

The OsgoodePD News



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Building expertise in construction law at OsgoodePD

“Osgoode’s Certificate in Construction Law is very tailored to the needs of the industry and we have modified it fairly consistently over the years in response to feedback,” says

Geza Banfai, a construction law legend who helped establish the certificate program more than 15 years ago. *“We ask our speakers to make their presentations digestible for a non-legal audience, which is great for the industry executives and professionals in attendance. But it’s also good for the speakers, because they get to transform their talks into something that is usable to their client base.”* [Read more](#)



Faculty Profile Sara Slinn

On Sara Slinn, one of the program directors of **Osgoode’s part-time Professional LLM in Labour and Employment Law**, how her exploration of labour and employment law issues has seen her criss-cross the country several times, what has been a hot topic recently for her students, why there is no better time for bringing current affairs into the labour and employment law classroom.

[Read more](#)



This September, we proudly launched the new Professional LLM in Construction Law, welcoming our inaugural class!

This exciting program brings together students, faculty and industry experts to exchange knowledge and insights in this expanding field. Thank you to everyone who joined us for a successful evening of networking and connection. We’re excited for the journey ahead!



Alumni Profile



Keeping up to speed in the constantly evolving ESG and sustainability field

In the ESG and sustainability field, the only constant is change, according to **Murray Gold**, a Toronto pension lawyer who serves as a co-program director for OsgoodePD's **Certificate in ESG, Sustainability, Climate Risk and the Law**. For the fourth edition of the certificate – which runs over five days of sessions in November and December – Gold and his co-program director **Jennifer King** have revamped the agenda to reflect some of the emerging trends in the field, such as climate change, biodiversity, and social factors, including an update on Canada's first set of mandatory ESG-specific disclosures due under S-211, *The Fighting Against Forced Labour and Child Labour in Supply chains Act*. [Read more](#)

Damilola Katibi

How Damilola Katibi went from working at a boutique law firm in Lagos, Nigeria to seeking a competitive edge with an Osgoode **Professional LLM in International Business Law**, how she was instantly struck by the diversity of the program, the importance of relationships with classmates and professors and finding community, and being recognized by Canadian legal magazine *Lexpert* as a recipient of its Rising Star Award for the country's top 40 lawyers under 40.

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Photos recently placed in OsgoodePD offices to remember **Heather Gore Liddell** and **Paul Wye**, the team members we lost in 2023.

Early and Successful Return to Work After a Mental Health Related Absence: A Practical Case Study (51m)

At the 2023 **Certificate in Workplace Mental Health Law**, Robin Martin (former Deputy Fire Chief, City of Brampton) and Ryan Wozniak (Wozniak Law Professional Corporation) spoke on how to support an employee who has been on a mental-health-related leave successfully return to work. Topics explored include working with the employee's physician, tips for reducing stigma and resentment from co-workers, and the impact of LTD in this context.

Watch the full session here:

Early and Successful Return to Work After a Mental-Health Related Absence: A Practical Case Study

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



Upcoming Events and Deadlines

ESG Summit Canada (<i>Sponsored by OsgoodePD</i>)	October 30
Certificate in Workplace Mental Health Law	Starts November 5
FACL BC's 13th Annual Gala (<i>Sponsored by OsgoodePD</i>)	November 15
Criminal Lawyers' Association Annual Fall Conference (<i>Sponsored by OsgoodePD</i>)	November 15-16
Vancouver Legal Innovation Forum (<i>Sponsored by OsgoodePD</i>)	November 20
Certificate in ESG, Sustainability, Climate Risk and the Law	Starts November 25
Certificate in Provincial Offences Court Practice	Starts November 30
28th Annual Course on Written Advocacy	November 30
Certificate in Clinical Risk, Negligence and Claims Management in Health Care	Starts December 3
National Annual Symposium on Contract Law	December 3
Drop-in Advising for Internationally Trained Lawyers and International Applicants	Weekly
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