

## FEATURE POSTS



### Privacy in the times of the COVID-19 Pandemic: Disease Control via AI & Big Data

April 1, 2020 by Elif Babaoglu

A [report by WHO](#) released last month stated that AI and big data are a key part of the disease response in China, where they were used for contact tracing and management of priority populations. Two widely used mobile apps, AliPay and WeChat, assisted Chinese Government to track COVID-19 patients through their [digital payments](#). The officials also reported that they have tracked offline and online [purchases of fever medicine](#). The authorities also used social platforms and apps to monitor movement to employ a [traffic-light system](#). Color codes on mobile phones designated a person's health status and allowed authorities to check individuals at train stations and checkpoints to know who to let through. The government also used [facial recognition](#) and [thermal sensors](#) in drones and helmets to identify and monitor the infected individuals.

*Written by Elif Babaoglu, Contributing IPilogue Editor and JD Candidate at Osgoode Hall Law School. Elif is also the co-director of events at the Osgoode Privacy Law Society.*

[READ MORE](#)

### CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Professors Giuseppina D'Agostino and David Vaver are seeking JD Research Assistants to assist in intellectual property law research in Summer 2020 as well as other research in IP, with a particular emphasis on copyright, with an early May start date.



[READ MORE](#)

### Fair-Dealing and Emergency Remote Teaching in Canada

By Samuel Trosow and Lisa Macklem

In the wake of the COVID-19 outbreak, Canadian post-secondary institutions are replacing classroom-based instruction with online teaching for the remainder of the Winter/Spring 2020 semester. Course instructors are scrambling to change their traditional courses to online formats on very short notice in the middle of the term. Many courses already have an online presence facilitated by the use of course management systems. But the sudden need to use online systems raises special challenges for other courses.

As instructors grapple with the mechanics of making this unanticipated conversion, most attention is focused on how to use technological tools to accomplish this transition. Less attention is being given to copyright issues. We are worried that without some affirmative intervention in the form of copyright training, opportunities to take advantage of Canada's broad fair-dealing rights may be missed.

This article explains how copyright law applies to online course materials.

*Samuel Trosow is an Associate Professor at the University of Western Ontario holding a joint appointment in the Faculty of Law and in the Faculty of Information & Media Studies. Lisa Macklem is a doctoral candidate pursuing her Ph.D. in the Faculty of Law.*

[READ MORE](#)

Scientists and data analysts at York University's Schulich School of Business developed [COVID-19 Dynamics](#) dashboard which predicts the number of new COVID-19 cases in each country around the world in the next five days using publicly available data.



[READ MORE](#)

## LATEST POSTS

### Patent Infringement Claimant: COVID-19 Research Facilitator, Patent Troll, or Both?

March 31, 2020 by Felice Yeung

In response to the global outbreak of COVID-19, many countries have been racing to develop vaccines and test existing drugs to fight the pandemic. On March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Labrador Diagnostics LLC ("Labrador"), an entity owned by Fortress Investment Group LLC ("Fortress"), which is funded by Softbank, filed a patent infringement [lawsuit](#) against BioFire Diagnostics LLC, a healthcare start-up based in Utah. Labrador also filed an injunction to stop BioFire from using the patents. Two days later, BioFire revealed that the use of the patents was connected to COVID-19 tests. In response, Labrador claims to have had no prior knowledge that any of the patent infringing activities were related to COVID-19 research, and that the lawsuit is directed towards BioFire's activities (unrelated to COVID-19) in the past six years. On March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Fortress issued a [press release](#) granting royalty-free licenses to third parties to use its patented technologies for COVID-19 testing.

*Written by Felice Yeung, a second year JD Candidate at Osgoode Hall Law School. Felice is also a Clinic Fellow at the Osgoode Innovation Clinic.*

[READ MORE](#)

### The Lawsuit About Nothing: Seinfeld Beats Copyright Lawsuit over 'Comedians in Cars'

April 3, 2020 by Jason Clarke

US comedian Jerry Seinfeld was the subject of legal action, as a former colleague, Christian Charles, claimed to have pitched the original idea for the Netflix series [Comedians in Cars Getting Coffee](#). Charles claimed that he made the initial suggestion a decade before the show's first episode aired.

Charles claimed his project, *Two Stupid Guys in a Stupid Car Driving to a Stupid Town*, was initially pitched to Seinfeld in 2002, as the pair had worked together since 1994. In fact, Charles directed the pilot for Comedians in Cars, however the pair's relationship broke down due to a difference of opinion regarding Charles' deserved compensation and credit.

*Written by Jason Clarke, a third year JD Candidate at Osgoode Hall Law School. Jason is also a Clinic Fellow at the Osgoode Innovation Clinic.*

[READ MORE](#)

## Events

### Webinar - COVID-19 & IP Practice: Designated Days and Extensions of Time in Patent Prosecution

April 6, 2020

Intellectual Property Institute of Canada will hold a webinar on COVID-19 and IP Practice to discuss how extended dates and extensions of time "stack" together, which deadlines have not been extended, when to file a request for an extension of time and more.

More information and registration link can be [found here](#).

### Webinar - Clean-tech and Intellectual Property

April 27, 2020

This webinar will outline what to consider when developing an IP strategy with a focus on the clean-tech sector, to help you extract value from your IP, protect your business from competitors and gain a competitive advantage.

For more information and to register please [click here](#).

### Primed for AI – the basics of artificial intelligence and machine learning

May 13, 2020

AI and ML are finding their way into more areas of business and industry. But beyond the buzzwords, what are they exactly, and how do they work?

For more information and to register please [click here](#).

## IP Picks of the Week

In light of the COVID-19 outbreak, the Canadian Intellectual Property Office (CIPO) [extended all filing deadlines](#) under the Trademarks Act, Patent Act and Industrial Design Act (falling between March 16, 2020, and April 30, 2020, to May 1, 2020, with a possibility of further extension.

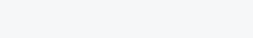
Intellectual Property Institute of Canada (IPIIC) published a list of [frequently asked questions and answers](#) about Industrial Design practice throughout COVID-19.



IP Osgoode | Intellectual Property Law & Technology Program | Osgoode Hall Law School | York University  
416.650.8449 | [iposgoode@osgoode.yorku.ca](mailto:iposgoode@osgoode.yorku.ca) | [www.iposgoode.ca](http://www.iposgoode.ca)



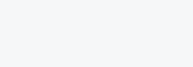
Share this email:



Manage your preferences | [Opt out](#) using TrueRemove™  
Got this as a forward? [Sign up](#) to receive our future emails.  
View this email [online](#).

4700 Keele St.  
Toronto, Ontario | M3J 1P3 CA

This email was sent to .  
To continue receiving our emails, add us to your address book.



[Subscribe](#) to our email list.