The Hennick Centre for Business and Law is a joint initiative of Osgoode Hall Law School and Schulich School of Business. It 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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The Hennick Centre held, co-sponsored, and participated in many events this year. We extend our appreciation to our sponsors, funders, and collaborators, who contributed to 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**
10 September 2019
The Hennick Centre hosted its annual JD/MBA Student Welcome Event to begin the new academic year. This event provided an opportunity for new and continuing students in the JD/MBA Program to learn about helpful resources, to get advice from Student Services, and to participate in an open Q&A session. The JD/MBA Welcome Event speakers included: Hennick Centre Co-Directors, Associate Dean – Students of Osgoode and Schulich, the Legal and Literary Society (Osgoode), the Graduate Business Council (Schulich), and the JD/MBA Students’ Association.

**“SKILLS YOU DON’T LEARN IN LAW SCHOOL” LUNCH**
25 October 2019
This event provided a special opportunity for Osgoode students to have a candid discussion about professional and leadership development. The lunch was hosted by James O’Sullivan (MBA/LLB ‘90) and joined by Dean Mary Condon (Osgoode), Edward Waitzer, Co-Director of the JD/MBA Program, and Pamela Warren, Partner of Egon Zehnder. The attendees discussed the importance of developing soft skills and technical proficiencies during law school.

**JD/MBA OCI INTERVIEW SKILLS PANEL SESSION**
25 October 2019
The Osgoode-Schulich JD/MBA Students’ Association held a panel of JD/MBA Alumni to prepare students for On-Campus Interviews. Panelists spoke about interview preparation, interview processes, and stress management. Students also gained valuable insight on how to speak about their JD/MBA degrees during the interviews.

**HORATIO ALGER GALA**
28 October 2019
The Horatio Alger Association of Canada hosted its 3rd Annual Excellence Gala, marking its 10th anniversary. Some of North America’s most successful business executives, lawyers, politicians, professional athletes, and actors were in attendance, including 9 students from Osgoode Hall Law School and Schulich School of Business whose table was generously sponsored by Mr. Jay Hennick. This year, Christiane Germain, Co-Founder and Co-President of Germain Hotels, and Walter Schroeder, Founder of DBRS Limited, received the Award. Horatio Alger Association Student Scholarships were presented to students, who overcame remarkable adversity in their personal lives to achieve outstanding academic and community success during their high-school years. The gala and its attendees raised 5 million dollars, which will be used for investing in young Canadians who are committed to pursuing higher education.

Presentation of the 2018 Hennick Medal for Career Achievement to James O’Sullivan
“WHAT’S NEXT IN YOUR CAREER?” MBA/JD LUNCH | 15 January 2020

The MBA/JD lunch featured James O’Sullivan (MBA/LLB ’90), Strategic Advisor, Former Group Head of Canadian Banking, Scotiabank; 2018 Hennick Medal for Career Achievement Recipient and Marshall Cohen O.C. (LLB ’60, LLM ’63, Hon LLD ’86) Executive-in-Residence, Hennick Centre for Business and Law; Retired Counsel, Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP. The conversation was moderated by Ed Waitzer, Director, Hennick Centre for Business and Law; Faculty Co-Director JD/MBA Program. These accomplished alumni candidly shared advice on how to navigate career opportunities and to develop skills needed to succeed. More

CLIMATE RESILIENCE | 7 February 2020

The JD/MBA Students’ Association hosted its 23rd Annual Business & Law Conference entitled, “Climate Resilience”. The focus of the conference was the impact of climate change on business and legal industries. More specifically, conference presentations focused on climate change and corporate decision making related to sustainable investing and corporate governance. This year, a record-breaking number of students were in attendance, with the keynote address by 3 executives from the Canada Infrastructure Bank (CIB). The Hennick Centre Co-Directors, Professor Ed Waitzer and Professor Peter Macdonald, were active contributors to the success of the event. The Dean of the Schulich School of Business, Dezső Horváth, presented the 2018 Hennick Centre Medal for Career Achievement to James O’Sullivan. During his address, James provided insightful remarks to the conference attendees and shared lessons learned from his distinguished career. The conference also featured the Award Ceremony for the 2019 Hennick Medal for Academic Achievement, presented to Sam Q. Zhu. More
HENNICK FELLOWSHIPS

The Hennick Centre offers JD and JD/MBA students the opportunity of being 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 business and law communities. This year, the Centre hosted Alexis Choi (JD ’20) and Luigi Rulli (JD/MBA ’20) as Student Fellows. Their duties included working alongside the Centre’s Assistant Director on special projects and completing research associate duties. The Centre also hosted Garrick Apollon as Senior Fellow who facilitated two Visual Legal Advocacy programs this year. He is a corporate lawyer with almost 15 years of experience and a part-time professor at the MBA program at the University of Ottawa Telfer School of Management. An alumnus of the University of Pennsylvania Law School, Garrick was a student of Professor Regina Austin, Director of the Penn Program on Documentaries & the Law. More

HENNICK BUSINESS LAW INTERNSHIPS

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

OSGOODE VENTURE CAPITAL CLINICAL PROJECT

The Osgoode Venture Capital Clinical Project (OVC), a partnership between the Centre and Wildeboer Dellelce LLP, has completed its 6th successful year. The OVC was a new addition to Osgoode’s business law-focused experiential education programs in 2014 and has been growing steadily ever since. The 2019-2020 OVC term involved 19 Osgoode students: 5 worked throughout summer 2019 as Client Recruiters and 14 students during the 2019-2020 academic year (12 Caseworkers / 2 Coordinators). Under the guidance and supervision of 8 Wildeboer Dellelce LLP lawyers, students provided legal services to 6 early-stage entrepreneurial ventures in the financing and equity structuring stages of growth. This year, the OVC operated for the first time as an academically accredited course entitled – Directed Reading: Osgoode Venture Capital Program, which allowed Caseworker students to earn academic credit for their participation in the program. More

MBA/JD Turn-Over Lunch

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LAW WITHOUT WALLS INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM

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. Students create business plans in response to problems in legal education or practice. The Hennick Centre sponsors the participation of Osgoode/Schulich students in LWOW. This year, we congratulate B. Shane Morganstein (JD/MBA ’20), Ara Dungca (JD ’20), and Summer Lewis (JD ’21) for their outstanding participation in the program. Ara Dungca and team won Best Business Case at the pitch competition and Summer Lewis and team were the winners of LWOW Xed’s overall ConPosium. 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.

JD/MBA 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. Receiving insights and advice from graduates of the program is an excellent way to answer questions regarding careers in business and law. This year, 29 JD/MBA students and 37 JD/MBA alumni were paired, reaching a record of 56 mentorship slots filled as each alumnus was willing to mentor up to 3 students.

HENNICK MEDAL FOR CAREER ACHIEVEMENT

Hennick Medal for Career Achievement is presented annually to a distinguished leader, who has earned international recognition in the business and legal communities. The 2018 Hennick Medal for Career Achievement was presented on February 7, 2020 to James O’Sullivan (LLB/MBA ’90). James has been with Scotiabank since 1990 and has held senior leadership roles in Investment Banking, Mergers & Acquisitions, Finance, Asset Management and Global Wealth Management, Canadian Banking, and most recently, Strategic Advisor to the President and CEO. In gratitude to the Centre for this honour, James participated in three events for JD/MBA students throughout the year, where he spoke about his professional experience and offered invaluable advice on having dynamic careers.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

VISUAL LEGAL ADVOCACY (VLA PROGRAM)

The VLA Program was launched in 2016 with the help of former Dean Lorne Sossin (Osgoode). The inaugural project was an original production of the film, Collared, led by two lawyers/filmmakers (then senior fellows of the Centre) with an Osgoode Student research team. The project was a great success; the film premiered before a sold out audience at the Hot Docs Ted Rogers Cinema in September 2018. Since then, the Centre continues to house VLA projects with the involvement of Osgoode faculty and students, who earn Osgoode Public Interest Requirement (OPIR) hours for their work.

Documentary Project on Insider Trading – Collared was a great success and re-screened again at Hot Docs Ted Rogers Cinema on February 20, 2020. The film teaser featuring 9 Osgoode students, who worked as research assistants on the film and former Dean Lorne Sossin (Osgoode), can be viewed here.

The Centre managed 2 VLA projects this academic year for Continuing Professional Education, in partnership with Hot Docs (the largest International Film Festival in North America). The projects involved students as research fellows in the Legal Research & Production of CPD/CPE accredited Webinar Courses.

Lehman Brothers – Ethics Project involved 3 students in the Fall term: Beverly Cheung (JD/MBA ’20), Brian Haddock (JD/MBA ’22), and Dana Levin (JD/MBA ’22). They studied the documentary film & story, Inside Lehman Brothers. The project allowed the students an opportunity to dive into visual accounts of those affected by the financial crises and to conduct an onscreen interview with securities law expert, Dean Mary Condon (Osgoode). The students also gave on-camera interviews to share their opinions on the documentary, as well as their research on ethical leadership and the consequences that flowed from the financial crisis. More

Black Code – Cybersecurity Project involved 5 students in May/June 2020: Elif Babaoglu (JD ’21), Amanda LaBorde (JD ’22), Irene Lai (JD/MBA ’22), Karen Randhawa (JD/MBA ’23), and Junghi Woo (JD ’22), who studied the film, Black Code, by Nicholas De Pencier (a Toronto-based documentary filmmaker and cinematographer). The project introduced the law students to visual legal advocacy, the art of legal documentary filmmaking (i.e. production of short nonfiction advocacy films), and the discussion/research of important social issues in the current context of the rise of Big Data and A.I., such as privacy and cybersecurity law. More
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. Sam Q. Zhu (JD/MBA ’19) 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 presented the 2018 Hennick Medal for Career Achievement to James O’Sullivan (LLB/MBA ’90).

Since its inception (in 2009), the Hennick Centre 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. Over time, our primary focus has sharpened to supporting the JD/MBA joint degree program and its students, based on our belief that the joint degree program uniquely equips students to build impactful careers, whether in law, business, government, the social sector or elsewhere. Current events make our conviction in the value of a joint degree professional education even more compelling.

In the past year, the Centre directly engaged over 80 students in research positions, unique curriculum offerings, Osgoode Public Interest Requirement (OPIR) work positions, summer internships and other opportunities. We also supported a variety of student led initiatives at the intersection of business, law and public policy at both faculties and sponsored a range of scholarship and other initiatives that helped position the faculties at the forefront on some of the major public policy challenges of our time.

One of the Centre’s greatest strengths continues to be the quality of support it receives from our Advisory Council and other members of the business and legal communities (alumni and others) who support the Centre’s mission and activities in countless ways. The Centre will miss the leadership of Professor Waitzer, who has been its Director from inception and has decided to retire as the Jarislowsky Dimma Mooney Chair in Corporate Governance at the two faculties as of June 30, 2020. Ed intends to remain involved in and supportive of the Centre as Chair Emeritus on an ongoing basis. The Centre (and students at both faculties) will also miss the tireless efforts of Lana Kharlip, who has done a remarkable job as Assistant Director since January 2016 and will also be retiring as of June 30, 2020, we wish her good luck with future endeavors. The Centre expresses sincere appreciation to Jay and Barbara Hennick and Marshall (Mickey) Cohen for their ongoing leadership and support.
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