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# Message from the Chair

We have continued to find innovative new ways to connect with others as the second year of the COVID-19 pandemic comes to an end. As a member of the Dean's Advisory Committee of the Centre for Business Law since it was founded in 2006, and serving as its Chair since 2019, I have had the privilege to witness the Centre grow and adapt each year. In these unprecedented pandemic years, the Centre for Business Law has rapidly increased its virtual platforms and expanded its events, partnerships and educational programs to foster important relationships across Allard Law and the business legal community. We are proud to showcase some of our accomplishments from 2021 within these pages.

In November 2021, Allard Law welcomed its new Dean, Professor Ngai Pindell. In support of the new Dean, the Dean's Advisory Committee has also expanded. We are pleased to announce eight new members to the 2022 Dean's Advisory Committee: Karim Amlani, Nicco Bautista, Gigi Chen-Kuo, Nazma Lee, Peter O'Callaghan, Clifford Proudfoot, Lorna Strong and Terri-Lynn Williams-Davidson. These dynamic and respected lawyers from the business law community join me and our five continuing Dean's Advisory Committee members – Ryan Black, Janet Grove, Ted Koffman, Lori Mathison and Tom Theodorakis – to offer guidance and advice on the strategic activities of the Centre for Business Law.

I am immensely proud of the work that the Centre and its Director, Dr. Carol Liao, has accomplished over the past year. I am grateful for the support from the business and legal communities. I hope you enjoy our Annual Report and join me in celebrating another successful year for the Centre for Business Law.



**Mitchell H. Gropper, QC**  
Chair, Dean's Advisory Committee

## *About the Chair*

*Mr. Gropper is a senior partner at Farris LLP and a long-time supporter of the Peter A. Allard School of Law and Centre for Business Law. A widely respected leader in the business legal community, he is rated by Lexpert as one of Vancouver's leading lawyers in mergers & acquisitions, corporate finance and commercial law, Canada's 40 Deal-Makers, Canada's 100 most creative lawyers and Canada's 100 leading cross-border transaction lawyers. Mr. Gropper is the founder of the annual faculty exchange program between Allard Law and the Faculty of Law at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. He is the Chancellor and a member of the Board of University of Canada West and the Chair of the Project Assurance Board for the \$16 billion BC Hydro Site C Green Energy Project.*



# Message from the Director

The Centre for Business Law is a collaborative space where scholarship, education and community comes together. Over 4,000 business leaders, practitioners, scholars and students partake in our initiatives, experiential learning programs, continuing legal education and networking events throughout the year. In 2021, we hosted and co-hosted 36 unique events on a wide variety of topical issues in business law. Our virtual platforms have allowed us to bring together professionals, academics and students from around the world to benefit from an exchange of knowledge and ideas.

This past year the Centre strengthened its existing partnerships with industry, law firms and faculties through the Canada Climate Law Initiative, Anti-Corruption Law Program, Future Minerals and Sustainability Research Cluster and new seminar series on Canada-Asia Legal Relations. We are also proud to have supported two newly launched projects, Women in Anti-Corruption and the Anti-Racism and the Law Initiative.

Our two popular experiential learning programs, the Richards Buell Sutton LLP Business Law Clinic and Norton Rose Fulbright LLP Corporate Counsel Externship, continue to thrive under the leadership of our skilled instructors, Ryan Black, Tyson Gratton and Erika Tse, and generous participating organizations. These programs provide Allard students with unique, hands-on educational opportunities to learn from within the business sector.

Despite the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, I am immensely proud of everything the Centre for Business Law has accomplished and the community we have built with you. Sincere thanks to Stephanie Lee and Austin Darling, our Lead Operations Coordinators, and to Sonia li Trottier, Communications Manager of the Canada Climate Law Initiative, for their invaluable assistance to the Centre. Finally, thank you to Mitchell Gropper and the Dean's Advisory Committee, our kind sponsors, individual donors, Allard faculty, staff, students and our business and legal communities, for a year filled with connections.



**Dr. Carol Liao**  
Director, Centre for Business Law

## *About the Director*

*Dr. Liao was appointed Director of the Centre for Business Law in August 2019. She is Associate Professor at the Peter A. Allard School of Law and the UBC Sauder Distinguished Scholar of the Peter P. Dhillon Centre for Business Ethics, UBC Sauder School of Business. An award-winning teacher and researcher, Dr. Liao is also Principal Co-Investigator of the Canada Climate Law Initiative and a former Bertram Scholar of the Institute of Corporate Directors. She obtained her PhD/SJD (Joint Degree) from UBC and the University of Toronto. Prior to academia, she was a senior associate in the Mergers & Acquisitions Group of Shearman & Sterling LLP in New York and clerked at the BC Court of Appeal. In 2021, she received the Influential Women in Business Award and was named as one of Canada's Top 100 Most Powerful Women.*



# Year at a Glance

## Scholars & Students

Research Publications



by Allard Law Scholars

Business Law  
Concentration



Graduated Students

LLM Tax Program



Graduated Students

Experiential Programs



Students

## Events



In-person &  
Online Events



Panelists



Participants



Post-Event  
Online Views

## Communications



Website Redesign



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# Dean's Advisory Committee

*The Dean's Advisory Committee is comprised of exceptional members of the business legal community who provide strategic advice and direction to the Centre.*

Allard Law is in an exciting new period of growth and transition. We thank past members Lynn Charbonneau and Brenda Leong, whose terms ended July 2021, for their service and guidance. For 2022, we are delighted to welcome Karim Amlani, Nicco Bautista, Gigi Chen-Kuo, Nazma Lee, Peter O'Callaghan, Clifford Proudfoot, Lorna Strong and Terri-Lynn Williams-Davidson as new members of the Dean's Advisory Committee.



**Chair**  
**Mitchell H. Gropper, QC**  
Senior Partner  
Farris LLP



**Karim Amlani**  
Senior Director, Legal  
Hootsuite



**Nicco Bautista**  
Director, Estate Planning  
BMO Private Wealth



**Ryan Black**  
Senior Partner  
DLA Piper LLP



**Gigi Chen-Kuo**  
Chief Operating Officer  
TransLink



**Janet Grove, QC**  
Senior Partner  
Norton Rose Fulbright LLP



**Ted Koffman**  
Senior Partner  
McCarthy Tétrault LLP



**Nazma Lee**  
Senior Legal Counsel  
British Columbia Securities  
Commission



**Lori Mathison**  
 President & CEO  
 Chartered Professional  
 Accountants of British Columbia



**Peter O'Callaghan**  
 Office Managing Partner  
 Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP



**Clifford G. Proudfoot, QC**  
 Managing Partner  
 Lawson Lundell LLP



**Lorna Strong**  
 Deputy General Counsel, Global  
 Trade & Receivables Finance  
 HSBC



**Tom Theodorakis**  
 Senior Partner, Co-Chair Business  
 Law, Co-Chair Forest Products  
 McMillan LLP



**Terri-Lynn Williams-Davidson, QC**  
 General Counsel, Haida Nation  
 Principal Lawyer, White Raven  
 Law Corporation

## Welcoming the New Dean of Allard Law Ngai Pindell

Dean Ngai Pindell began a five-year term as Dean of the Peter A. Allard School of Law in November 2021. Dean Pindell joins from the William S. Boyd School of Law at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, where he was the International Gaming Institute Professor of Law. His research and teaching interests are in the areas of property law, wills and trusts, affordable housing, community development and local government law. At the University of Nevada, Dean Pindell held several academic administrative roles, including as Vice Provost and Special Advisor to the Executive Vice President and Provost in 2019. He also served as Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs (2016-2018), and as Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and then Vice Dean in the Boyd School of Law (2012-2016).



# Canada Climate Law Initiative



Canada Climate Law Initiative

L'Initiative canadienne de droit climatique

The Canada Climate Law Initiative (CCLI) is a national interdisciplinary hub established at the Centre for Business Law at Allard Law and Osgoode Law School that works to clarify directors' duties and fiduciary obligations related to climate change. Through its Climate Governance Experts program, CCLI helps Canadian companies consider, manage and disclose climate-related risks by providing tools and delivering free presentations to boards on climate governance. Visit CCLI at [www.ccli.ubc.ca](http://www.ccli.ubc.ca).

## Principal Co-Investigators



**Dr. Janis Sarra**  
UBC Presidential  
Distinguished Professor



**Professor Cynthia Williams**  
Osler Chair in Business Law  
*emerita*



**Dr. Carol Liao**  
UBC Sauder Distinguished  
Scholar

## Team



**Juvarya Veltkamp**  
Director



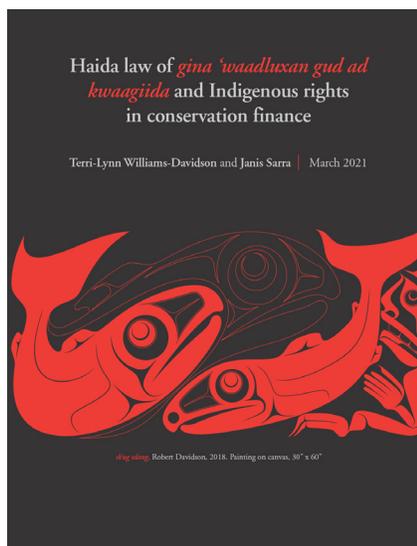
**Sonia Li Trottier**  
Communications Manager

**10**  
publications

**68**  
Climate Governance Experts

**24**  
board presentations delivered

**16**  
events hosted



# Anti-Corruption Law Program

The Anti-Corruption Law Program (ACLP) is a collaborative partnership between the Centre for Business Law, Transparency International Canada and the International Centre for Criminal Law Reform & Criminal Justice Policy. The ACLP holds monthly conferences, seminars and colloquia to share views on best anti-corruption practices with experts across the globe, and has attracted support from a number of public and private organizations, as well as other universities in Canada and abroad.

## Directors



**Joseph Weiler**  
Professor *emerita* & Vice Chair  
Transparency International  
Canada



**John Ritchie**  
Engineer & Past Director  
Transparency International  
Canada

**Anti-Corruption Law Program**  
**Women in Anti-Corruption: Roundtable Event to Explore the Relationship Between Gender and Corruption**  
With Remarks From Dr. Carol Liao and Susan Côté-Freeman

**Moderator:** Dr. Daniela Chimisso dos Santos  
Principal Consultant, President  
Solutions Consulting Inc.

**Panelists:**  
Lida Preyma  
Director, Capital Markets Strategy at  
BMO Capital Markets and former  
Director, Global AML, Risk Management &  
Anti-Money Laundering Reporting  
Officer Designation (Toronto)

Alexandra Wrage  
President and Founder of TRACE

Sara Carnegie  
Director, International Bar  
Association's Legal Policy &  
Research Unit and author of report:  
"Sanctions & Crime of Corruption and  
Sexual Exploitation"

Hazel Feigenblatt  
Consultant and Author of "Breaking  
the Silence Around Corruption" (in  
Transparency International  
publication)

October 4, 2021 | 9:00-10:30 am PT

Logos: WOMEN in Anti-Corruption, CENTRE FOR BUSINESS LAW, TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL CANADA, International Centre for Criminal Law Reform

Through the Anti-Corruption Law Program, the Centre co-hosted a new series, Women in Anti-Corruption, with its inaugural event discussing the impacts of gender on corruption and corruption on gender, board diversity and intersectionality.



In collaboration with



# The Future of Minerals and Sustainability

The rapid transition from fossil fuels to net-zero carbon energy systems has simultaneously created a massive demand for mining and minerals in the effort to lower greenhouse gas emissions through wind, solar and other renewables. In 2019, the Centre for Business Law initiated a cross-campus seminar series “Mining and Mineral Exploration in a New Global Landscape” with the Peter P. Dhillon Centre for Business Ethics at the UBC Sauder School of Business, UBC School of Public Policy and Global Affairs (SPPGA), Norman B. Keevil Institute of Mining Engineering (NBK Mining Institute) and the UBC Department of Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences (EOAS).

This cross-faculty research cluster on UBC campus has grown to foster interdisciplinary dialogue and projects among organizations, scholars and students engaging in topics relevant to the future of mining and mineral exploration, climate governance, Indigenous rights and racial justice in the age of the Anthropocene.

## Collaborators



**Dr. Sara Ghebremusse**  
Assistant Professor  
Allard School of Law



**Dr. Scott Dunbar**  
Professor & Head  
NBK Mining Institute



**Dr. Nadja Kunz**  
Assistant Professor  
SPPGA & NBK Mining Institute



**Dr. Philippe Tortell**  
Professor & Head  
EOAS



**Christie Stephenson**  
Executive Director  
Peter P. Dhillon Centre for  
Business Ethics



**Dr. Stepan Wood**  
Professor & CRC in Law,  
Society & Sustainability  
Allard School of Law



**Dr. Carol Liao**  
Associate Professor  
Allard School of Law

In collaboration with



**Peter P. Dhillon**  
Centre for Business Ethics



THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA  
School of Public Policy and Global Affairs



EARTH, OCEAN & ATMOSPHERIC SCIENCES

# New Executive Learning Program

Sustainability and Indigenous peoples' participation intersect business decisions at every stage of mining. The Centre was a key contributor in launching the new **Mining Law and Sustainability Program**, the first executive learning program at Allard Law. Professionals gain knowledge on the legal and regulatory instruments that protect Indigenous rights and govern sustainable practices throughout a mine's lifecycle. The first cohort of executives joined in Fall 2021. Professors Sara Ghebremusse, Carol Liao and Stepan Wood are the faculty program advisors. Future offerings of the program can be found at [www.extendedlearning.ubc.ca/programs](http://www.extendedlearning.ubc.ca/programs).



## Course Designers



**Dr. Daniela Chimisso dos Santos**  
ESG & Strategy Senior Advisor  
Invenient Solutions Consulting



**Chastity Davis-Alphonse**  
Indigenous Relations Strategic Advisor  
Chastity Davis Consulting

## Program Support



**Tania Astorino**  
Director, Professional Programs  
Allard School of Law



**Caroling Gao**  
JD Student & Research  
Assistant



*Anyone working in mining today must be able to understand that Indigenous rights and sustainability must be interwoven in the decision making processes in all phases of a mining project.*

**Dr. Daniela Chimisso dos Santos**  
Program Developer

# Anti-Racism and the Law Initiative



Anti-Racism and the Law Initiative

The Anti-Racism and the Law Initiative (ARLI) is a collaborative project of Allard faculty members who believe humanity is at a critical juncture in our collective struggles for social justice. With the support of the Centre for Business Law, Centre for Law & the Environment and Indigenous Legal Studies, ARLI is committed to creating space and dialogue to advance the study of anti-racism in law and practice. ARLI hosts a webinar series that tackles the challenge of combatting racism in contemporary law, with a focus on systemic injustices that are of particular relevance to the law school, UBC and legal community more broadly.



Anti-Racism and the Law Initiative

## TWENTY YEARS OF A "WAR ON TERROR"

ISLAMOPHOBIA, RACE, GENDER AND IMPERIALISM

Tuesday, October 5 | 12:30 - 2:00pm PT | Online via Zoom

Moderator:  **Brenna Bhandar**  
Associate Professor, Allard School of Law, University of British Columbia

Panelists:  **Natasha Bakht**  
Professor and Shirley Greenberg Chair for Women and the Legal Profession, University of Ottawa

 **Arun Kundhani**  
Author of *The Muslims are Coming!* and Independent Scholar

 **Sunera Thobani**  
Professor, Department of Asian Studies, University of British Columbia

Hosted by:  Anti-Racism and the Law Initiative

Supported by:  CENTRE FOR BUSINESS LAW  CENTRE FOR LAW & THE ENVIRONMENT  PETER A. ALLARD SCHOOL OF LAW INDEPENDENT LEGAL STUDIES



*We are interested in thinking about how law is embedded within infrastructures of racial subordination and its special place in perpetuating racial and intersectional inequalities.*

**Dr. Brenna Bhandar**  
Allard School of Law

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# Exploring Canada-Asia Legal Relations

Initiated by McMillan LLP in 2020, the Centre for Business Law and the Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives at the University of Victoria joined McMillan LLP to create a series of webinars exploring contemporary issues in Canada-Asia legal relations. Ranging from topics such as customary international law to Canada-China national security and research partnerships, hundreds of participants from government, law, business and academia around the world joined these events to hear from world-class experts on these live issues.

## Collaborators



**Stephen D. Wortley**  
Executive Partner  
Chair, Hong Kong Office  
McMillan LLP



**Dr. Victor V. Ramraj**  
Director  
Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiative  
University of Victoria



**Dr. Carol Liao**  
Director  
Centre for Business Law  
Allard School of Law




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# Selected Faculty Publications

*The Centre for Business Law is committed to advancing scholarship through cutting-edge legal research conducted by outstanding faculty.*



**Natasha Affolder, Professor**

- “Transnational Law as Unseen Law” in *The Many Lives of Transnational Law: Critical Engagements with Jessup’s Bold Proposal*



**Samuel Beswick, Assistant Professor**

- “The Overpaid Tax Litigation: Roadblocked” in *Modern Law Review*



**Joost Blom, QC, Professor emerita**

- “Reasonable Expectations as a Basis for Tort Liability” in *Supreme Court Law Review*



**Wei Cui, Professor**

- “What is Unilateralism in International Taxation?” in *American Journal of International Law*



**David Duff, Professor**

- “General Anti-Avoidance Rules Revisited: Reflections on Tim Edgar’s ‘Building a Better GAAR’” in *Canadian Tax Journal*



**Alexander Flynn, Assistant Professor**

- “Business Improvement Districts and the Urban Commons” in *Cambridge Handbook of Common Research Innovations*
- “A Colonial Castle: Defense of Property in *R v Stanley*” in *Canadian Bar Review*
- “Municipal Power and Democratic Legitimacy in the Time of COVID-19” in *Vulnerable:*

*The Law, Policy and Ethics of COVID-19*



**Cristie Ford, Professor**

- “A Regulatory Roadmap for Financial Innovation” in *Routledge Handbook of Financial Technology and Law*



**Bethany Hastie, Assistant Professor**

- “Workplace Sexual Harassment and the ‘Unwelcome’ Requirement: An Analysis of BC Human Rights Tribunal Decisions from 2010 to 2016” in *Canadian Journal of Women and the Law*
- “Platform Workers and Collective Labour Action in the Modern Economy” in *University of New Brunswick Law Journal*



**Douglas Harris, Professor**

- “Embedded Property” in *Condominium Governance and Law in Global Urban Context*



**Camden Hutchison, Assistant Professor**

- “The Growth of Vancouver as an Innovation Hub: Challenges and Opportunities” (with Liwen Lin) in *UBC Law Review*
- “Pluralism and Convergence: Judicial Standardization in Canadian Corporate Law” in *Osgoode Hall Law Journal*



**Yuvraj Joshi, Assistant Professor**

- “Racial Transition” in *Washington University Law Review*



**Liora Lazarus, Professor**

- “Respecting Human Rights and the Rule of Law When Using Automated Technology to Detect Online Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse” for the Council of Europe Lanzarote Committee



**Carol Liao, Associate Professor**

- *Corporate Law and Sustainability from the Next Generation of Lawyers*
- “The Questionable Rise of ‘Good’ Corporations and Hybrid Business Law: Theoretical Trappings, Methodological Challenges and Transdisciplinary Futures” in *Springer Interdisciplinary Research for Sustainable Business*



**Liwen Lin, Associate Professor**

- “The ‘Good Corporate Citizen’ Beyond BCE” in *Alberta Law Review*
- “The Growth of Vancouver as an Innovation Hub: Challenges and Opportunities” (with Camden Hutchison) in *UBC Law Review*



**Marcus Moore, Assistant Professor**

- “Freedom of Thought at the Ethical Frontier of Law and Science” in *Ethics & Behaviour*



**Maziar Peihani, Assistant Professor**

- “From (No) Bailouts to Bail-in: A Comparative Assessment of Canada’s Bank Recapitalization Regime” in *Capital Markets Law Journal*



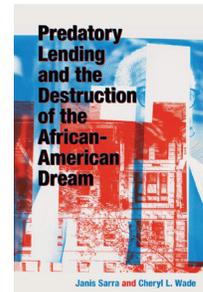
**Galit Sarfaty, Associate Professor**

- “Global Supply Chain Auditing” in *Cambridge Handbook of Compliance*
- “Supply Chains and Logistics” in *Routledge Handbook of Law and Society*



**Janis Sarra, Professor**

- “Toward an Anthropology of International Law” in *International Law as Behavior*
- “Corporate Actors as Translators in Transnational Lawmaking” in *American Journal of International Law*
- *Predatory Lending and the Destruction of the African-American Dream*
- “Bad Moon Rising: New Dawn Ahead? Climate Change and Solvency Risk” in *Annual Review of Insolvency Law*
- “Brueghel’s Brush: A Portrait of the CCAA” in *Canadian Business Law Journal*



**Kristen Thomasen, Assistant Professor**

- “Robots, Regulation, and the Changing Nature of Public Space” in *Ottawa Law Review*



**Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond, Professor**

- “In Plain Sight: Addressing Indigenous Racism in BC Health Care” commissioned by BC Minister of Health

# A CENTRE OF RESEARCH EXCELLENCE

## UBC Professorship in Business Law

The Lawson Lundell LLP UBC Professorship in Business Law was established in 2018 as part of a larger gift enhancing the Centre for Business Law's ability to offer outstanding educational programs and the advancement of business law scholarship through leading research.

### Activities Spotlight

In 2021, Dr. Peihani was a keynote speaker during the Financial Protection Forum on 23-24 November hosted by the British Columbia Financial Services Authority. The Forum brought together Canadian consumer protection organizations to share best practices and discuss developments in the industry. The theme was "Shared Learnings from Tabletop Testings and Simulation Exercises." Dr. Peihani's keynote focused on resolution tools and their appropriateness for small and medium-sized deposit-taking institutions.

Dr. Peihani also published "From (No) Bailouts to Bail-in: A Comparative Assessment of Canada's Bank Recapitalization Regime" in *Capital Markets Law Journal*. The article examines Canada's recently introduced bail-in framework through a comparative lens, in the backdrop of the COVID-19 pandemic.



**Dr. Maziar Peihani**  
Assistant Professor

Dr. Maziar Peihani holds the Lawson Lundell LLP UBC Business Law Professorship. He teaches and researches in the areas of business and financial law with a special focus on the regulation of banks. Prior to joining UBC, Dr. Maziar was a Senior Fellow at the Hennick Centre for Business and Law at Osgoode Hall Law School, as well as a Research Fellow at the Centre for International Governance Innovation, a Canadian think tank focused on issues of global governance, law and regulation.



# Richard Buell Sutton LLP

## Business Law Clinic



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BUELL  
SUTTON<sup>LLP</sup>

*Established in 1871*

The Richard Buell Sutton LLP Business Law Clinic provides law students with educational opportunities to use their substantive understanding of business law in a clinical setting for the benefit of the public. Students develop practical and legal skills and a greater understanding of professional ethics and responsibility. In addition to providing a hands-on, client-facing experiential learning environment for students, the Clinic contributes to the community by expanding access to legal services for a range of small businesses and non-profit organizations.

### Adjunct Professors



**Ryan Black**  
Senior Partner  
DLA Piper LLP



**Tyson Gratton**  
Associate  
DLA Piper LLP

### Program Support



**Stephanie Lee**  
JD Student & Clinic  
Administrator

### 2021 Client Profiles

#### Represented Industries

- E-commerce, thrift shops, retail
- Community involvement
- Technology, STEM, e-learning
- Environmental advocacy
- Wedding planning
- Food systems
- Arts & media
- Video games
- Health

#### Types of Organizations

- Corporation
- Non-profit

#### Client Locations

- Vancouver
- Burnaby
- Coquitlam
- Richmond
- North Vancouver

#### Services Provided

- Structuring matters & license agreements
- Corporate & employment matters
- Terms of service & privacy policies
- Incorporation & shareholder agreements
- Sponsorship (financial and legal limitations)
- Contract review

### What Students Say

*The Clinic was one of the highlights of my time in law school. The hands-on experience working with clients and their contracts and business concerns was incredible. The practitioners were tremendously supportive, intelligent and kind. The Clinic is set up for you to succeed, to learn and to help people in the community.*



**Chelsea Colwill, JD 2022**

# Norton Rose Fulbright LLP

## Corporate Counsel Externship



By being placed in the legal department of a business-oriented organization, the Norton Rose Fulbright LLP Corporate Counsel Externship provides students with an opportunity to learn directly from experienced corporate counsel in a supportive educational environment while applying theoretical concepts to practice and developing a deeper understanding of professional ethics. The Externship exposes students to the variety, depth and complexity of in-house counsel practice.

### Adjunct Professor



**Erika Tse**  
Chief Legal Officer & Vice President  
Human Resources, Glentel Inc.

### Program Support



**Austin Darling**  
JD Student &  
Externship Assistant

### 2021 Participating Organizations

- BBTV
- Belkorp Industries
- BlueShore Financial
- Coast Capital Savings
- FortisBC
- Hootsuite
- HSBC
- Lululemon Athletica
- Methanex Corporation
- Mogo
- MEC
- Pinnacle Renewable Energy
- SNC-Lavalin
- TELUS
- Thinkific
- Thunderbird Entertainment
- UBC
- Visier

### What Students Observe During Externship

- Aboriginal law
- Brand management
- Commercial law
- Competition law
- Consumer protection
- Corporate law & strategy
- Employment & labour
- Environmental law
- Finance
- Intellectual property
- Investor relations
- Litigation
- Marketing & advertising
- Mergers & acquisitions
- Privacy law
- Public relations
- Real estate
- Risk management
- Securities law
- Taxation
- Transportation law

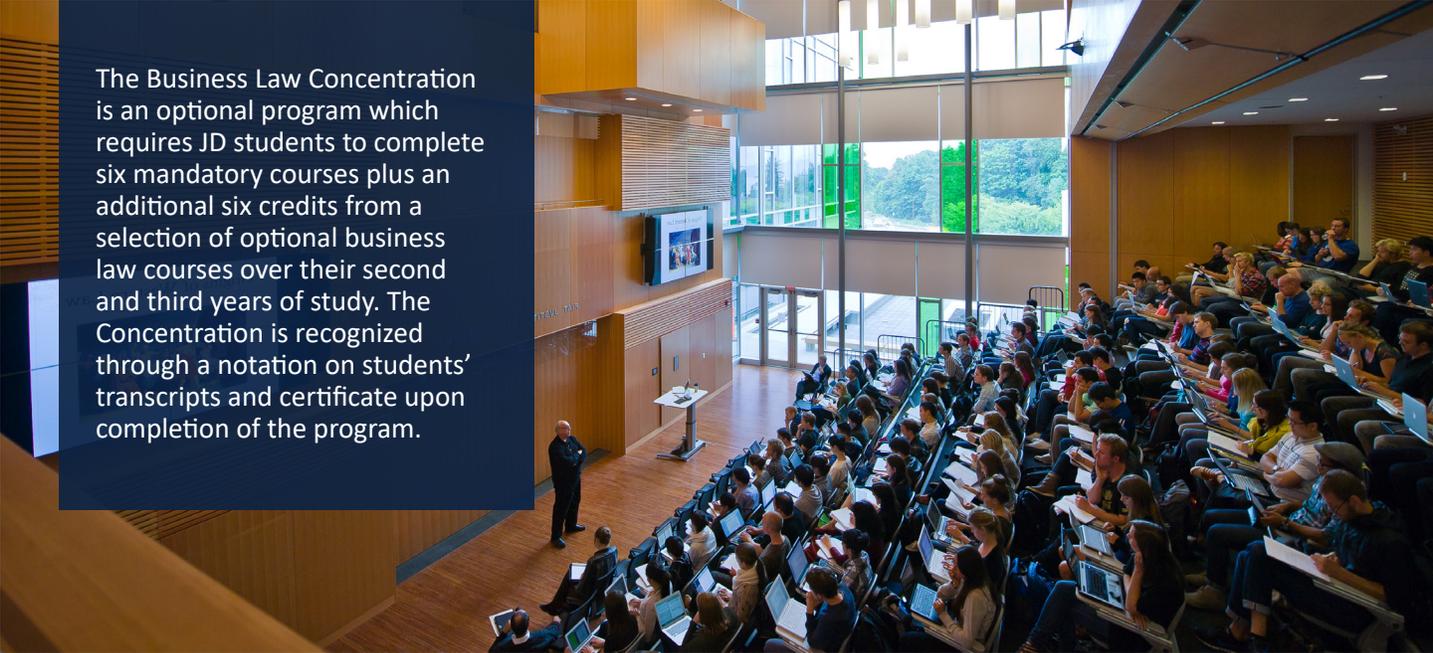
### What Students Say

*The Externship provided me with valuable learning opportunities and business insight that you can't get from a law firm setting, and I was able to form a long-term mentoring relationship with my principal in the process. I would absolutely recommend it to anyone interested!*



**Jaden Lau, JD 2021**

# Business Law Concentration



The Business Law Concentration is an optional program which requires JD students to complete six mandatory courses plus an additional six credits from a selection of optional business law courses over their second and third years of study. The Concentration is recognized through a notation on students' transcripts and certificate upon completion of the program.

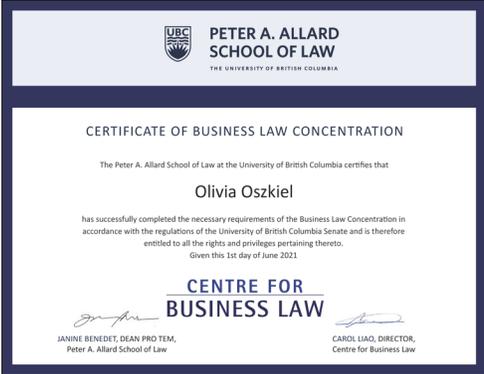
## Mandatory Courses

- LAW 407 Taxation
- LAW 437 Commercial Transactions
- LAW 438 Secured Transactions
- LAW 459 Business Organizations
- LAW 463 Securities Regulation
- LAW 466 Business Law Capstone

## 2021 Certificate Recipients

Congratulations to all the students that have successfully completed the Business Law Concentration program!

- Kenny Cho
- Jayden Robert Iain Faulds
- Raphael Irving Freedman
- Ravelpreet Gill
- Manveer Nicholas Singh Hayer
- Yue Liu
- Man-Ho Edmond Lo
- Andrew Ng
- Olivia Oszkiel
- Xiaomei Qiu
- Kayla Claire Robertson
- Nicholas James Terry
- Natasha Vljajnic
- Colton Andrew Winiarski



# Our Events



**12 January**  
Guiding Boards of Directors to Better Support Audit Committees in Their Role for Effective Climate Governance

**12 January**  
Centre for Business Law and Law & Business Society Welcome Reception

**13 January**  
Helping Audit Committees Navigate the Changing Climate Governance Landscape

**19 January**  
From Ideas to Action, Governance Paths to Net Zero: Book Launch with Dr. Janis Sarra

**29 January**  
Integrity and Anti-Corruption for Small and Medium Enterprises: Getting It Right

**23 February**  
Directors' Duties Regarding Climate Change in Japan

**23 February**  
The Growing Interdependency of the World Economy: How Customary International Law Plays a Role

**24 February**  
Richards Buell Sutton LLP Business Law Clinic Reception

**26 February**  
Protecting Procurement Systems from Abuse: Government and Private Sector Approaches

**3 March**  
Connecting Canada's Climate Policy Network

**5 March**  
Centre for Business Law Student Information Session

**25 March**  
Public Infrastructure Finance: Expectations for Ethical Behaviour

**29 April**  
ESG in the Extractive Industries

**13 May**  
The Imperative for Decision-Useful Corporate Climate Disclosures

**18 May**  
Climate Risk Disclosure: What Does it Mean for Saskatchewan Business?

**26 May**  
Climate Change: Legal Implications for Canadian Pension Plan Fiduciaries and Policy Makers

**28 May**  
Roundtable Discussion on Whistleblowing: Protections, Abuses, and Reporting Systems



**3 June**

Partnerships in Indigenous Finance: Paths to Sustainable Finance and Protection of Biodiversity

**8 July**

Anti-Corruption Technologies: Capabilities, Challenges, and Future Trends

**15 July**

Legal Primer on Climate Change: Directors' Duties and Disclosure Obligations

**14 September**

Getting Climate Change on Board Agenda: Directors Share Their Strategies

**27 September**

Working with Public Companies: A Day in the Life of a Securities Lawyer

**28 September**

Executive Learning Program in Mining Law and Sustainability Information Session

**4 October**

Women in Anti-Corruption: Roundtable Event to Explore the Relationship Between Gender and Corruption

**5 October**

Twenty Years of a "War on Terror": Islamophobia, Race, Gender and Imperialism

**18 October**

Can Canada and China Still Learn From Each Other? Balancing Research Partnerships, National Security and Economic Competitiveness

**27 October**

Centre for Business Law Student Committee Kick-Off Event

**5 November**

"But I Look Like a Lawyer" FACL BC Documentary Screening

**17 November**

Financial Crime Law Enforcement in Canada: Key Issues the Government of Canada Should Consider Respecting a Proposed Financial Crimes Agency

**24 November**

Bearing a Disproportionate Burden: Law, Race, Colonialism and Environment (In)Justice

**6 December**

Integrating Anti-Corruption into Canadian Foreign Policy

# A THRIVING COMMUNITY



# Welcome Reception

Building Community



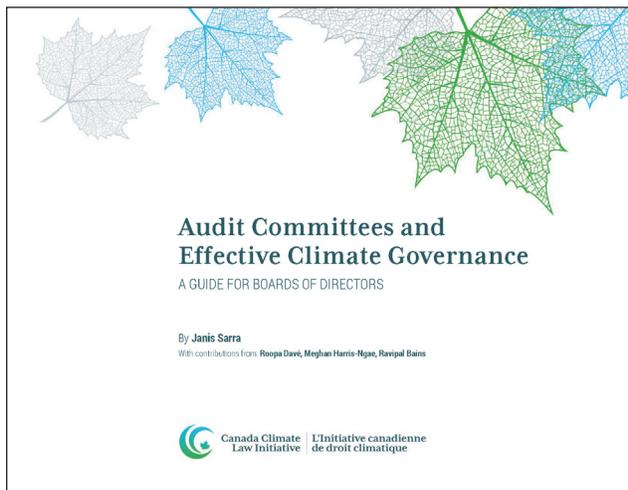
The Centre for Business Law hosted its biggest annual social event virtually in January 2021. We welcomed over 150 students, faculty, alumni and our supporters from the legal and business communities to celebrate and thank them for their contributions over the past year. It was an opportunity to hear speeches and network with members of the legal community, the Centre for Business Law and Allard Law & Business Society through smaller breakout groups.

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# Event Spotlight

## Helping Audit Committees Navigate the Changing Climate Governance Landscape



The Canada Climate Law Initiative launched its audit committee guide in January 2021, *Audit Committees and Effective Climate Governance: A Guide for Boards of Directors* by Dr. Janis Sarra, Professor of Allard Law, with contributing authors Meghan Harris-Ngae, EY, Roopa Davé, KPMG, and Ravipal Bains, McMillan LLP. Panelists shared insights on what asset managers, asset owners and advisors can expect from investee companies and their management of climate-related risks and opportunities.

**WEBINAR**  
Helping audit committees navigate the changing climate governance landscape

13 January 2020  
12:00pm-1:00pm EST  
9:00am-10:00am PST

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*More broadly, as you think about the role of the audit committee, there is a possible leadership position for the audit committee to take in terms of discussion specific to climate change.*

**Roopa Davé**  
Partner, KPMG Sustainability Services



# Event Spotlight



## Working with Public Companies: A Day in the Life of a Securities Lawyer



In September 2021, the Centre for Business Law hosted an in-person event at Allard Law featuring Steven McKoen, QC, and Susan Tomaine, Partners at Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP, who shared their experiences in the dynamic practice of securities law with Allard Law students.

*Every day is different and it's usually not what you expect...it's a very fast-paced and evolving practice that we have a lot of fun with.*

**Susan Tomaine**

*Balance comes from the relationships you make with the people you work with...we have each other's backs.*

**Steven McKoen, QC**



# Event Spotlight



## Can Canada and China Still Learn From Each Other? Balancing Research Partnerships, National Security and Economic Competitiveness

The future of the relationship between Canada and China is back in the news, but what does that mean for Canadian researchers who have been warned about too-close ties to Beijing? The release of Michael Kovrig and Michael Spavor and the resolution of the US-based case against Huawei executive Meng Wanzhou has resolved one tension point between Canada and the emerging super power.

In October 2021, experts from both China and Canada explored how international research partnerships have become tangled in the complex web of national security and economic competitiveness to more than 120 attendees.

**Can Canada and China Still Learn From Each Other?  
Balancing Research Partnerships, National Security and Economic Competitiveness**

*This Event Qualifies for 1.5 CPD Credits*

**Moderator**      **Panelists**

 <b>Stephen Wortley</b> Partner & Chair, Hong Kong Office, McMillan LLP	 <b>Jie Cheng</b> Associate Professor, Allard School of Law, UBC	 <b>Christopher Parsons</b> Senior Research Associate, Citizen Lab	 <b>Gordon Houlden</b> Director Emeritus, China Institute and Professor, Alberta School of Business, UofA	 <b>Paul Evans</b> Professor, School of Public Policy and Global Affairs, UBC
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October 18, 2021 | 9:00-10:30 am PT

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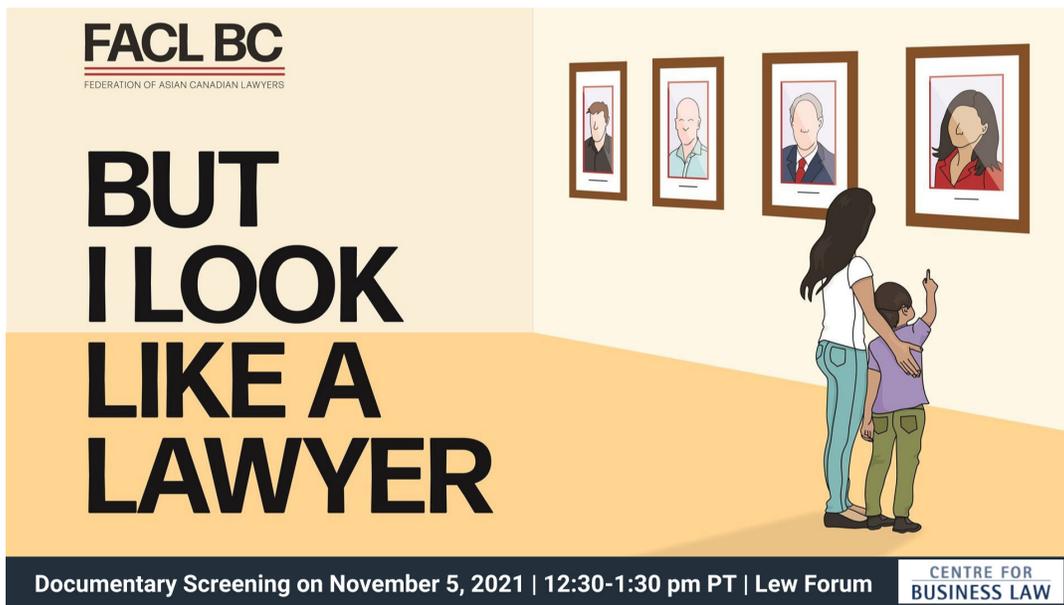


# Event Spotlight

## But I Look Like a Lawyer

In November 2021, the Federation of Asian Canadian Lawyers BC (FACL BC) released its documentary *But I Look Like a Lawyer* which shares stories of the discrimination, stereotyping and bias experienced by members of the Pan-Asian legal community. The documentary aims to increase intercultural awareness and competency, and to surface the complexity of the historical, socio-economic and colonial aspects of these lived experiences. It also seeks to bring renewed attention to *But I Was Wearing a Suit* Parts I and II, spearheaded by leaders in the Indigenous legal community.

Over 1,000 attendees joined in the launch which was simultaneously screened at all three BC law schools. The Centre for Business Law was a community partner and hosted the Allard event. View the documentary at [www.faclbc.ca/documentary](http://www.faclbc.ca/documentary).



The graphic features the FACL BC logo (Federation of Asian Canadian Lawyers) in the top left. The title 'BUT I LOOK LIKE A LAWYER' is written in large, bold, black letters on a yellow background. To the right, an illustration shows a woman and a child looking at four framed portraits of diverse individuals on a wall. At the bottom, a dark blue banner contains the text: 'Documentary Screening on November 5, 2021 | 12:30-1:30 pm PT | Low Forum' and the 'CENTRE FOR BUSINESS LAW' logo.

*Racism does not exist in isolated behaviour but is reflective of what's been built from our colonial and racist histories. We cannot talk about being anti-racist without intersectional solidarity.*

**Dr. Carol Liao**  
Director, Centre for Business Law



The graphic features the FACL BC logo in the top left. A circular portrait of Dr. Carol Liao is on the left. To the right, the text reads 'EPISODE 10 DR. CAROL LIAO'. Below the portrait, it says 'June 15, 2021 Pay Equity & Gender Representation in the Legal Profession and Academia'. At the bottom right, there is a microphone icon and the text 'Sponsor: | Allard | Social Case | @FACL BC'.

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