through various academic sessions by

Professors François Tanguay-Renaud and Stephanie Ben-Ishai and will have the opportunity to visit Niagara Falls and the CN Tower. They will be joined by some of our LLM students, who will help them navigate the cities and make the most of their experience.

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awards that have followed him throughout his career.

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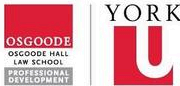
Integrated Crisis Response: When Police and Health Intersect (43m)

At the 2023 **Certificate in Mental Health Law**, **PC Tyler Rowles** spoke about his work as part of the Mobile Crisis Intervention Team Program that partners Toronto Police officers with registered mental health nurses in a team approach to respond to individuals who may be experiencing a crisis. The goal is to provide assessment and support, de-escalate and prevent injuries, provide links to community mental health supports, reduce pressure on the justice system and reduce visits to emergency departments.

[Watch the full session here:](#)

Integrated Crisis Response: When Police and Health Intersect

An excerpt from The Osgoode Certificate in *Mental Health Law*



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David Goodis

Program Director
Osgoode Certificate in Privacy and
Cybersecurity Law

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Saptarishi Bandopadhyay

Associate Professor
Osgoode Hall Law School

Upcoming Events and Deadlines

Application Deadline Single Course Enrollment Courses Starting Fall 2025	August 31
Toronto Lawyers' Association 15th Annual Licensing Candidates Head Start – From Articling Student to Lawyer <i>(Sponsored by OsgoodePD)</i>	September 12
Certificate in Adjudication for Administrative Agencies, Boards and Tribunals	Starts September 15
Application Deadline Professional LLM Starting Winter 2026	September 15
Certificate in Mental Health Law	Starts September 24
Toronto Lawyers' Association Criminal Pub Night with James Lockyer <i>(Sponsored by OsgoodePD)</i>	September 25
Effective Decision Writing for Administrative Adjudicators	September 30
Insurance Coverage Litigation: Critical and Emerging Issues	September 30
Thinking Fast and Slow: Strategies and Tools to Enhance Decision Making	October 1
Personal Injury Law and Practice	October 7
Drop-in Advising for Internationally Trained Lawyers and International Applicants	Weekly
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