

Osgoode Brief & The OsgoodePD News

OSGOODE
SCHOOL OF LAW & MEDICINE
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

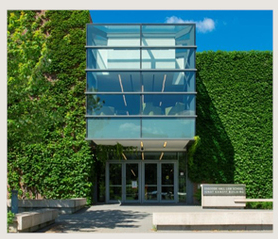
YORK U

OSGOODE HALL LAW SCHOOL
IGNAT KANEFF BUILDING

SPECIAL
EDITION

Welcome to a special edition of *Osgoode Brief & The OsgoodePD News!*

In this May 2025 issue of *The OsgoodePD News*, we've gathered stories from across Osgoode Hall Law School and Osgoode Professional Development that highlight how we are helping learners build the practical, real-world skills they need to thrive. From JD courses to the Professional LLM to The Intensive Trial Advocacy Workshop to Osgoode Certificates, Osgoode continues to break new ground in delivering 'learning by doing' in legal education.



Osgoode leads the way in teaching lawyering skills

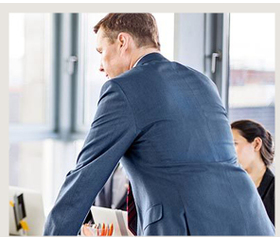
Osgoode's focus on skills means its graduates leave with much more than a highly respected degree; they are also equipped with the tools they need to thrive in the real world of legal practice.

"Lawyering skills are in Osgoode's DNA", says Dean Trevor Farrow. "Whether it's throughout the JD program or the array of programs offered through Osgoode Professional Development, our aim is to develop lawyers who can think, do, and continue to learn as client needs and law practice evolve." [Read more](#)



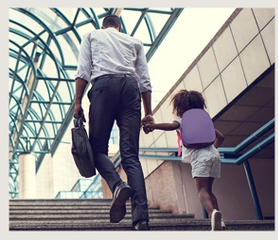
Python coding, data analysis and AI for access to justice in the JD

As artificial intelligence promises to reshape legal practice in the coming years, tech skills are increasingly valuable for young lawyers. With that in mind, Osgoode recently introduced a new experiential learning course led by Professor Sean Rehaag. [Read more](#)



From term sheet to closing in a virtual firm in the Professional LLM in International Business Law

Lawyers with an interest in business transactions face a very different legal landscape to the one Germán Morales Farah entered almost three decades ago. He says a new skills-focused business transactions course he recently helped develop for the Professional LLM program is designed to help graduates bridge that gap. [Read more](#)



Simulated clients at the core of the Certificate in Family Law Practice Skills

Around a decade ago, when Ontario’s most senior family law judges and lawyers began noticing a growing deficit in the skills of younger practitioners coming through the ranks, they knew exactly where to turn for help. "They came to OsgoodePD," says Alison Hurst, Program Lawyer for the Certificate in Family Law Practice Skills. [Read more](#)



Getting comfortable with accounting information in the JD

Math doesn’t always come naturally for lawyers. “There are many lawyers who are afraid of numbers,” says John Friedlan, instructor for Osgoode’s Financial Literacy for Lawyers micro-course for JD students. He sees his class as a type of exposure therapy for that fear, giving legal professionals the confidence to face the financial statements, balance sheets and other accounting information that will inevitably cross their desks. [Read more](#)



Building investigative skills in the Advanced Certificate in Workplace Investigations

Over the years, interest in workplace investigations has ballooned, driven by a series of legislative changes in Ontario and other jurisdictions that mandate workplace investigations in certain circumstances. In response, Osgoode decided to create an entirely new program to meet demand: the Advanced Certificate in Workplace Investigations. [Read more](#)



Working through a real estate transaction in the Professional LLM in Canadian Common Law

It’s almost impossible for new lawyers to avoid real estate transactions as they begin their legal careers in practice areas as diverse as commercial, taxation, litigation, wills and estates or family law. But for a topic so foundational to Canadian legal practice, it’s still relatively routine for fledging lawyers to emerge from their legal training with minimal practical experience in real estate law. [Read more](#)

Upcoming Events and Deadlines

Osgoode’s Internationally Trained Lawyers Day – NEW LOCATION: 1 Dundas St. W	May 28
Toronto Stock Exchange and TSX Venture Exchange	June 19
Drop-in Advising for Internationally Trained Lawyers and International Applicants	Weekly
View all upcoming Certificates, short courses and conferences	Learn more
View all LLM programs and application deadlines	Learn more
View all info sessions for all Professional LLM specializations	Learn more

Interested in learning more about Osgoode Professional Development programs?

Sign up to receive updates specific to your area of interest.

Sign Up

We'd love to hear from you!

Please [email us](#) with your feedback, questions or submission suggestions.

Contact Us

Phone: 416-597-9724

Email: OsgoodePD@osgoode.yorku.ca

Follow Us

[LinkedIn](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Facebook](#) | [X](#)

A World Leader in Law School Lifelong Learning

© 2025 Osgoode Professional Development.

[Manage](#) your preferences | [Opt out](#) using TrueRemove®

Got this as a forward? [Sign up](#) to receive our future emails.

View this email [online](#).

1 Dundas Street West, 26th Floor
Toronto, Ontario | M5G 1Z3 CA

This email was sent to .

To continue receiving our emails, add us to your address book.

emma®