

Events

**March 9, 2016**

***Effective IP Strategy to Drive Innovation in the Financial Services Sector***

IP Osgoode & McCarthy Tétrault joint event. Attend in-person at McCarthy's Toronto office or view the webinar at Osgoode Hall Law School. [Click](#) for details.

**March 11, 2016**

***IP Osgoode Speaks Series featuring Prof. Abraham Drassinower***

On his new book "What's Wrong with Copying?", with comments by Professors Carys Craig and Bitu Amani. 12:30-2:30 PM, room 2003 at Osgoode.

**March 17-19, 2016**

***The 14th Oxford International Intellectual Property Moot***

Taking place at Pembroke College, University of Oxford. [Click](#) for details.

**March 22, 2016**

***Fully Autonomous Artificial Super-intelligence. Is it a Threat to the Human Race or a Blessing? How Can it be Controlled?***

A Nathanson Centre guest lecture featuring Jean-Gabriel Castel. [Click](#) for details.

**March 22, 2016**

***Cutting Edge Developments – U.S. Copyright Law***

ALAI Canada event featuring Prof. David Nimmer. [Click](#) for details.

**April 6-8, 2015**

***31st Annual Intellectual Property Law Conference***

American Bar Association –

## The IPIGRAM (7 March 2016) Feature Posts



### Trans - Pacific Partnership (TPP) Special Issue

#### 'Made in America' 2015? The TPP and the Future of Canada's Digital Economy

March 7, 2016 by [Joseph Turcotte](#)

The Trans-Pacific Partnership ("TPP") agreement pages of both the [Office of the United States Trade Representative](#) and the [White House](#) display an understandable, if not provocative, logo extolling that the trade deal is "Made in America". For a trade deal whose negotiations spanned the length of President Obama's term in office, this is hardly surprising: with the end of his Administration on the horizon, the President is seeking to galvanize public and political support for an initiative he has long championed. However, in the context of a deal said to "[set the rules for the 21st century for trade](#)" between 12 countries of differing levels of economic development, such a US-centric system should raise some concern. In the case of Canada and more specifically Canadian copyright law, the TPP's merits must be measured according to the domestic needs and realities of the country's existing industries as well as its maturing digital economy. The Government of Canada should ensure that flexibilities and exceptions available in the TPP are creatively employed to mitigate concessions made to trading partners, which international trade agreements necessarily entail.

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#### Branding the TPP: Trademark Pros & Problems

March 7, 2016 by [U. Shen Goh](#)

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Law event. [Click](#) for details.

**April 14 & 15, 2016**

**Software IP – IP Protections for Computer Programs: Past, Present and Future**  
20th Annual Berkeley Centre for Law & Technology and the Berkeley Technology Law Journal Symposium. [Click](#) for details.

## IP Notes

**IP Osgoode Call for Applications**

**DEADLINE: March 7, 2016**

Summer Opportunities: IPilogue Editor, [click](#) for details.

Innovation Clinic

Fellows, [click](#) for details.

**March 10, 2016**

**2016 Loyola Patent Law Interview Program**

Registration deadline: March 10, 2016. Registration opens on February 8, 2016. [Click](#) for details.

**Canadian Heritage Call for Applications**

**DEADLINE: March 18, 2016**

Articling Placement at Canadian Heritage. [Click](#) for details.

**Gowling WLG Best Blog in IP Law & Technology Prize**

**DEADLINE: April 8, 2016**

Award for best blog and comment by an Osgoode students. [Click](#) for details.

**July 1, 2016**

**Canada's IP Writing Challenge 2016**

The Intellectual Property Institute of Canada (IPIC) and IP Osgoode invite submissions from law students, graduate students, and professionals. [Click](#) for details.

**IP pick of the week**

March 8 is [International Women's Day](#)! Women contribute to all fields of creativity and intellectual endeavors. Despite this, they

Canadian policy

The Government of Canada is inviting Canadians to read and comment on the [Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement](#) (TPP), along with the government's [Summary of the Agreement](#), which provides an overview of how the TPP would affect Canada.

The summary [suggests](#) that the largest trade deal in history will have little effect on Canada's [Trade-marks Act](#) (TMA) since the trademarks section of the TPP is "in line with Canada's existing regime". This blog will highlight two instances where that is not the case.

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## Pharmaceuticals Main Attraction in TPP IP Chapter.

March 7, 2016 by [Matthew Wallace](#)

Patent law can be a polarizing topic, but it is especially so during international trade negotiations. Perhaps this is because the principles of patent law create fundamental conflicts between those that own patents and those that pay for patents. Despite this divide, these negotiations, along with some international diplomacy, often produce patent chapters that fall short of both advocates' highest hopes and critics' worst fears. Such is the case with the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP).

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remain under-represented in many areas. [WIPO](#) is committed to promoting gender equality and women's empowerment both within the Organization and in the wider world of intellectual property (IP). Click [here](#) for WIPO's Women and IP web page.

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