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Indigenous Peoples and the Criminal Justice System

In *Indigenous Peoples and the Criminal Justice System*, an elective in **Osgoode's Professional LLM in Criminal Law and Procedure**, **Jonathan Rudin** explores the historical,

legal and systemic factors contributing to the mass incarceration of Indigenous peoples in Canada, challenging students to critically examine how criminal law operates across jurisdictions and intersects with Indigenous communities.

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Fundamental Freedoms and the Canadian Charter

In *Fundamental Freedoms and the Canadian Charter*, an elective in **Osgoode's Professional LLM in Constitutional Law**, **Justice Ranjan K. Agarwal** explores how freedom of

expression, religion, assembly and association continue to shape constitutional debate in Canada. Drawing on his experience as a constitutional litigator and judge, he challenges students to examine both the legal doctrine and the real-world impact of Charter freedoms.

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Integrated Crisis Response: When Police and Health Intersect (43:25m)

At the **Certificate in Mental Health Law**, PC Ty Rowles spoke about the Mobile Crisis Intervention Team Program that partners TPS officers with nurses to respond to those suffering from a mental health and/or addiction crisis in their own setting. The goals of the program are to provide quick assessment and support, de-escalate,

Spotlight



Ayderus Alawi deepens his advocacy through Osgoode's Professional LLM in Criminal Law and Procedure

Toronto Criminal defence lawyer **Ayderus Alawi** shares how **Osgoode's Professional LLM in Criminal Law and Procedure** gave him the opportunity to step back from practice, deepen his understanding of systemic inequities and refine the thinking that continues to shape his advocacy today.

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link people to appropriate support and reduce pressure on emergency departments and the justice system.

[Watch the full session here:](#)

Integrated Crisis Response: When Police and Health Intersect

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



Building Tomorrow: Advancing Expertise in Construction Law at OsgoodePD

Why is construction law more important than ever? **Professor Janet Walker CM**, Co-director of Osgoode's Professional LLM in Construction Law, shares how the program was created to meet growing industry demand and prepare professionals to navigate the complex legal, business and infrastructure challenges shaping Canada's future.

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Congratulations to this year's recipient for the **Rajeev Vijan Memorial Prize**

Victoria Perrie

The Rajeev Vijan Memorial Prize was established in 2022 with the support of the Criminal Lawyers' Association. Rajeev Vijan, LLB, LLM (1978-2021) was a member of Osgoode Professional Development's inaugural class in the Canadian Common Law specialization of the Professional LLM, beginning his studies in the fall of 2013.

His excitement to practice law and his positive spirit, both during his studies and in his professional life, were unending. This prize recognizes one Professional LLM student for their commitment to the criminal defence field.

Upcoming Events and Key Dates

Osgoode's Internationally Trained Lawyers Day	June 3
Applications Open Single Course Enrollment Starting Fall 2026	June 15
Application Deadline Professional LLM & Graduate Diploma Programs -	July 10

International Applicants are Encouraged to Apply Early	
The Impact of AI on Legal Privilege: Emerging Risks and Practical Implications	June 25
The Osgoode Certificate in Mental Health Law	Starts September 23
Thinking Fast & Slow: Strategies and Tools to Enhance Decision Making	September 28
Commercial Arbitration: Strategy and Practice Tips	September 29
Drop-in Advising for Internationally Trained Lawyers and International Applicants	Weekly
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