

FEATURE POST



IP Year in Review 2018 – A Milestone Year for IP Osgoode and Ground-breaking Changes in the Canadian IP landscape

January 31, 2019 by Giuseppina D'Agostino

As we settle into 2019, we look forward to topping the successes of the last year! Ten years ago IP Osgoode, Osgoode's flagship Intellectual Property Law and Technology Program, was launched with the dream of creating a vibrant community to engage in balanced and objective research, and offer new and unexplored viewpoints to public policy discussions which are inclusive of the opinions and interests of a broad range of stakeholders. On the special occasion of IP Osgoode's 10th anniversary we thank all those who had a hand in making our dream a reality and building IP Osgoode to be one of the top IP and technology programs in the world. A community is only as strong as its members. Thank you to all our members for supporting us, we could not have done it without you. Here's to another 10 years for creativity and innovation!

2018 was also a celebratory year for Prof. David Vaver. To honour Prof. David's Vaver's double induction into the Order of Canada in 2017 and as a Fellow to the Royal Society of Canada in 2018, IP Osgoode released a [special video](#). The video features many experts, colleagues and mentees and friends from around the world who participated in the symposium we organized in his honour to showcase his important contributions and leadership in intellectual property law. And to close the year, we edited a [special issue](#) of the Intellectual Property Journal in his honour! Some must read gems include contributions from The Hon. Marshall Rothstein, The Hon. Roger T. Hughes and Justice Michael Manson.

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With contributions from IPilogue Editors: Summer Lewis, Lauren Chan, Imtiaz Karamat, Neda Foroughian, Peter Werhun and Rui Shen, and from IPilogue Senior Editors: Stephen Cooley, Sebastian Beck-Watt and Dominic Cerilli.

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February 11, 2019 - Empowering Women Entrepreneurs: Effective Strategies for IP Commercialization and Success Symposium

IP Osgoode and the Canadian Intellectual Property Office (CIPO) are pleased to co-host the 'Empowering Women Entrepreneurs: Effective Strategies for IP Commercialization and Success' symposium.

Featuring an afternoon of mentorship breakout sessions and networking opportunities with women entrepreneurs, experts and mentors.

Don't miss out on an opportunity to learn more about intellectual property (IP) law, best practices for starting a business, and how an IP strategy can contribute to business success!

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March 21, 2019 - Bracing for Impact: The AI Challenge – A Road Map for AI Governance in Canada (Part II: Data, Policy & Innovation)

Join us for Part II of IP Osgoode's *Bracing for Impact: The AI Challenge* conference series. This year's full day conference will explore Canada's data policy and governance strategies, with a focus on intellectual property and ownership implications, as well as an examination of big data in the healthcare industry and Smart Cities.

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One of Wearable Technology's Most Prominent Homes: Toronto

January 30, 2019 by Saba Samanian

Toronto is quickly becoming a leader in the wearable technology industry, and is home to several innovative start-ups that have been very active in this field. In particular, there has been a focus on using wearable technology in relation to fitness and medical needs, with biometrics being a primary indicator.

This is the first post in the Toronto Wearables Series by Saba Samanian regarding wearable technology and its IP and privacy law implications. Saba was recently appointed the Toronto Ambassador for Women of Wearables and seeks to do her part in fostering the wearables community in Toronto.

Saba Samanian is an IPilogue Editor and JD Candidate at Osgoode Hall Law School.

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Unwrapping File Wrapper Estoppel: Some Effects of Bill C-86

January 28, 2019 by Keenan Fast

To the delight of patent litigators everywhere, the [doctrine of file wrapper estoppel is about to be implemented in Canadian Patent Law](#). After more than 18 years since Justice Binnie rejected the doctrine in Canada in his ruling in *Free World Trust v Electro Santé Inc.*, it will come into force via Bill C-86, likely in late 2019. While this move may help ["fuel the overheated engines of patent litigation"](#), it is not likely to help many other members of the patent community.

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Enforcing Your Crypto Contracts and Avoiding Criminal Transactions

January 15, 2019 by Lauren Chan and Summer Lewis

Every month, [TorontoStarts](#) hosts a [Toronto Cryptocurrency Conference](#) focusing on a different aspect of cryptocurrency and blockchain technology. One of these events featured talks by Justin Hartzman (co-founder of CoinSmart, an online cryptocurrency exchange platform), Chetan Phull (founder of Smartblock Law), and Scot Johnson (founder of Digital Shovel, a guide for mining cryptocurrency) and a group panel.

Lauren Chan is an IPilogue Editor and a business student at the University of Guelph. Summer Lewis is an IPilogue Editor and a JD candidate at Osgoode Hall Law School.

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February 7, 2019

Free Software – Your Freedom in Computing

A Centre for Innovation in Computing @ Lassonde event featuring Dr. Richard Stallman, President of Free Software Foundation. Visit the [event website](#) for more information.

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IP Picks of the Week

The non-renewal of the [Copyright Term Extension Act](#) in the United States has resulted in an [estimated 50,000 works](#) coming out of copyright domain and has ended successive copyright term extensions in the country. [Works from 1923](#), including some by Charlie Chaplin and Aldous Huxley, are now freely available for re-use.

The Canadian Intellectual Property Office has released the [2018 IP Canada Report](#). This, the third report in a series, finds that trademarks and industrial designs are again the fastest growing types of IP rights filed for by Canadian at home and abroad.

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