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 continues to deliver innovative programs and initiatives for students, scholars, and practitioners at the intersection of law, business and public policy.

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EVENTS

The Hennick Centre held, co-sponsored, and participated in many events this year. We extend our appreciation to our sponsors, funders, and collaborators, who played a crucial role in advancing the Centre’s mission through their support and involvement in our events. Events in the last year included the following:

**JD/MBA Welcome Event |**
11 September 2018
The Hennick Centre hosted its annual JD/MBA Student Welcome Event to begin the new academic year. This event provides an opportunity for students to learn about resources available to them, to get advice from Student Services, and to participate in an open Q&A session about the program. The JD/MBA Welcome Event speakers included Hennick Centre Co-Directors, JD/MBA program Faculty Directors, Associate Deans-Students of Osgoode and Schulich, the Legal and Literary Society (Osgoode), the Graduate Business Council (Schulich), and the JD/MBA Students’ Association. more

**Horatio Alger Gala |**
30 October 2018
The Horatio Alger Association of Canada hosted its second annual Excellence Gala. Approximately 670 of North America’s most successful business executives, lawyers, politicians, professional athletes, and actors were in attendance. The gala honoured Jay Hennick as the 2019 International Horatio Alger Award Recipient for his distinguished contributions to the Canadian business and legal profession and society at large, through a life-time of professional excellence, leadership, and generosity. The event also presented Horatio Alger Association Student Scholarships to students who overcame remarkable adversity in their personal lives to achieve outstanding academic and community success during their high-school years. more

**Guest Lecture Series |**
15 November 2018
The Hennick Centre welcomed Evan Siddall, President and CEO, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation. His lecture “The Dose Makes the Poison: Poppies and Public Service” explored his career journey from Wall and Bay Streets to public service, prompted by a desire to contribute to a greater cause. He spoke to the value that diversity of thought and experience can bring to public service. He also addressed the challenge that “tall poppy syndrome” poses to attracting the best and brightest and how it threatens Canada’s capacity for innovation at a time when it is needed most. more/watch live lecture recording

**A Career in Consulting |**
23 November 2018
The Hennick Centre held an information session on pursuing a career in consulting, in collaboration with the Osgoode Hall and University of Toronto JD/MBA Students’ Associations. The event featured Consultants from McKinsey & Company, who spoke about pursuing alternative careers and the benefits of a joint business and law degree.

**Davies Fund for Business Law |**
30 January 2019
The 2018 Davies Business Law Lecture entitled “The Problem of Sunsets” was presented by Jill E. Fisch, 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 teaches and writes on corporate law, corporate governance, and securities regulation. 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 shareholder voting process and ongoing experimental work on retail investor decision-making and financial literacy. more/watch live lecture recording

Presentation of the 2017 Hennick Medal for Career Achievement to Robert Wildeboer
INTO THE WEEDS | 8 February 2019
This year’s Annual Conference explored the business and law of cannabis, which has been provoking much interest and debate. The conference keynote address was delivered by Alison Gordon and Jeanette VanderMarel, Co-CEOs of 48North Cannabis Corporation, as well as Phillip Shaer, Chief Legal Officer of Canopy Growth Corporation. Following the key note address, attendees chose one of two panels. On the business side, “Investing in the Cannabis Market” explored the growth of the cannabis industry and opportunities, as well as threats associated with investing in the industry. On the law side, the “Listing a Cannabis Company: Securities Regulation & Oversight” panel, featuring Richard Carleton, CEO of the Canadian Securities Exchange, examined cross-border listing, recent disclosure, and valuation issues. The Hennick Centre Co-Directors, Professor Ed Waitzer and Professor Peter Macdonald, were active contributors to the success of the event. The conference also featured the Award Ceremony for the 2018 Hennick Medal for Academic Achievement, presented to John Henderson.

WOMEN IN BUSINESS AND LAW PANEL | 14 March 2019
In collaboration with JD/MBA Students’ Association, the Centre held the second annual panel dedicated to discussing gender in business and law, to celebrate International Women’s Day. The panel covered a range of topics, including diversity, conflict resolution styles, and strategies to turn mentors into sponsors. Panelists included Georgia Brown, Head of Legal Recruitment and Diversity, Hilary Hennick, Director, Legal Counsel, Cineplex, Justine Johnson, Associate, Goodmans LLP, Member-At-Large, OBA’s Women Lawyers Forum Executive Committee, Alysha Manji-Knight, Associate, Davies LLP, Laura McGee, CEO, Diversio, and Lisa Parliament, Senior Partner, McMillan LLP.

MBA/JD TURN-OVER LUNCH 2019 | 4 April 2019
As in previous years, the Hennick Centre Directors attended the lunch hosted by Dean Dezső Horváth and Dean Mary Condon to mark the achievements of all JD/MBA students on the completion of the academic year, congratulate outgoing graduates, and meet the incoming executives of the JD/MBA Students’ Association of the 2019-20 term. The annual lunch serves as a debrief session, allowing for an open discussion between the students, Directors, and Deans.
Hennick Summer Internships prepare Osgoode students for the world beyond law school by exposing them to the real world issues that arise in 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 Summer Internship program provided 7 placement opportunities, of which 5 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), World Bank Group, Washington, D.C., and a brand new placement at the University Health Network (UHN).

Mentorship Program
The Centre’s JD/MBA Mentorship Program aims to support the academic and professional development of JD/MBA students, by connecting current JD/MBA students with graduates of Osgoode-Schulich JD/MBA program for the academic year. JD/MBA students are well-positioned to choose from an array of careers in business and law. Insights and advice from graduates of the program is an excellent way to answer questions regarding careers in business and law.

Osgoode Venture Capital Clinical Project
Osgoode Venture Capital Clinical Project (OVC), a partnership between the Centre and Wildeboer Dellelce LLP, has completed its 5th successful year. Under the guidance and supervision of 6 Wildeboer Dellelce LLP lawyers, 5 Osgoode students worked throughout summer 2018 as Client Recruiters and 14 students during the 2018-2019 academic year (12 caseworkers / 2 coordinators). The OVC provided legal services to 6 early stage entrepreneurial ventures in the financing and equity structuring stages of growth.

JD/MBA Students’ Association Annual Conference
As noted above, the JD/MBA Students’ Association and the Hennick Centre hosts annual conferences to explore prominent themes and issues at the intersection of law, business, and public policy. This year’s conference was well attended, with strong sponsorship support and CPD-LSUC accreditation for legal professionals.
Hennick Fellowships

The Hennick Centre offers JD and JD/MBA students the opportunity of being involved with the workings of the Centre or any of its Special Projects. Joining the Centre as a Hennick Fellow is a fantastic way to get involved in our activities and initiatives, expand work experience, and network with leaders of the business and law community. This year, the Centre hosted Salem Aboghodieh and Alexandra Misurka as student fellows. Their duties included working alongside the Centre’s Assistant Director on special projects and completing research associate duties.

Collared: A Story of Insider Trading and White Collar Crime

Collared: A Story of Insider Trading and white Collar Crime is a visual legal advocacy project supported by the Fund for Innovation in Law and Media (FILM) established at Osgoode Hall Law School of York University, as well as in partnership with the Hennick Centre for Business and Law. The creation of this project was led by lawyers/filmmakers, Étienne Trépanier and Garrick Apollon, who are Fellows of the FILM initiative and Senior Fellows of the Hennick Centre for Business and Law of York University. The project is now completed and had its SOLD OUT world premiere screening at Hot Docs for Continuing Professional Education on September 20, 2018. This film is deemed as an accredited learning activity for the Centre’s alumni.

This project offers an unparalleled insight into the world of white-collar crime. The intimate insights shared by a reformed white-collar criminal, interviews with leading scholars, former prosecutors, and forensic psychologists serve as a reminder of the gravity of white-collar crime and its unseen victims. It also highlights the importance of the identification and prevention of white-collar crime. more

Alumni

The Hennick Centre remains committed to supporting the growth and development of the Osgoode-Schulich JD/MBA Alumni Association. The establishment and growth of the alumni network is an important step 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 has been continuously working to involve alumni in the progress and success of the new generation of JD/MBA students through mentorship programs.
Since its inception, the Hennick Centre for Business and Law has remained focused on its mission of promoting joint business and legal scholarship and education for students, practitioners, and scholars at York University and beyond. This brief report of the Centre’s activities over the past year presents a snapshot of our commitment to advancing the mission and strategic plan.

In April 2018, Dean Lorne Sossin concluded his many years of leadership at Osgoode Hall Law School. We wish to thank Professor Sossin for his contribution to the Centre. We welcome Dean Mary Condon, formerly co-Director of the Hennick Centre, with her appointment as Dean and look forward to further strengthening the Centre’s programming and initiatives together.

The Centre will continue to collaborate with partners at York University and within the business and legal communities to develop innovative and relevant programming for students, scholars, practitioners, and policy makers. In addition to furthering the Centre’s interdisciplinary vision, our initiatives will support our goal of bolstering our profile on campus and with our target audience.

One of the Centre’s greatest strengths continues to lie in the quality of our supporters, including our Advisory Council, whose comments and suggestions have been vital in the Centre achieving its objectives. In particular, we express sincere appreciation to Jay and Barbara Hennick and Mickey Cohen for their continuous support of the Centre.

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