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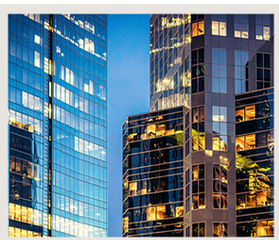
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OsgoodePD program helps family law lawyers get to grips with tort law

The Supreme Court of Canada's Ahluwalia v. Ahluwalia decision has reshaped the tort law landscape for family law practitioners. **Julie K. Hannaford**, who argued the case before the Supreme Court, and **Alexi Wood** discuss the practical implications of the decision and how **The OsgoodePD Guide to Torts for Family Law Lawyers** can help practitioners navigate this evolving area.

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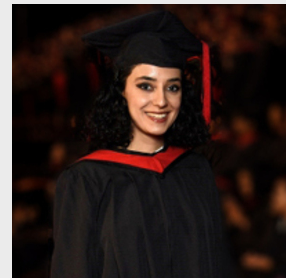
How to make the deal and enforce it: Mastering the entire secured debt lifecycle

As secured finance matters can span transactions, enforcement, restructuring and insolvency, understanding the full secured debt lifecycle is increasingly valuable for practitioners. This article explores **The Osgoode Certificate in Commercial Lending, Enforcement and Restructuring**, featuring insights from **Chris Burr, Eric Belli-Bivar, Heather Fisher and Stephen Ahad** on how understanding both sides of secured finance can help professionals anticipate risks, protect clients' interests and develop practical, transferable skills.

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National Forum prepares the profession for a golden age of construction arbitration

Spotlight



Finding her foundation: Deniz Bulut's journey from the Graduate Diploma to the LLM

After beginning her legal education in Turkey, **Deniz Bulut** knew that building a legal career in Canada would require a strong foundation in Canadian law. Deniz reflects on her journey from the **Graduate Diploma in Foundations of Canadian Law** to the **LLM in Canadian Common Law**, and how the Diploma helped her bridge the gap between civil and common law, develop her legal research and writing skills and build the confidence she needed to succeed in the LLM.

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With major infrastructure projects expected to drive significant construction activity in Canada, what does this mean for the future of construction arbitration? **Bruce Reynolds and Howard Wise** explore the growing demand for specialized expertise in construction

disputes and introduce the **National Forum on Construction Arbitration**, a new program focused on the practical strategies needed to navigate complex disputes in the arbitral setting.

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The Gaming Eco-System (52:16m)

During the 2025 **Osgoode Certificate in Gambling Law**, Program Director **Don Bourgeois** explored the history and evolution of Canada's gaming industry, offering a comprehensive look at the gaming ecosystem and the various lottery schemes that have shaped it. This was an insightful look at the industry's backstory and the legal framework surrounding lottery schemes in Canada.

[Watch the full session here:](#)

The Gaming Eco-System

An excerpt from The Osgoode Certificate in *Gambling Law*

Presented by:
Don Bourgeois



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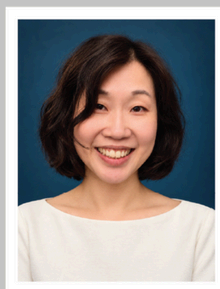
How behaviour shapes financial decisions: Insights from Professor Alexander Coutts

As part of Osgoode's **Professional LLM in Financial Law, the Behavioural Economics course** explores how economics, law and human behaviour intersect in financial decision-making. **Professor Alexander Coutts** discusses the course's practical approach to credit, debt, bankruptcy and consumer protection, as well as the role of behavioural economics in an era of AI and rapidly evolving technology.

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Congratulations to our 2026 OsgoodePD Teaching Awards CLE Winners: Ian Hull and Suzana Popovic-Montag

Ian Hull and **Suzana Popovic-Montag** received the 2026 OsgoodePD CLE Contribution Award in recognition of their longstanding partnership and contributions to **OsgoodePD's Estates Law programming**, both through their work on programs and behind-the-scenes support.



**Congratulations to this year's recipient for
OsgoodePD's Professional LLM Prize in Taxation Law**

Jo-Ann Lee

This prize is awarded annually to a student with the best graduate paper in a Taxation Law course, based on nominations from the course instructor(s) and as determined by the academic directors.

Jo-Ann's winning paper, ***"Not Meant for This Kind of Taxpayer: Re-Imagining Canada v. Loblaw Financial Holdings Inc. (2021 SCC 51) Through the Modern GAAR,"*** explores the Supreme Court of Canada's decision through the lens of the modern General Anti-Avoidance Rule (GAAR).

Upcoming Events and Key Dates

Applications Open Professional LLM & Graduate Diploma Programs Starting Fall 2027	October 1
Indigenous Bar Association's 38th Annual Conference (Sponsored by OsgoodePD)	October 15 - 17

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Canadian Association of Black Lawyers' Conference & Gala (<i>Sponsored by OsgoodePD</i>)	October 16 - 17
Anatomy of a Medical Malpractice Case	October 2
The National Forum on Construction Arbitration: Designing, Building and Presenting the Case	October 14 - 15
The Osgoode Certificate in Fundamentals of Indigenous Peoples and Canadian Law	Starts October 21
The Osgoode Certificate in Gambling Law	Starts October 22
The Osgoode Certificate in Intellectual Property (IP) Licensing	Starts October 22
The OsgoodePD Guide to Navigating Specific Claims	November 12 - 13
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