

Events

**February 26-27, 2018**  
**2018 Designs Conference: The Power of Design**  
 International Trademark Association event taking place in London, UK. Visit the [event website](#) for more information.

**February 28, 2018**  
**Judging AI: Ethics and Accountability for Legal Algorithms**  
 Hosted by the Office of the Head of McLaughlin College and York Collegium for Practical Ethics, featuring Bob Tarantino, visit the [event website](#) for more details.

**February 28, 2018**  
**The Dark Web: What IP Owners Need to Know**  
 IPIC webinar, click [here](#) for more information.

**March 1, 2018**  
**Understanding Blockchains**  
 A Toronto Intellectual Property Group event, click [here](#) for more details.

**March 6, 2018**  
**Can Copyright Compete with Free?**  
 Hosted by Bereskin & Parr LLP and IP Osgoode, featuring Prof. Paul Goldstein, click [here](#) for more details.

IP Notes

**Call for Applications**  
**IPilogue Summer Volunteer Opportunities**  
**EXTENDED DEADLINE: March 2, 2018**  
 IP Osgoode is seeking Canadian and international law students interested in writing about IP and related areas. To apply for the IPilogue Editor position, click [here](#) for the application process.

**Proposed Changes to the Trademarks Regulations**  
**Consultation deadline: March 11, 2018**  
 The [changes](#), among other things, implement the Singapore Treaty, the Madrid Protocol and the Nice Agreement.

IP pick of the week

The Canadian Intellectual Property Office (CIPO) has launched eight new tools to inform Canadian businesses about doing business abroad with their intellectual property (IP), and help them demystify the application process for patents, trademarks and industrial designs. These products support three of the five pillars of CIPO's [Five-Year Business Strategy](#) to advance innovation, build IP awareness and education, and offer a modern service experience. They can be found on CIPO's [IP Toolbox](#) page.

The IPIGRAM (22 February 2018)

FEATURE POST

**IPIC & IP OSGOODE Canada's IP Writing Challenge**

Entries must be received by 5 p.m. (ET) on **Sunday, July 1, 2018**

**Announcing the 10th Annual Canada's IP Writing Challenge**

February 13, 2018 by [IP Osgoode](#)

The Intellectual Property Institute of Canada (IPIC) and IP Osgoode are delighted to announce our 2018 Canadian writing challenge in intellectual property law.

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RECENT POSTS

**Panelists Share Thoughts on Users' Rights in the Fields of Patents, Trademarks and Copyright**

February 22, 2018 by [Stephen Cooley](#)

On Monday November 20th, 2017 scholars, students, practitioners and IP enthusiasts alike gathered at Osgoode Hall Law School for a symposium in honour of Prof. David Vaver's [appointment](#) to the Order of Canada. The symposium – "[Intellectual Property: Fuel for the Fire of Genius or Shelf Life of a Banana](#)" – highlighted four themes of Prof. Vaver's IP scholarship, including: redundancy in the IP system, legislation and reform, users' rights, and the importance of history. Proceeding a luncheon keynote speech by the Honourable Mr. Marshall Rothstein CC, QC, three panelists from diverse backgrounds came together to discuss the impact of Prof. Vaver's scholarship on users' rights. [Prof. Wendy Gordon](#) of the Boston University School of Law; [Daniel Bereskin](#), QC, the founding partner of Bereskin & Parr; and [Prof. Shamnad Basheer](#) a visiting professor from the National Law School, Bangalore; alongside session chair and Osgoode professor Saptarishi Bandopadhyay shared their thoughts on the impact of Prof. Vaver's work in the areas of patents, trademarks and copyrights. Each panelist echoed Prof. Vaver's emphasis on balancing the rights of various stakeholders, while each also took a moment to highlight how users' rights are engaged in different areas of IP law.

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**Overlap and Redundancy in the IP System: Is it indeed 'too much of the same'?**

February 22, 2018 by [Yonida Koukio](#)

As a lawyer, I perceived overlapping legal rights to be a reasonable attempt of the legislators to cover the numerous nuances of the empirical reality. However, prior to my attendance at IP Osgoode's symposium entitled, "[Intellectual Property: Fuel for the Fire of Genius or Shelf Life of a Banana?](#)", which honoured [Prof. David Vaver's Order of Canada appointment](#), I had never considered 'redundancy' in this aspect. The first panel of the symposium examined overlap and redundancy in the intellectual property (IP) law system, which is one of Prof. Vaver's key research contributions in the field of IP law. The panel featured the [Honourable Roger I. Hughes, QC](#), [Prof. Graeme Dinwoodie](#), and [Prof. Jeremy de Beer](#), and in an attempt to answer the question of whether IP rights was 'too much of the same', the panelists offered their perspectives on some of the different aspects of overlapping IP rights under patent law, the [Plant Breeders' Rights Act](#) [1], trademarks law, and unfair competition.

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**Osgoode Conference Focuses on Vision for Future of AI Governance in Canada**

January 31, 2018 by [IP Osgoode](#)

The growing use of artificial intelligence (AI) raises complex ethical and legal concerns that will be examined in "Bracing for Impact: The Artificial Intelligence Challenge," a one-day international conference on Friday, Feb. 2, organized by IP Osgoode, Osgoode Hall Law School of York University's intellectual property law and technology program.

The conference, which takes place at the Law Society of Ontario, Donald Lamont Centre, 130 Queen St. W., Toronto, from 8:45am to 4:45pm, will feature a group of internationally renowned AI experts who will discuss some of the fundamental questions that arise when machines start to think for themselves.

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