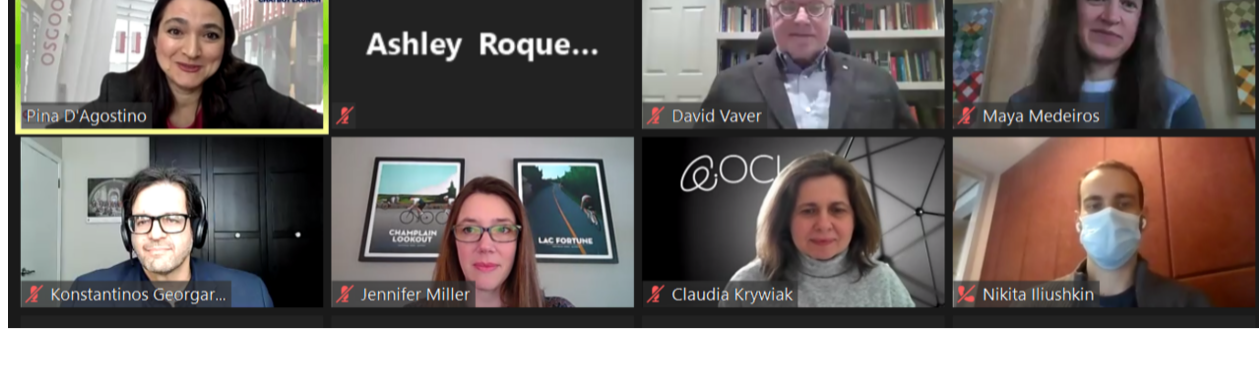


FEATURE POSTS



Celebrating World IP Day: What comes next for the IP Innovation ChatBot?

April 26, 2021 by Prof Pina D'Agostino

On April 26, 2021, the theme of World IP Day 2021 was ["IP and SMEs: Taking your ideas to market"](#). Since I founded the IP Innovation Clinic in 2010, the Clinic has helped countless innovators, entrepreneurs, and small businesses to do exactly that. Our students have provided basic legal information to clients who otherwise would not have any access to it. To date, the Clinic has subsidized over \$2,000,000CAD of legal fees that would otherwise have been paid by those without access to resources. This past year, the Clinic has expanded its impact through the recently launched [IP Innovation ChatBot](#), a free legal chatbot which uses a vast database of credible IP information to answer users' initial IP questions and guide them to the type of legal help they need. This is only the beginning of the ChatBot's story.

Prof Pina D'Agostino is an Associate Professor at Osgoode Hall Law School and the Founder and Director of IP Osgoode, the IPilogue, the IP Innovation Clinic, and officially since January 2021 the recently launched IP Innovation Clinic ChatBot.

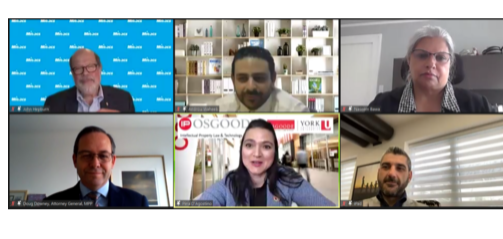
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Prof Pina D'Agostino & IP Osgoode featured in Ontario Ministry of Colleges and Universities Announcement

April 28, 2021 by IP Osgoode

On Tuesday, the Government of Ontario formally announced their funding of thousands of student internships through Mitacs. The announcement was made during a press conference held by the Honourable Ross Romano, Minister of Colleges and Universities, and featured the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario, and John Hepburn, CEO of Mitacs. As Principal Investigator of 3 projects in the inaugural year of Mitacs' Business Strategy Internship (BSI) Program, Prof Pina D'Agostino was also invited to be part of the festivities, along with Naseem Bawa, General Counsel for InterXon Inc., and Androu Waheeb, 1L IP Innovation Clinic Fellow who will complete a BSI at InterXon this summer.

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Deploying Digital Passports—Risk or Catalyst?

April 28, 2021 by Tiffany Wang

Long heralded as a symbol of rights, passports now foreshadow an equity and technological crisis. As Canada's vaccination plan progresses onward, Health Minister Patty Hajdu hints at a potential [vaccine documentation](#) proposal. At present, the federal government demands a mandatory [72-hour hotel stay](#) for all incoming travellers awaiting test outcomes. Perhaps the wait will not be long for Canada to issue Covid-19 vaccination certificates, following the footsteps of nations abroad.



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Written by Tiffany Wang. Tiffany is a first-year JD candidate and a 1L representative of the Intellectual Property Society of Osgoode.

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IP OSGOODE NEWS

HIRING - Website Designer

We are looking for help creating our [IP Innovation Clinic's](#) website. The Designer will report to our Director and Assistant Director to design a visually stimulating, AODA compliant, and user-friendly website. We will consider the successful candidate for future projects.

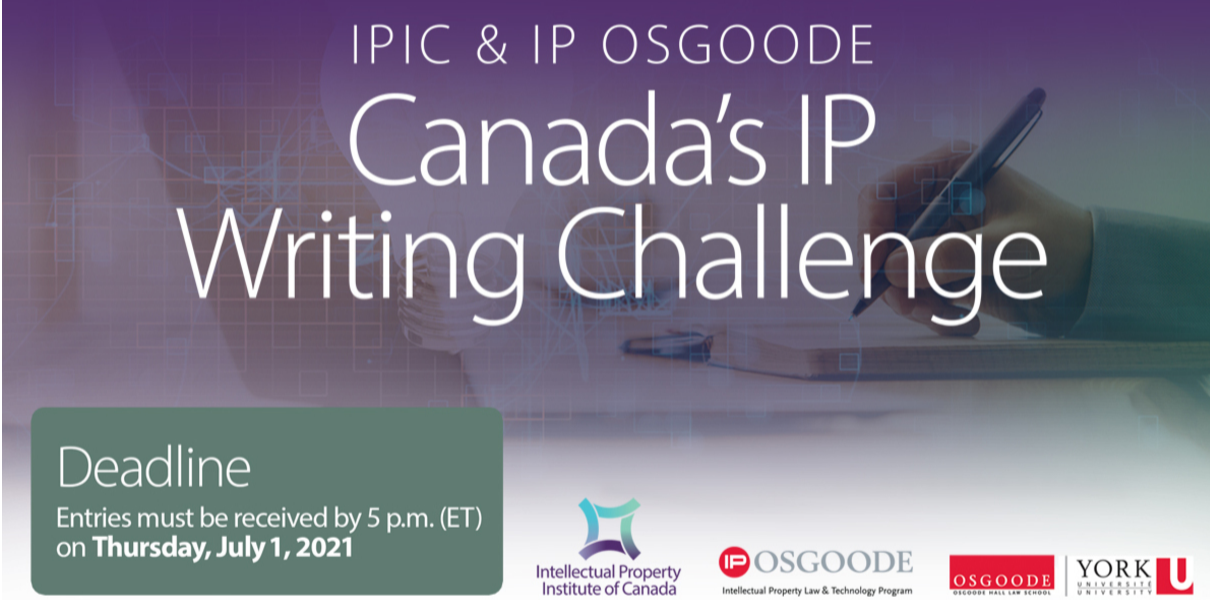
Click [here](#) for the job requirements and application instructions.

Canada's IP Writing Challenge 2021: Founded by the Intellectual Property Institute of Canada (IPIC) & IP Osgoode

DEADLINE: 1 July 2021

[IPIC](#) and IP Osgoode wish to enhance intellectual property public policy research and discussion among law students, graduate students, and legal and business professionals. Prizes include \$1000 (CAD), publication on the [IPilogue](#), and consideration for publication in the [Canadian Intellectual Property Review](#) and/or the [Intellectual Property Journal](#).

If you are interested, click [here](#) for the full Challenge Rules (ou [ici](#) pour les règles en français).



EVENTS

Get Your Game On: Intellectual Property Rights and Video Games

11 May 2021

Join the [Intellectual Property Institute of Canada \(IPIC\)](#) for a panel hosted by their Young Practitioners' Committee. The panel will discuss the use and protection of video game intellectual property through copyright, trademark rights, and potential patent rights. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

Restoring Copyright's Ability "To Promote the Progress of Science"

14 May 2021

As part of their IP Speaker Series, the [Program on Information Justice and Intellectual Property](#) at [Washington College of Law](#) will host Prof John Willinsky to present his arguments supporting universal open access to research publications. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

Inequality through IP: A new policy lever? – International Online Workshop (RSVP Required)

26-27 May 2021

The [University of Oxford Faculty of Law](#) and the [Haifa Center for Law and Technology](#) will present a two-day panel discussing the correlation between advancement in technology and growing inequality. The panelists will consider the ways in which IP laws may have contributed to inequality and whether they may help redress it as well. Click [here](#) to register for one of only 300 spots available.

IP PICK OF THE WEEK

Federal Budget 2021 - Chapter 4: Helping Canadian Businesses Grow and Succeed

In their recently released annual budget, the Government of Canada has announced many plans to support small and medium-sized businesses recovering from the pandemic. Among these plans is a program called "ElevateIP", which will help accelerators and incubators to offer IP services to start-ups. While we plan to share a closer look at the budget and its prospective impact on small and medium-sized businesses in an upcoming IPilogue article, take a look at the [Government's plan](#), as well Osgoode Associate Professor and IP Osgoode Advisory Board member [Barry Sookman's take on it](#).



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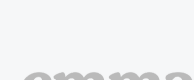
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