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In Memoriam: Peter Hogg

IPOsgoode and everyone in the legal and academic community mourns the passing of Peter Wardell Hogg, Professor Emeritus and former Dean of Osgoode Hall Law School.

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Small Claims for Copyright: A Check-in on the CASE Act

February 6, 2020 by Meghan Carlin

Entering the new year, conversations continue in many jurisdictions around copyright reform, including modernizing the way copyright disputes are dealt with in the digital age. In the U.S., artists and other independent content creators continue to mobilize around The Copyright Alternative in Small-Claims Enforcement Act of 2019 (H.R. 2426 / S. 1273), otherwise known as the CASE Act.

Passed by the House of Representatives in late October of 2019 before being stalled in November, the CASE Act proposes the creation of a Copyright Claims Board devoted to hearing copyright disputes in what is essentially a small-claims context. The proposed legislation caps any damages awarded by the Board at \$15,000USD per individual work, up to a total of \$30,000USD per claim.

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On February 3, 2020, Professor Ryan Abbott visited Osgoode Hall Law School with a presentation of his new book 'The Reasonable Robot: Artificial Intelligence and the Law'



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Inclusion Day at Osgoode

On February 4, 2020, the Centre for Human Rights, Equity and Inclusion (REI) in partnership with the Law Commission of Ontario hosted the 11th annual Inclusion Day at Osgoode Hall Law School discussing critical questions relating to the impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI) on human rights.

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On February 5, 2020, the Honourable Justice Frank Iacobucci visited Osgoode Hall Law School reflecting on his Italian heritage, society and the law.



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Events

Protecting your Innovation & Ideas

14 February 2020

IP Osgoode, in partnership with [Sandbox Centre](#), invites you to be guided through an introductory session on creating your own robust intellectual property (IP) strategy. Please visit [event page](#) for registration and details.

Bracing for Impact III – Zooming Out: Emerging Technologies

16-17 March 2020

The Conference in Herzliya, Israel will take place on March 16th and March 17th, 2020. Joint sessions with all speakers from Israel and Canada will take place and be simulcast in Israel and Canada on 17 March 2020, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. The Canadian sessions will be held at Osgoode Hall Law School, Toronto, Canada.

Please [register now!](#)

IP Osgoode Speaks Series: Luke McDonagh 'Copyright & Collaboration in Works of Theatre'

2 March 2020

Registration is now open. Please [RSVP here](#).

IP Picks of the Week

Wuhan Institute of Virology of the China Academy of Sciences China said this week that they recently applied for a new patent on an experimental Gilead Sciences Inc. drug, know as remdesivir, that might fight the coronavirus. According to the [statement released on January 31, 2020](#) Gilead Sciences is working with health authorities in China to establish a randomized, controlled trial to determine whether remdesivir can safely and effectively be used to treat the novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV).

This week the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) [announced](#) that David Gooder has been appointed as the new USPTO Commissioner for Trademarks, replacing Mary Boney Denison, who retired from the position in December 2019.



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