

HENNICK CENTRE FOR BUSINESS AND LAW

The Hennick Centre for Business and Law, a joint initiative of Osgoode Hall Law School and Schulich School of Business, is the first Canadian centre to promote and develop joint business and legal scholarship and education. By combining the strengths of the world-renowned law and business schools at York University, the Hennick Centre delivers innovative programs and initiatives for students, scholars and practitioners alike at the intersection of law, business and public policy.

Director: Professor Edward J. Waitzer, Faculty Co-Director, JD/MBA Program (Osgoode)

HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Hennick Summer Internships** prepare Osgoode students for the world beyond law school by exposing them to the real world nature of problem-solving and the client side of legal practice. This year the Centre expanded its business law-focused summer internship program once again by introducing a new placement opportunity to the students in the sphere of international world affairs. This summer our students are enjoying the following placements: (1) **Mount Sinai** Hospital, (2) Ontario Securities Commission (**OSC**), (3) the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (**CAMH**), and (4) **NATO** Council of Canada.
- **Osgoode Venture Capital Clinical Project (OVC)**, a partnership between the Centre and **Wildeboer Dellelce LLP**, has completed its second successful year. Eight Osgoode students worked throughout the academic year as caseworkers under the guidance and supervision of Wildeboer Dellelce lawyers, **providing legal services to early stage entrepreneurial ventures in the financing and equity structuring stages of growth**. The OVC was a new addition to Osgoode's business law-focused experiential education programs in 2014, and has been growing steadily ever since, gearing up for expansion to 14 caseworkers for the 2016/17 term.
- **LawWithoutWalls (LWOW)** is an international academic program of the **University of Miami's School of Law** where students work with scholars, legal professionals and business experts from around the world to create a business plan in response to a problem in legal education or practice. The Hennick Centre sponsors the participation of Osgoode students in LWOW. This year we congratulate **JD/MBA student PJ Esfandiari** for his successful participation in the program and winning the LWOW Team Award for Substance.
- **Hennick Medal for Career Achievement** is presented annually to a distinguished leader who has earned international recognition in the business and legal communities. The 2015 Hennick Medal for Career Achievement was awarded to **Sergio Marchionne (LLB'83)**, Chief Executive Officer of Fiat Chrysler Automobiles and Chairman of Ferrari, during the VICO Lecture Series on November 17, 2015. Sergio is an Osgoode grad who is one of the world's leaders in the automobile industry.

- **Hennick Medal for Academic Excellence** recognizes the top graduating student in the JD/MBA program. The 2015 Hennick Medal for Academic Excellence was awarded on February 5, 2016 at the JD/MBA Student Conference to **Liane Langstaff** who during her studies, focused on environmental, aboriginal and corporate law. Liane has subsequently completed her articling with Gowling WLG's Toronto office, through an intensive rotation in the Business Law and Environmental departments.
 - The **2015-16 Davies Business Law Lecture** entitled "*Shareholder Wealth Maximization – On Steroids: Do the Brakes Still Work in Corporate Governance?*" was presented by **Professor John C. Coffee Jr.**, the Adolf A. Berle Professor of Law at Columbia University Law School and Director of its Center on Corporate Governance. Prof. Coffee is a Fellow at the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and has been listed repeatedly by the National Law Journal as among its "100 Most Influential Lawyers in America." His lecture was attended by over 100 Osgoode students and guests.
 - **Additional News/Events:**
 - The **Hennick Centre** appointed a **new Assistant Director** in January 2016. **Lana Kharlip** joins us with extensive experience with diverse stakeholders in business, academic and government spheres, as well as solid experience in administration, public relations, event planning and managerial activities. Please connect with her if you have yet to cross paths!
 - **JD/MBA Student Conference** entitled "*I Spy: Opportunities and Challenges Surrounding Privacy and Big Data in Law, Business and Government*" featured keynote speaker **Dr. Ann Cavoukian**, Executive Director, Privacy and Big Data Institute, Ryerson University, and former Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario. (**February 5, 2016**)
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