In 2017-2018, the Hennick Centre for Business and Law continued its robust promotion of joint business and law interdisciplinary education, scholarship, and professional development. The Centre continues to advance its overall mission to promote and develop interdisciplinary business and law scholarship and education, by expanding its student programming and projects dedicated to learning at the intersection of business, law, and public policy.

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The Hennick Centre held, co-sponsored, and participated in a number of events this year. We extend our appreciation to our sponsors, funders, and collaborators, whose support for our events played an important role in advancing the Centre’s mission. Events in the last year included the following:

**EVENTS**

**JD/MBA WELCOME EVENT | 22 August 2017**
The Hennick Centre hosted its annual JD/MBA Student Welcome Event to kick-off the academic year. This event provides the opportunity to gain valuable information from Student Services, to participate in an open Q&A session about the program, and to learn about various resources available to students. This year’s Welcome Event also coincided with the launch of the JD/MBA Program Handbook, which offers students a snapshot of academic requirements, events, extra-curricular activities, administrative information, and the Law Society of Ontario interview process. [more](#)

**JD/MBA ALUMNI DINNER | 18 October 2017**
The Hennick Centre and the Osgoode-Schulich JD/MBA Alumni Association took part in the annual fall Alumni Dinner for all graduates of the JD/MBA program of Osgoode Hall and Schulich School of Business at the Rosewater in downtown Toronto. This event served as an opportunity to reunite with classmates, to meet fellow alumni, and to enjoy a keynote presentation. This year’s event featured [Jordan Banks](#) (JD ’94), Former Managing Director of Facebook and Instagram Canada, and was moderated by [Jason Arbuck](#) (JD/MBA ’97), Partner, Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP. The Osgoode-Schulich JD/MBA Alumni Association is committed to fostering a community where alumni can pursue mutually shared interests and issues. [photos](#)

**DAVIES FUND FOR BUSINESS LAW | 20 October 2017**
This year, the Hennick Centre’s [Davies Business Law Lecture](#) entitled “The Supreme Court and Business Law” was presented by [Frank H. Easterbrook](#), Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. He was Chief Judge from November 2006 to October 2013 and has been a judge on the court since 1985. Judge Easterbrook is noted for his use of economic analysis of law and legalist approach to judicial interpretation. He is one of the most prolific judges of his generation and one of the most cited appellate judges in the United States. He is also a senior lecturer of law at the School of Law, University of Chicago. [more](#)

**BEYOND BORDERS: IMPLICATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND LAW | 9 February 2018**
The Hennick Centre supported the JD/MBA Students’ Association 21st Annual Conference, which spoke to concerns surrounding the digitization of information and cybersecurity and the nature of globalization. This year’s Keynote Speaker was the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, [Ian Shugart](#). The Centre was delighted to feature Consul General of Canada to New York, United States, [Phyllis Yaffe](#), for a fireside chat with [Edward Waitzer](#), Co-Director of the JD/MBA Program. The conference also included the Award Ceremony for the 2017 Hennick Medal for Academic Excellence. [more](#)
WOMEN IN BUSINESS AND LAW PANEL | 9 March 2018
In collaboration with JD/MBA Students’ Association, the Centre held its first-ever panel dedicated to discussing gender in business and law, to celebrate International Women’s Day. The panel covered a range of topics, including diversity, different conflict resolution styles, and strategies in turning mentors into sponsors. Panelists included Laura McGee, Co-Founder, #GoSponsorHer and former Management Consultant, McKinsey & Company, David Lau, Senior Associate, Catalyst Canada, Margaret McNee, Senior Partner, McMillan LLP, Mehran Malek, VP Professional Services, Nulogy, and Shirin Mirsaeidi, Legal Project Management, Torys LLP.

MBA/JD TURN-OVER LUNCH 2018 | 6 April 2018
As in previous years, the Hennick Centre Directors attended the lunch hosted by Peter Macdonald, Faculty Co-Director, Dean Lorne Sossin, and Associate Dean Marcia Anisette to mark the achievements of all JD/MBA students on the completion of the academic year, to congratulate outgoing graduates, and to meet the newly elected incoming executives of the JD/MBA Students’ Association. The annual lunch serves as a debrief session, allowing for an open discussion between the students, Directors, and Deans.

HENNICK MEDAL FOR CAREER ACHIEVEMENT RECEPTION & AWARD CEREMONY | 3 October 2018
The Hennick Medal for Career Achievement is presented annually to a distinguished leader, who has earned international recognition in the business and legal communities. In the fall of 2018, the 2017 Hennick Medal for Career Achievement will be presented to Robert Wildeboer (LLB/MBA ’85), Chairman of Martinrea International Inc. and founding partner of Wildeboer Dellelce law firm, where he now serves as counsel to the firm’s lawyers.
STUDENTS

The Hennick Centre had another robust year supporting interdisciplinary education and professional development for law and business students, through the expansion of curricular and co-curricular programming.

HENNICK BUSINESS LAW INTERNSHIPS

Hennick Business Law Internships prepare Osgoode students for the world beyond law school by exposing them to hands-on legal practice, assisting them in building strong resumes, and gaining valuable experiential education. The summer internships are one of the most heavily subscribed experiential education programs at Osgoode. This year, the Centre’s business law-focused Summer Internship program provided 6 placement opportunities, 5 of which are funded by McCarthy Tétrault LLP: Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH), FirstService Residential, Investment Industry Regulatory Organization of Ontario (IIROC), Mount Sinai Hospital / Sinai Health System, Ontario Securities Commission (OSC), and World Bank Group, Washington D.C. more

OSGOODE VENTURE CAPITAL CLINICAL PROJECT

Osgoode Venture Capital Clinical Project (OVC) is a partnership between the Centre and Wildeboer Dellelce LLP and it has completed its 4th successful year. The OVC was added to Osgoode’s business law-focused experiential education programs in 2014 and has been growing steadily ever since. During the 2017-18 term, it drew yet another record number of client and student applicants and increased its intake numbers. Six Osgoode students worked throughout summer 2017 as Client Recruiters and 21 students during the 2017-18 academic year (19 Caseworkers and 2 Coordinators). All students worked under the guidance and supervision of nine Wildeboer Dellelce LLP lawyers, providing legal services to seven early-stage entrepreneurial ventures in the financing and equity structuring stages of growth.

LAW WITHOUT WALLS INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM

LawWithoutWalls (LWOW) is an international academic program of University of Miami’s School of Law, where students work with scholars, legal professionals, and business experts from around the world. Students have the opportunity to create a business plan in response to a problem in legal education or practice. The Hennick Centre annually sponsors the participation of Osgoode/Schulich students in LWOW. This year, we congratulate Jenna Russo (JD/MBA ‘19 candidate) and Erik Suokas (JD/MBA ‘19 candidate) for their outstanding participation in the program. To read about Erik’s experience, please visit our blog for a post entitled: “LWOW—an unparalleled program in both design and application.”
HENNICK FELLOWSHIPS

The Hennick Centre offers JD and JD/MBA students the opportunity to be involved with the workings of the Centre and its Special Projects. Joining the Centre as a Hennick Fellow is a fantastic way to get involved in our activities and initiatives, to expand work experience, and to network with leaders of the business and law community. This year, the Centre hosted one student fellow, Max Steiner (JD/MBA’19) whose duties included working alongside the Centre’s Assistant Director on special projects and research associate duties under the supervision of the Centre’s Co-Director, Professor Cynthia Williams.

The Centre is also currently hosting two Senior Fellows: Garrick Apollon, a Legal Counsel with the Department of Justice for over 10 years, a part-time professor at the University of Ottawa Telfer School of Management and an alumnus of the University of Pennsylvania Law School (Penn Law). Étienne Trépanier, a lawyer in entertainment and communications law, legal counsel with the Department of Justice for over 18 years, and legal advisor for the Department of Canadian Heritage.

JD/MBA STUDENTS’ ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE |
As noted above, the JD/MBA Students’ Association, with the support of the Hennick Centre, annually hosts a conference to explore prominent issues at the intersection of law, business, and public policy. The conference enjoyed high attendance records, CPD-LSO accreditation for legal professionals, and another strong year of sponsorship support.

MENTORSHIP PROGRAM
The Centre’s JD/MBA Mentorship Program connects current JD/MBA students with graduates of the Osgoode-Schulich joint degree program for the academic year. During the 2017-18 term, the Centre had a wonderful year with many new Alumni taking on the mentorship role and providing 45 mentor pairing opportunities for our students.
The Hennick Centre is committed to supporting the growth and development of the Osgoode-Schulich JD/MBA Alumni Association. The growth of the alumni network is incredibly important in promoting the JD/MBA program. As part of its commitment to expanding and engaging this network of former JD/MBA students, the Hennick Centre supported the fall alumni dinner. Furthermore, the Centre is continuously working to involve alumni in the success of the new generation of JD/MBA students through mentorship programs.

**Hennick Medal for Academic Excellence** recognizes the leading graduating student of the JD/MBA program, with the top cumulative grade point average of his or her graduating class. Jeremy Goldlist (JD/MBA’17) was presented with the Hennick Medal for Academic Excellence at the JD/MBA Student Conference.

**Hennick Medal for Career Achievement** is awarded to a business and law graduate who has earned international recognition within the business and legal communities. As noted above, the Hennick Centre awarded the 2017 Hennick Medal for Career Achievement to Robert Wildeboer (LLB/MBA’85).
The Hennick Centre’s Directors were involved in a wide range of research projects and provided scholarly thought leadership on topics of importance to the business and legal communities.

Professor Ed Waitzer, the Director of the Hennick Centre, was appointed as a Senior Fellow at the C. D. Howe Institute and a Fellow at the Centre for International Governance Innovation. He was also awarded the 2018 Corporate Knights Award of Distinction for “his seminal work advancing the legal foundations for corporate and pension fund leaders to serve the public good.”

Professor James Darroch, the Co-Director of the Hennick Centre, and co-author, Patricia Meredith, were awarded the $50,000 Donner Prize for Stumbling Giants: Transforming Canada’s Banks for the Information Age (published by Rotman-UTP Publishing, an imprint of University of Toronto Press). It has been stated: “[i]n Stumbling Giants, Meredith and Darroch present a new vision for the Canadian banking industry that is a call to action for all interested stakeholders to work together in moving the banking system into the 21st century.”

Professor Cynthia Williams, the Co-Director of the Hennick Centre, has continued her work with the grant from the Ivey Foundation for the Commonwealth Climate Liability Initiative (CCLI). It is a project study on corporate law obligations of boards of directors to develop transition strategies towards a low-carbon economy, which currently involves institutions in four Commonwealth countries: Australia, Canada, South Africa, and the United Kingdom. CCLI Canada produced 3 White Papers during the summer of 2017, which formed the basis of the meetings in Toronto [Oct 20, 2017] and Vancouver [Oct. 18, 2017]. The Hennick Centre worked closely with Professor Williams throughout the 2017-18 academic term. The White Papers and all conference video proceedings can be viewed here.

The Centre, in partnership with the Fund for Innovation in Law and Media (FILM) of Osgoode has introduced a new visual advocacy project in 2016, which has recently concluded its production. The film teaser featuring 9 Osgoode students who worked as research assistants on the film and former Dean Lorne Sossin can be viewed here.

Collared: A Story of Insider Trading and White Collar Crime is a documentary film project which explores the Canadian white-collar crime scene and the shortcomings of Canada’s enforcement of financial crimes. Through the open and uncensored testimony of convicted inside trader Joseph Grmovsek and interviews with leading scholars, former prosecutors, and a forensic psychologist, the documentary is a visual advocacy film aimed at prevention of white collar crime and promotion of business and legal ethics that will spread the story of insider trading in Canada and abroad.

The Davies Fund for Business Law of the Hennick Centre will be hosting the 2018-2019 Davies Business Law Lecture presented by Jill E. Fisch, the Saul A. Fox, the Saul A. Fox Distinguished Professor of Business Law and Co-Director of the Institute for Law and Economics at the University of Pennsylvania Law School. Professor Fisch is the recipient of various awards, including the Penn LLM Prize for Excellence in Teaching and the Robert A. Gorman Award for Excellence in Teaching. Her scholarship focuses on corporate governance, shareholder voting process, and securities litigation. This highly anticipated lecture will be presented at Osgoode on January 31, 2019.

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The Centre is gearing up for a new academic year and is looking forward to welcoming a brand new group of JD/MBA students in the fall. Our goal remains to progress in promoting interdisciplinary education, professional development, and experiential education programs for law and business students. The Centre will continue its partnerships at York University and within the business and legal communities to develop innovative programming for students, scholars, practitioners, and policy makers. In addition to promoting the Centre’s interdisciplinary vision, our initiatives will support the goal of strengthening our profile on campus with our target audiences.

Among the Centre’s greatest strengths is the continued support of its Advisory Council, past and present, whose contributions and counsel have played an integral role in the Centre honoring its mandate. In particular, we express appreciation to Jay and Barbara Hennick and Mickey Cohen for their endless support of the Centre.
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