

The OsgoodePD News



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New Program Advisors Join the Osgoode Certificate in Construction Law

The **Certificate in Construction Law** has welcomed three new program advisors to its leadership team: **Patricia Morrison, Marcia J. Oliver** and **Seema Lal**. With early experience in construction law, each advisor brings extensive expertise to the program. They share their experience and discuss how, while the industry has transformed dramatically, many legal issues remain consistent. [Read more](#)



Alumni Profile

Marty Venalainen, alumnus of the part-time **Professional LLM in Energy and Infrastructure Law**, joined the program, motivated by climate change. He shares what drew him to the program and how the part-time option allowed him to balance his studies with his career at Infrastructure Ontario and his family life.

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Crossing Borders, Breaking Barriers: A Look Back at the Inaugural National Internationally Trained Lawyers (ITL) Conference

This past month, Osgoode Professional Development's **Michael Tam** attended the inaugural national Internationally Trained Lawyers (ITL) Conference in Calgary. This conference brought together ITLs from across Canada and beyond, creating a space for meaningful dialogue and collaboration. Michael represented OsgoodePD on a panel that discussed the many barriers to entry that ITLs still face today. He shares his experience of attending the conference and how OsgoodePD continues to support ITLs. [Read more](#)

Sustainability for Construction (35m)

At the 2023 **Certificate in Construction Law**, **Prabh Banga** (Vice-President, Sustainability, Aecon Group Inc.) spoke on what sustainability means for the construction industry, including new developments and regulations that have been put in place and how it's impacting the industry.

[Watch the full session here:](#)



Faculty Profile

Bruce McCuaig, co-program director of Osgoode's **Professional LLM in Energy and Infrastructure Law**, emphasizes continuous education and guides professionals through complex energy and infrastructure policies. His career spans urban

administration and leadership roles, including CEO of Metrolinx.

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Sustainability for Construction

An excerpt from The Osgoode Certificate in *Construction Law*

Presented by: Prabh Banga



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CCLA/GCTC Lawyer Play 2025: As You Like It (Sponsored by OsgoodePD)	April 30 – May 3
Application Deadline Professional LLM Starting Fall 2025	May 1
Application Deadline Single Course Enrollment Courses Starting Summer 2025	May 1
Certificate in Human Rights Theory and Practice	Starts May 5
The Winkler/IAM/OsgoodePD Mediation Forum 2025: Mediation and Arbitration Advocacy – The Art of Effective Persuasion	May 9
Critical Updates for Construction Law and Practice in Ontario (Replay)	May 15
Certificate in Contract Management for Construction and Infrastructure Projects	May 26
Osgoode's Internationally Trained Lawyers Day (Early Bird Pricing Ends April 30)	May 28
The 21st National Annual Class Actions Symposium (Replay)	June 12

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