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Aging population changing the focus of wills and estates law

For professionals and the public alike, wills and estates law will always have a close association with death. But changing demographics are forcing lawyers to broaden their focus beyond that critical life event. **Ian Hull, Suzana Popovic-Montag and Kim Whaley** – program directors for the 2025 edition of the **Osgoode Intensive Program in Wills and Estates** – discuss these changes and how they are addressing them in this year's intensive. [Read more](#)



Alumni Profile

Natalia Johnston, a Brazilian lawyer, pursued OsgoodePD's part-time **Professional LLM in Canadian Common Law** remotely from B.C. She overcame distance and life challenges, balancing work, family, and studies. The program's flexibility and online classes allowed her to advance her legal career while staying connected to OsgoodePD's community and resources.

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OsgoodePD's part-time Professional LLM in Canadian Common Law offers distance learning experience for NCA candidates outside Ontario

The **Professional LLM in Canadian Common Law** has helped over 1,000 internationally trained lawyers since 2013 to become licensed to practice law in Canada. The part-time study option offers students the flexibility to attend courses in-person and/or online. This means you can customize your degree to include a mix of online and in-person courses, all online courses, or all in-person courses, depending on your preferences and schedule. Current students shared their experiences with the online course structure, access to student support and services and their ability to network remotely. [Read more](#)



Faculty Profile

Justice Rick Libman, with extensive experience in criminal and business law, directs OsgoodePD's **Certificate in Handling Summary Conviction Offence Cases**. He leverages his expertise to guide legal professionals through the

Essential Aspects of Summary Conviction Offences (50m)

At the 2023 Certificate in Handling Summary Conviction Offence Cases, the **Hon. Justice Rick Libman** (Ontario Court of Justice) and **Paul Calarco** (defence lawyer) discussed some key fundamental strategies when conducting an examination-in-chief and cross-examination at trial. They also examined some ethical issues that can arise when participating in remote proceedings.

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convictions, emphasizing practical skills and advocacy.

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Essentials Aspects of Summary Conviction Offences

An excerpt from The Osgoode Certificate in *Handling Summary Conviction Offence Cases*

Presented by: The Hon. Justice Rick Libman & Paul Calarco



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Certificate in Consultation with Indigenous Peoples	Starts April 2
Certificate in Negotiation	Starts April 3
Internationally Trained Lawyers (ITL) Conference <i>(Sponsored by OsgoodePD)</i>	April 3 – 5
The 21st National Annual Class Actions Symposium	April 10 & 11
Certificate in Mining Law	Starts April 11
Application Deadline OsgoodePD International Entrance Award for Winter 2026 Entry	April 15
Managing Delay and Impact Claims in Construction	April 23 & 24
Certificate in Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) in the Workplace	Starts April 23
Osgoode's Internationally Trained Lawyers Day	May 28
Drop-in Advising for Internationally Trained Lawyers and International Applicants	Weekly
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