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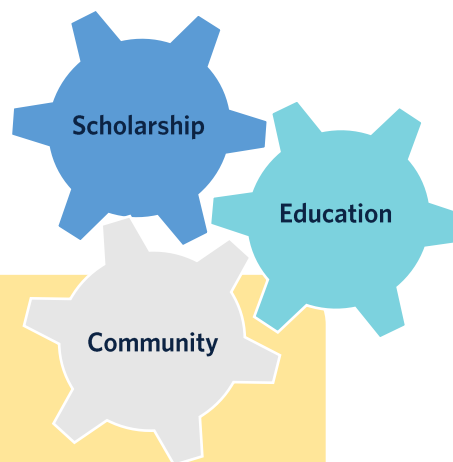
CENTRE FOR --- BUSINESS LAW



Scholarship | Education | Community



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Message from the Chair

Mitchell H. Gropper, Q.C.
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 also a board member in the Greater Vancouver Jewish Federation and the Chancellor and a member of the Board of University of Canada West.

I am honoured to have been appointed as Chair of the Dean's Advisory Committee in January 2020, having been a member of the Committee since the Centre for Business Law was founded in 2006.

Despite the challenges from COVID-19, this has been a continued period of growth for the Centre. Dr. Carol Liao was appointed as Director of the Centre in August 2019. Her expertise and dynamism has given the Centre fresh new energy and direction.

In our 15 month reporting period of August 2019-December 2020, the Centre has hosted a record number of conferences, workshops, and social events. After March 2020, we successfully pivoted to webinars and virtual platforms, creating space for the exchange of ideas on topical issues in business law.

The Centre has forged many collaborative partnerships across UBC, Vancouver, and Canada. We are also home to two of the top business experiential learning programs in the country, the Richards Buell Sutton LLP Business Law Clinic and Norton Rose Fulbright LLP Corporate Counsel Externship.

There is much to celebrate with our Centre for Business Law community. We hope you enjoy our Annual Report. The Centre looks forward to your support of the Centre's initiatives as it continues to thrive.

Mitchell Gropper, Q.C.
Chair, Dean's Advisory Committee



Message from the Director

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 an 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 a 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, specializing in corporate law. 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.

As I reflect on my first year as Director of the Centre for Business Law, I am proud of our accomplishments during the most unusual 2020 year.

We have reinvigorated a dynamic research centre that provides a community of over 3,000 business leaders, practitioners, scholars, and students with access to legal education and networking events year around. In the past 15 months, we have hosted 38 events on a wide range of contemporary business topics including Indigenous business, cannabis law, pay equity, mining governance, climate litigation, access to justice, and post-pandemic green recovery, to name a few.

We have fostered and developed new educational programs housed at the Centre, and also established our inaugural Student Committee, which hosted its first lawyer-student luncheon in March of this year.

Along with our two very successful experiential learning programs and incredible adjunct professors, participating organizations, and students, there is a lot to celebrate.

Our sincerest thanks to the Dean's Advisory Committee, generous sponsors, individual donors, Allard faculty, staff, students, and our business and legal community, for a wonderful year. It was a year filled with connections in spite of the pandemic, and these invaluable connections will continue into 2021.

Dr. Carol Liao
Director, Centre for Business Law



Dean's Advisory Committee

The Dean's Advisory Committee is comprised of highly respected senior members of the business community, legal profession, and judiciary. They provide ongoing strategic advice to the Centre.



Chair
Mitchell H. Gropper, Q.C.
Senior Partner
Farris LLP



Janet Grove
Senior Partner
Norton Rose Fulbright
Canada LLP



Lynne Charbonneau
Administrative Tribunal Judge
The World Bank



Ted Koffman
Senior Partner
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Senior Partner
DLA Piper (Canada) LLP



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Columbia



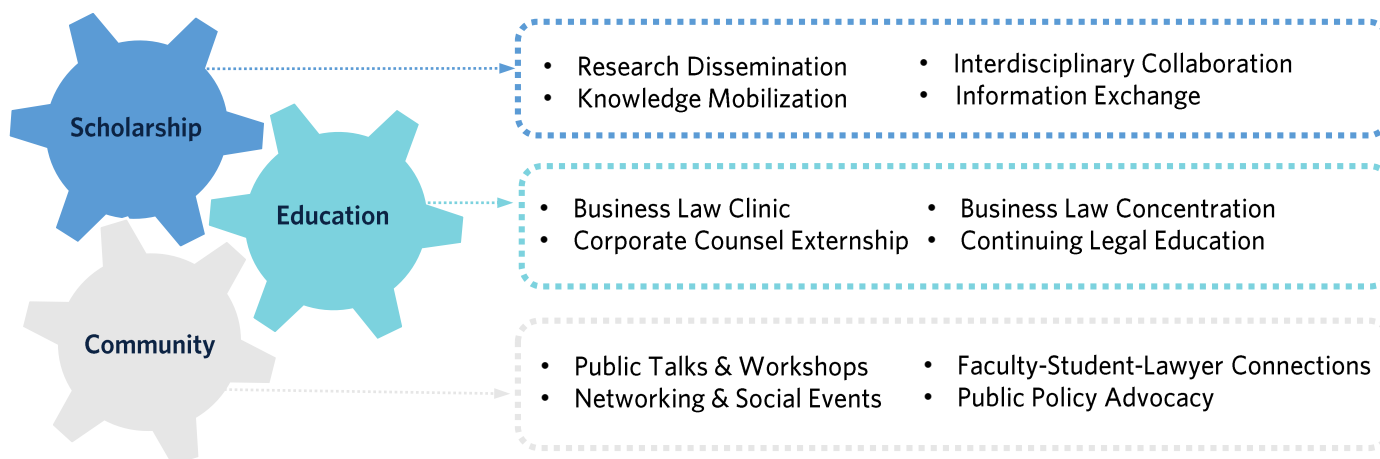
Brenda M. Leong
Chair & CEO
British Columbia Securities
Commission



Tom Theodorakis
Senior Partner
Office Management Partner
McMillan LLP (Vancouver)



Year at a Glance



➤ Events

Aug 2019 - Mar 2020 (Pre-COVID19)			Apr 2020 - Dec 2020 (Since COVID19)		
	23	1,500+		15	1,770+
In-person Events		Participants	Online Events		Participants

➤ Scholars & Students

Research Publications	Business Law Concentration	LLM Tax Program	Experiential Programs
57	29	7	48
by Allard Law Scholars	Graduated Students	Graduated Students	Participating Students

➤ Communications

New Website	3,330+	550	252
	Newsletter Subscribers	Followers	Likes



Canada Climate Law Initiative Knowledge Mobilization & Policy Hub



Canada Climate Law Initiative L'Initiative canadienne de droit climatique

The Canada Law Initiative (CCLI) develops strategies to encourage meaningful governance action by directors and other fiduciaries in the transition to a net-zero carbon economy. CCLI's flagship initiative is the Canadian Climate Governance Experts program, offering pro bono sessions to corporate and pension boards on climate-related risks and opportunities. The CCLI Knowledge Mobilization & Policy Hub at the Centre shares research on the scope of fiduciary obligation with respect to climate change.

Principal Investigators



Dr. Janis Sarra
UBC Presidential
Distinguished
Professor



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



Dr. Carol Liao
UBC Sauder
Distinguished
Scholar

Bracing the Storm: Climate Litigation Risk



Lisa DeMarco
Senior Partner
DeMarco Allan LLP

Liane Langstaff
Associate
Gowling WLG LLP

Janis Sarra
Professor
Allard School of Law

Carol Liao (Moderator)
Director
Centre for Business Law

Co-sponsored with the Canadian Climate Law Initiative, Oshion Centre for Business Ethics at the UBC Sauder School of Business, and PricewaterhouseCoopers

February 13, 2020 7:30 to 8:45am RSVP on our Website!

PwC Canada, 250 Howe St, Suite 1400, Vancouver CENTRE FOR BUSINESS LAW Eligible for CPD Credit

Canada Climate Law Initiative L'Initiative canadienne de droit climatique

A Transition Financing Taxonomy for Canada- Insights from the Global Climate Bond Initiative

Thursday, 4th June, 10:00am Vancouver/6:00pm London, UK



Sean Kidney
Co-founder and CEO
Climate Bonds Initiative, UK
and Member of the EU
Technical Expert Group on
Sustainable Finance

Brian Minns
VP Sustainable Investing,
Abend Capital, Canada and
Member of the CMAA
Transition and Sustainable
Finance Committee

Dr. Janis Sarra
Professor
Peter A. Allard School of Law,
University of British Columbia
Co-Investigator Canada
Climate Law Initiative



Canada Climate Law Initiative L'Initiative canadienne de droit climatique

POST-PANDEMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR A SUSTAINABLE SOCIETY



Dr. Janis Sarra
Professor,
Peter A. Allard School of Law,
University of British Columbia,
Vancouver

Susan McGeachie
Global Director,
Climate Change and
Sustainability Services,
HATCH,
Toronto

Simon Senécal
Portfolio Manager,
Responsible Investment,
AlphaStar Capital Inc,
Montreal

Celine Bak
President and Founder,
Analytics Advisor,
Ottawa



North-South, Arts, Business & Governance





Anti-Corruption Law Program

The Anti-Corruption Law Program (ACLP) is a collaborative partnership in public education programming among the Centre, Transparency International Canada, and the International Centre for Criminal Law Reform & Criminal Justice. The ACLP provides leading anti-corruption education and research through conferences, seminars and colloquia on best practices, drawing upon experts from around the world.

Directors



Joseph Weiler
Professor Emeritus
& Vice Chair
Transparency
International Canada



John Ritchie
Engineer & Past Director
Transparency
International Canada



Vancouver Day of Dialogue



Downstream Impact on Real Estate
Focusing on Money Laundering

Anti-Corruption Education:

What are we teaching future leaders?



Speakers

Dr. David Dick
U Calgary

Dr. Gerry
Ferguson
U Victoria

Dr. Carol Liao
UBC

Dr. Chris
MacDonald
Ryerson U

Webinar:
Thursday, May 28
12PM-1:30PM EST
Registration is Free



Collaboration with



International Centre for
Criminal Law Reform &
Criminal Justice Policy



Mining & Mineral Exploration in a New Global Landscape

This cross-campus seminar series is a collaborative program initiated among the Centre for Business Law, Peter P. Dhillon Centre for Business Ethics, the School of Public Policy and Global Affairs (SPPGA), and the Norman B. Keevil Institute of Mining Engineering. It grew from a cross-faculty research cluster on UBC and brings together different scholars and students across campus to engage in topics relevant to the future of mining and mineral exploration in the age of the Anthropocene.

Collaborators



Dr. Sara Ghebremusse
Assistant Professor
Allard School of Law



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



Dr. Nadja Kunz
Assistant Professor
SPPGA & Keevil
Institute of Mining



Dr. Priya Bala-Miller
CEO & Founder
Palmyra Partners

Environmental and Social Licenses for Mining Projects in India: Assessing Regulatory Gaps and Prospects for Reform

featuring
Dr. Rajesh Chadha and Dr. Srestha Bannerjee of Brookings India

**JUNE 8:
8am PT / 8.30pm DELHI**

Presented in collaboration with
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA | School of Public Policy and Global Affairs | Peter P. Dhillon Centre for Business Ethics, UBC Sauder School of Business

The Challenge of Strengthening Social and Environmental Performance in the Mining Industry

Special Seminar Series: Mining and Minerals Extraction in a New Global Landscape

R. Anthony Hodge, Ph.D., P.Eng.
Former President, International Council on Mining and Metals

Co-hosted with:
NORMAN B. KEEVIL INSTITUTE OF MINING ENGINEERING | UBC SAUDER SCHOOL OF BUSINESS | Peter P. Dhillon Centre for Business Ethics

UPCOMING EVENT
November 20, 2019
5:00 to 7:00pm
Forest Sciences Centre
FSC 1005
UBC Vancouver
FREE Event
No RSVP required
CENTRE FOR BUSINESS LAW

Children's Rights and the Mining Sector
Cross-campus seminar series on Mining & Minerals Extraction in a New Global Landscape

Featuring
Simon Chorley, UNICEF Canada
Dr. Priya Bala-Miller, CIRDI

January 22
12:30pm - 2:00pm
Place of Many Trees
Liu Institute for Global Issues

With financial support from The School of Public Policy and Global Affairs
Professional support from: The Peter P. Dhillon Centre for Business Ethics, UBC Sauder School of Business, The Norman B. Keevil Institute of Mining Engineering, and The Bradshaw Research Initiative for Minerals and Mining

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Collaboration with



Peter P. Dhillon
Centre for Business Ethics





Spotlight: China's Impact on Regulation and the Culture of Business

This event was held on a snowy January evening with a panel of leading practitioners and scholars to discuss China's influence in shaping the trajectory of local and international business standards, and what lawyers could do to better navigate this shifting geopolitical and legal landscape. Over 80 lawyers, executives, policymakers, faculty, and students attended the panel and reception at McCarthy Tétrault LLP.



From left: **Pavan Jawanda**, Partner, McCarthy Tétrault LLP; **Dr. Guo Li**, Vice Dean, Beijing University; **Professor Pitman Potter**, **Dr. Carol Liao**, **Dr. Ljiljana Biuković**, Professors, Allard Law; **Jack Yong**, Partner, Lawson Lundell LLP





Spotlight: China's Impact on Regulation and the Culture of Business



Celebrating the book launch of *Good Governance in Economic Development: International Norms and Chinese Perspectives*, edited by Sarah Biddulph and Ljiljana Biuković (UBC Press, 2019)



Spotlight: Insights into Business Law Practice from Indigenous Lawyers & Lawyers Working with Indigenous Businesses

Co-hosted with Indigenous Legal Studies (ILS), this event featured an esteemed panel of Indigenous business lawyers sharing their experiences on the practice of business law, as well as professionals working with Indigenous businesses and governments to discuss collaborative partnerships. Liam Robertson, Allard JD and ILS student, moderated the insightful session.



From left: **Dr. Carol Liao**, Director, Centre for Business Law; **Melanie McDonald**, Vice President and Regional Director, BMO Trust; **Erin Barnes**, Associate, Clark Wilson LLP; **Martin Sennott**, Shareholder, Boughton Law Corporation; **Alixé Cormick**, Principal, Venture Law Corporation; **Lee Schmidt**, ILS Associate Director; **Liam Robertson**, JD and ILS student



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INDIGENOUS LEGAL STUDIES



Lee Schmidt
Associate Director
Indigenous Legal Studies



Liam Robertson
JD & Indigenous
Legal Studies Student



Spotlight: Screening of 'The New Corporation: The Unfortunately Necessary Sequel' and Q&A with Professor Joel Bakan

In 2003, Professor Joel Bakan's documentary film, *The Corporation*, made waves around the world. Now in 2020, he is back with his new film, *The New Corporation: The Unfortunately Necessary Sequel*, on how the corporate takeover of society is being justified by the rebranding of corporations as socially conscious entities. The Centre co-hosted the virtual screening and Q&A with Professor Bakan along with the UBC Public Humanities Hub and International Justice and Human Rights Clinic (IJHR). The event attracted over 300 people across eight countries.



From top left clockwise: Dr. Mary Chapman, Director of Public Humanities Hub; Professor Joel Bakan, Co-Director; Professor Nicole Barrett, IJHR Director



Joel Bakan
Professor
Allard School of Law

Celebrating the book launch of *The New Corporation: How 'Good' Corporations Are Bad for Democracy* by Joel Bakan (Penguin, 2020)



Co-hosted with



THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
Public Humanities

International Justice
& Human Rights Clinic



Selected Faculty Publications

The Centre continuously advances scholarship through leading-edge research conducted by Allard Law faculty, visiting scholars and partners to complement and expand its scholarly pursuits.



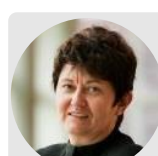
Natasha Affolder Professor
[Contagious Environmental Lawmaking](#)
(2019) 31 J Env'tl L187



Joel Bakan Professor
[The New Corporation: How "Good" Corporations Are Bad for Democracy](#) (Penguin, 2020)



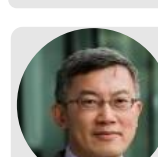
Samuel Beswick Assistant Professor
[Discoverability Principles and the Law's Mistakes](#) (2020) 136 Law Q Rev 139



Ljiljana Biuković Professor
[Good Governance in Economic Development: International Norms and Chinese Perspectives](#) (UBC Press, 2019)



Joost Blom Professor (Emeritus)
[Disclaimers and Exclusion Clauses as Risk-Allocation Devices in Canadian Tort and Contract Law](#) (2019) 93 Sup Ct L Rev 47



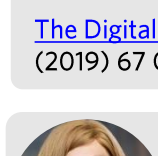
Wei Cui Professor
[The Superiority of the Digital Services Tax over "Significant Digital Presence" Proposals](#) (2019) 72 Nat'l Tax J 839



David Duff Professor
[Income Taxation of Small Business: Toward Simplicity, Neutrality and Coherence](#) in *The Dynamics of Taxation: Essays in Honour of Judith Freedman* (Hart, 2020)

[General Anti-Avoidance Rules Revisited: Reflections on Tim Edgar's 'Building a Better GAAR'](#) (2020) 68 Can Tax J 579

[Taxation of Business Organizations in Canada, 2nd ed](#) (LexisNexis, 2019)



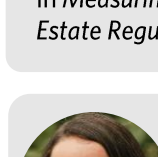
Alexandra Flynn Assistant Professor
[Smart Cities in Canada: Digital Dreams, Corporate Designs](#) (Lorimer, 2020)



[Scattered Governance: A Typology for Toronto's Business Improvement Areas](#) in *Measuring the Effectiveness of Real Estate Regulation* (Springer, 2020)



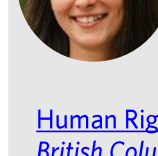
Sara Ghebremusse Assistant Professor
[Can Free, Prior and Informed Consent Combat Mining Land Use Conflicts in Zambia?](#) in *Extractive Industries and Human Rights in an Era of Global Justice* (LexisNexis, 2019)



Bethany Hastie Assistant Professor
[Workplace Sexual Harassment and the "Unwelcome" Requirement: An Analysis of BC Human Rights Tribunal Decisions from 2010 to 2016](#) (2020) 32 CJWL 61



Toby S. Goldbach Assistant Professor
[Why Legal Transplants?](#) (2019) 15 Ann Rev L & Social Sciences 583



Douglas C. Harris Professor
[Condominium Government and the Right to Live in the City](#) (2019) 34 CJLS 371

[Human Rights and Precarious Workplaces: A Comment on British Columbia Human Rights Tribunal v Schrenk](#) (2019) 52 UBC L Rev 169

[Renewing Labour's Engagement with Old Forms of Precarity: A Case Study of Unionization of Migrant Agricultural Workers in British Columbia](#) (2019) 49 LC&S 28



Selected Faculty Publications



Camden Hutchison Assistant Professor
[“The Patriation of Canadian Corporate Law”](#)
(2020) 72 UTLJ 107



Carol Liao Associate Professor
[The Global Social Enterprise Lawmaking Phenomenon: State Initiatives on Purpose, Capital, and Taxation](#) (2019) 36 Windsor YB Access Just 84

[Social Enterprise Law: Friend or Foe to Corporate Sustainability?](#) in *The Cambridge Handbook of Corporate Law, Corporate Governance and Sustainability* (Cambridge, 2019)



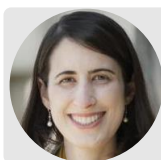
Bruce MacDougall Professor
[Introduction to Contracts, 4th ed](#) (LexisNexis, 2019)



Karin Mickelson Associate Professor
[Common Heritage of Mankind as a Limit to Exploitation of the Global Commons](#) (2019) 30 Eur J Int'l L 635



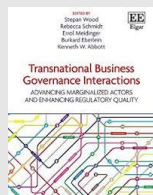
Maziar Peihani Assistant Professor
[Bringing Rule of Law and Fairness to the Dysfunctional World of Sovereign Debt: A Role for Canada?](#) (2019) 56 Osgoode Hall LJ 396



Galit Sarfaty Associate Professor
[Translating Modern Slavery into Management Practice](#) (2020) 45 Law & Soc Inquiry 1027



Stepan Wood Professor
[Transnational Business Governance Interactions: Advancing Marginalized Actors and Enhancing Regulatory Quality](#) (Edward Elgar, 2019)



Michelle LeBaron Professor
[Optimising Performance: How Jungian Alchemy Informs Organisational Transformation](#) (2020) 9 Organizational Aesthetics 62



Li-Wen Lin Assistant Professor
[Say on Purpose: Lessons from Chinese Corporate Charters](#) (2019) 19 J Corp LS 251



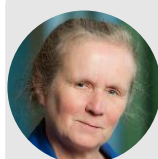
Shigenori Matsui Professor
[Is Law Killing the Development of New Technologies?: Uber and Airbnb in Japan](#) (2019) 25 BU J Sci & Tech L 101



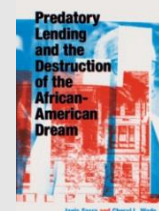
Dennis Pavlich Professor
[Trusts in Common-Law Canada, 3rd ed](#) (LexisNexis Canada, 2019)



Pitman B. Potter Professor (Emeritus)
[Human Rights and China's International Trade and Investment Relations](#) in *Handbook on Human Rights in China* (Edward Elgar, 2019)



Janis Sarra Professor
[Predatory Lending and the Destruction of the African-American Dream](#) (Cambridge, 2020)



[Bad Moon Rising: New Dawn Ahead? Climate Change and Solvency Risk](#) in *Annual Review of Insolvency Law 2019* (Carswell, 2020)

[Crypto-Claimants and Bitcoin Bankruptcy: Challenges for Recognition and Realization](#) (2019) 28 Int'l Insolv Rev 233

[The 2019-2020 Annotated Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act](#) (Thomson Reuters, 2019)



Lawson Lundell LLP UBC Professorship in Business Law



In February 2018, the Allard School of Law announced a \$450,000 donation from Lawson Lundell LLP. Of the total, \$375,000 established a new faculty position, the Lawson Lundell UBC Professorship in Business Law to enhance the Centre's ability to offer outstanding educational programs to support students' learning in business law and the advancement of business law scholarship through leading-edge research.



From top left:
Brad Armstrong, QC
Catherine Dauvergne
Lisa A. Peters, QC
John Smith
Bottom left:
Clifford G. Proudfoot
Kinji Bouchier



Dr. Maziar Peihani
Lawson Lundell UBC
Professor in Business Law

In July 2019, **Dr. Maziar Peihani** was appointed to the Lawson Lundell UBC Professorship of Business Law. His teaching and research focuses on financial and business law, specifically banking regulation, resolution of cross-border bank failures, sovereign debt restructuring, and disclosure and governance of climate-related financial risks.

Prior to joining Allard Law, Dr. Peihani was a Senior Fellow at the Hennick Centre for Business and Law, Research Fellow at the National University of Singapore, and was the lead in-house expert on international financial law at the Centre for International Governance Innovation. He also served as a member of the Task Force on International Financial Architecture for Stability and Development, an advisory to the G20 Argentine Presidency.



Norton Rose Fulbright LLP Corporate Counsel Externship



The Externship provides students with an opportunity to learn directly from experienced corporate counsel. Students are placed in the legal department of an organization on a part-time basis for one academic term.

Adjunct Professor
















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

Program Support



Charles Lee
Assistant Director
Centre for
Business Law

2019-2020 Participating Organizations

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|  BroadbandTV (BBTV) |  PayByPhone |
|  Coast Capital Savings |  Pinnacle Renewable Energy |
|  Electronic Arts |  Sierra Systems |
|  Equinox Gold Corp |  SNC-Lavalin Group |
|  First West Credit Union |  TELUS |
|  FortisBC |  Thunderbird Entertainment
& Atomic Cartoons |
|  Hootsuite Inc. |  TransLink |
|  HSBC Bank Canada |  University of British Columbia |
|  Lululemon Athletica |  Vancity Credit Union |
|  Methanex Corporation |  Visier Inc. |
|  Mogo Inc. | |
|  Mountain Equipment Co-op | |

What organizations say

"Our student has been a fast learner with a great attitude towards new tasks. She's been a big help on some initiatives. This program is recommended for any in-house team who is looking for a little extra help with capacity for mentorship."

"Our student is an absolute gem! We love her. We can throw crazy contracts at her and she works her way through them like a pro. She's working on a giant project with me involving the process and requirements to join NASDAQ and she has been so diligent. We couldn't be more pleased."

What Students Observe During Externship

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

What students say



"Having the chance to apply the very concepts we learn in the classroom has been invaluable for my legal education. I was able to build on my substantive knowledge and be given the opportunity to foster meaningful relationships, gaining professional mentors for life. Needless to say, it has been one of the highlights of my time at law school." - Gabrielle Guarino, JD 2020



Richard Buell Sutton LLP
Business Law Clinic



**RICHARDS
BUELL
SUTTON**
Established in 1871

The Business Law Clinic provides law students with an educational opportunity to use their substantive understanding of business law in a clinical setting for the benefit of the public. Under the supervision of experienced lawyers, the Clinic offers free legal advice to small businesses, non-profit organizations, and individuals who cannot otherwise afford services.

Adjunct Professors



Ryan Black
Senior Partner
DLA Piper LLP



Tyson Gratton
Associate
DLA Piper LLP

Program Support



Kayla Siu
JD Student &
Clinic Assistant

2019-20 Client Profiles

Represented Industries

- E-commerce
- Thrift Shops
- Retail
- Community Involvement
- Technology
- Environmental Advocacy
- Wedding Planning
- Food Systems
- Arts and Media
- Business Services
- Video Games
- Health
- STEM
- E-learning

Where are clients from?

Vancouver 70% Richmond 5%
Burnaby 10% North Vancouver 5%
Coquitlam 10%

Types of Organizations

Corporation 53% Non-profit 47%

Services Provided

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

What clients say

"The clinic is an absolutely invaluable resource. The support offered by its team is unique and it fills such an important gap for the community."

"Thank you so much for your help! I'm so happy we can start our new cultural non-profit."

"We would like to thank all of you for your role in the success of our new company and hope you gain a sense of pride knowing you are helping a student-run business make some serious noise."

What students say



"Most clients are start-up companies and non-profits that may not have the financial ability to pay for a lawyer. I was grateful to be able to assist these clients with their business needs in a meaningful way." - Lily Zhang, JD 2020



Celebrating our Clinical Programs



2020 Business Law Clinic Fall Term Students



2019 Corporate Counsel Externship Reception



Richards Buell Sutton LLP donates \$250,000 in support of the Business Law Clinic



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Superhero Adjunct Professor Ryan Black (art by Jes Villa)



2020 Corporate Counsel Externship Reception



Business Law Concentration

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

Program Support



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Business Law Concentration: Required Course List

- LAW 407 Taxation
- LAW 451 Trusts
- LAW 437 Commercial Transactions
- LAW 463 Securities Regulation
- LAW 438 Secured Transactions
- LAW 459 Business Organizations
- LAW 466 Business Law Capstone

2019-20 Certificate Recipients

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



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| Negin Nicole Alavi | Aakash Taneja |
| Mu Xin | Shaun Oliver Quan |
| Mark Freeman Robinson | Dylan Everett Corbett |
| Joshua Murray | Quinn Eden Marceil |
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| Laurel Tam | Tristan Schmoor |
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| Alexander Tatti | Jun Hyung Lee |
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Annual Welcome Reception

The extraordinary work produced by the Centre goes well beyond the walls of Allard Hall. In January 2020, over 150 celebrated the Centre at the Annual Welcome Reception hosted at The Keg downtown. In 2021, even though we will be physically apart due to COVID-19, we look forward to celebrating together virtually.



Centre for Business Law & Allard Law and Business Society Welcome Reception



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Student Committee

The inaugural Student Committee is comprised of graduate and JD students interested in business law who provide advice and support to the Centre. This year, the Student Committee hosted its first lawyer-student luncheon at Allard Hall, where over 40 lawyers, in-house counsel, faculty, and students had open conversations on how to practice business law for idealists and realists.



Members

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| | Oludolapo Makinde | Sarah Wiley |





Events at a Glance

Sep

Sep 9 Working with Public Companies: Introduction to Life as a Securities Lawyer

Sep 18 Does the Sharing Economy Increase Inequality? An Empirical Strategy

Sep 20 How Can Business Be a Vehicle for Social Good?

Oct

Oct 11 Continuity in Morality and Law

Oct 18 Knowledge Pays: Reversing Information Flows & the Future of Pay Equity

Oct 29 Bridging the Access to Justice Gap: How Business Lawyers Can Contribute

Oct 31 Forum on Pension Fund Investing and Climate Change

Nov

Nov 5 BC Legal Innovation Forum

Nov 7 The Downstream Impact on Real Estate Focusing on Money Laundering

Nov 20 Change Management and the Challenge of Strengthening Social and Environmental Performance of the Mining Industry

Nov 25 Navigating the Practice of Business Law

Dec

Dec 6 Vancouver Day of Dialogue

Jan 14 China's Impact on Regulation and the Culture of Business

Jan

Jan 20 Responsible Investment Trends in Corporate Governance

Jan 22 Transnational Business Governance Interactions: Advancing Marginalized Actors and Enhancing Regulatory Quality

Jan 30 Annual Welcome Reception

Feb

Feb 10 Trustees at Work: Financial Pressures, Emotional Labour, and Canadian Bankruptcy Law

Feb 10 The Climate Crisis: Is the Financial Sector Friend or Foe?

Feb 11 Clinic & Externship Fair

Feb 11 International Tax Nexus: New Challenges in the Era of the Digitalized Economy





Events at a Glance

Mar

Mar 3 Careers in Cannabis Law Forum

Mar 4 Squaring the Circle: How to Practice Business Law for Idealists and Realists

Mar 12 Insights into Business Law Practice from Indigenous Lawyers & Lawyers Working with Indigenous Businesses and Governments

Jun

Jun 4 A Transition Financing Taxonomy for Canada: Insights from the Global Climate Bonds Initiative

Jun 8 Environmental and Social Licenses for Mining Projects in India: Assessing Regulatory Gaps and Prospects for Reform

Jun 25 Fiduciary Obligations with Respect to Climate Change: Q&A with Carol Hansell

Jun 30 Post-Pandemic Opportunities for a Sustainable Society

Jul

Jul 9 Putting Climate Change Risk on the Boardroom Table

Jul 23 Audit Committees and Climate-related Financial Risk: Do You Know Your Role as an Audit Committee Member?

Sep

Sep 13-14 Virtual Colloquium on the Resolution of Financially Distressed Financial Institutions

Sep 16-18 Time for Hope: Developing Innovative Ideas for Moving to a Net Zero Carbon Economy

Sep 17 Predatory Lending and the Destruction of the African-American Dream

Oct

Oct 26 Navigating Recruit While Facing Systemic Barriers

Nov 2 The New Corporation: The Unfortunately Necessary Sequel and Q&A with Joel Bakan

Nov 12 Smart Cities for Canada: Promise and Perils

Nov 24 Norton Rose Fulbright LLP Corporate Counsel Externship Reception

Nov 25-26 Western Legal Innovation Forum

Dec

Dec 10 Canada-China Legal Cooperation: Is there a Path Forward?





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