The Osgoode Certificate in Entertainment Law

Learn the key concepts of entertainment law business and practice from a faculty of more than 25 of Canada’s top experts and dealmakers. This practical, industry-focused program is designed for lawyers and non-lawyers alike.

Program Director
Susan Abramovitch
Gowling Lafleur Henderson LLP

“Very wide breadth of info, covering a lot of topics. Overview was great. Good to see how various aspects of Entertainment Law all interact.”

Laurie Christianson, Manager of Contracts and Documents, Aboriginal Peoples Television Network
Why You Should Attend

The world of arts and entertainment — whether it be music, film, television, live theatre, games or books — can be very creative and exciting. It is also a very challenging and complex environment, particularly for those working behind-the-scenes. If you are working in the industry, as a producer, business affairs professional, artist or lawyer, it is essential that you have a solid understanding of the legal aspects of your work. The Osgoode Certificate in Entertainment Law was created to provide those with or without a law degree with a comprehensive and practical overview of entertainment law in Canada.

Now in its third year, led by Program Director Susan Abramovitch, and taught by a highly distinguished faculty of experts drawn from the music, film, television, gaming, live stage events and publishing industries, this Certificate covers the key principles you need to know, together with practical insights, strategies and tactics for tackling the most pressing issues in entertainment law. This is a one-of-a-kind opportunity to acquire a comprehensive overview, and to “drill down” into the key issues and challenges that you will likely encounter. You will also receive materials prepared by OsgoodePD’s expert faculty which will serve as a valuable ongoing resource.

Don’t miss this exclusive opportunity to get insights and advice from over 25 of Canada’s top entertainment law experts on what it takes to navigate the pitfalls and get deals done.

Key Benefits: What You Will Learn

- What it takes to get a deal done in the music, film, television, book publishing, live stage and gaming industries
- Issues to consider when negotiating with “the talent”
- How the collective bargaining process works
- How tariffs in music are set and how collective rights translate into royalties for artists
- The effect of the “Copyright Pentalogy” on the rights of artists, producers and distributors
- The rights that construct the chain of title and how to avoid drafting pitfalls that would undermine it
- How to effectively navigate the clearance process
- Strategies to employ when negotiating and drafting option, distribution, format and licensing agreements for film and television
- Tips of the trade for negotiating and drafting agreements
- The importance of proper boilerplate clauses in contracts and the risks inherent in using them
- How to maximize your and/or your client’s ability to receive government funding and benefit from tax credits
- Financing a co-production: What you need to know
- How to understand net profits

Who Should Attend

- Producers
- Business Affairs Analysts
- Directors of Business Development/Business Affairs
- Development Executives
- Artists
- In-House Counsel
- Entertainment Lawyers in Private Practice
- Union and Guild Professionals
- Publishers
- Contract Managers and Administrators
- Rights Managers and Directors
- Funding Administrators
- Policy Advisors
This program is designed for everyone whose work requires an understanding of the foundational principles of entertainment law, including producers, directors of business development/business affairs, development executives, artists, contract and rights managers, and lawyers. There will be an emphasis on the practical, and classes will be taught using a blended-delivery method that includes lectures and panel discussions.

THE CURRICULUM

DAY 1
January 19, 2015, 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

The Certificate program will begin with a “big picture” panel presentation that will set the stage for the five days. This panel will give you a top-level understanding of what it takes to get a deal done in each of the music, film, television, book publishing, live stage and gaming industries. Experts will cover:

• Key players in the industry
• Types of deals
• Rights involved in negotiating a deal

Panelists will then drill down what you need to know to negotiate and draft talent contracts in each of the music, film, television and gaming industries. Specifically, the panelists will discuss:

• Issues to consider when negotiating with writers, actors and directors, including:
  - compensation
  - term
  - non-competes
  - cross-branding
  - perks
• Understanding the impact of guild agreements
  - how the collective bargaining process works
  - the effects of guild agreements when minimum standards are exceeded

Faculty
Susan Abramovitch, Gowling Lafleur Henderson LLP  
Dina Appleton, Senior Vice President, Business and Legal Affairs Entertainment One  
Hilary Goldstein, Buchli Goldstein LLP  
Reynolds Mastin, Chief Negotiator & Chief Legal Officer, CMPA  
John Robinson, Counsel, Entertainment One Television  
Ken Dhaliwal, Dentons Canada LLP  
Trevor Fencott, Director, Board of Directors, bitHeads inc.  
Kelly Jenkins, Director, Business Affairs, Temple Street Productions

DAY 2
January 20, 2015, 9:00 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Day 2 will pick up where the first day left off and continue to examine the essentials of negotiating and drafting talent contracts, specifically in the music industry. The panelists will discuss:

• Collective Administration in Music
  - what music rights lend themselves to collectivization
  - how tariffs in music are set

- how collective rights translate into royalties for artists

The focus will then shift towards an understanding of who owns rights to the various art forms, how these rights are acquired and what can be done to protect these rights. Days 2 & 3 will focus on these rights in significant detail in order to ensure that you have a thorough appreciation of the issues involved, including:

• The effect of the “Copyright Pentalogy” on the rights of artists, producers and distributors
• The rights that construct the chain of title and how to avoid common drafting pitfalls that would undermine the chain
• How to effectively navigate the clearance process, including:
  - finding the source of a right
  - requesting a clearance
  - understanding the timing involved in clearances and factoring this into other production decisions
  - what to do when a clearance is not approved
  - the lawyer’s role in reviewing the clearance reports and insurance forms and the risks inherent in the process

Faculty
C. Paul Spurgeon, Barrister & Solicitor  
Casey Chisick, Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP  
Richard Pfohl, General Counsel, CONNECT Music Licensing  
Kevin Sartorio, Gowling Lafleur Henderson LLP  
David Steinberg, Dentons Canada LLP  
Tara Parker, Goodmans LLP  
Alan Hollingsworth, Vice President & Partner, Hub International Limited  
Damian Schleifer, Vice President, Front Row Insurance

DAY 3
January 21, 2015, 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Day 3 will begin with a look at the publishing and theatre industries with a particular focus on the following topics:

• An overview of the difference between full publishing, co-publishing and publishing administration agreements and when each should be used
• Key clauses in book publishing contracts:
  - rights granted
  - electronic rights
  - foreign rights
  - reversions

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• The underlying rights to be considered in live stage agreements when the material is in the public domain, copyrighted or commissioned under copyright
• Theatre venue agreements and investor and grant agreements

You will then hear from a panel of legal practitioners and business leaders with respect to social media and emerging law. This new session will explore the various common legal issues facing businesses engaged in social media.

The remainder of the day will consist of an in-depth session on film and television agreements, taught by experienced producers, lawyers and entertainment executives. This panel will provide you with a thorough understanding of the details you need to consider when negotiating or drafting various types of agreements.

Faculty
Michael Levine, Chairman, Westwood Creative Artists
Asha Daniere, EVP, Business and Legal Affairs, Blue Ant Media
Dean J. Chenoy, Miller Thomson LLP
Rich Rapkowski, Senior Vice President, Business and Legal Affairs Entertainment One
Scott Garvie, Senior Vice President, Shaftesbury Films Inc.
Jamie Brown, Chief Executive Officer & Executive Producer, Frantic Films

DAY 4
January 22, 2015, 9:00 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Day 4 begins with a look at the foundations of an entertainment agreement and the boilerplate clauses that are commonly used, such as those relating to:
• Representations and warranties
• Indemnification provisions
• Choice of law/choice of venue
• Assignment of rights
• Termination

You will also hear from a litigator about what to look out for when relying on boilerplate clauses and your ethical responsibilities when doing so.

The examination of entertainment agreements will continue with a specific focus on the music industry. Experts will discuss the differences between licensing and distribution agreements in music, including the rights granted and allocation of responsibilities for marketing, promotion and recording.

In the afternoon, the program will begin its focus on how to maximize and understand your profits. You will learn from those who control, count and analyze the money earned and spent in the Canadian entertainment industry. They will discuss what you need to know to ensure that you are maximizing your ability to receive government funding and benefit from the tax credits available.

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Susan Abramovitch, Gowling Lafleur Henderson LLP
Darlene Gilliland Tonelli, Inter Alia Law
Bob Tarantino, Dentons Canada LLP
Nicholas Kluge, Gowling Lafleur Henderson LLP
Johanne Mennie, Director, Canadian Audio-Visual Certification Office (CAVCO), Department of Canadian Heritage
Stephen Selznick, Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP

DAY 5
January 23, 2015, 9:00 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Day 5 concludes the program’s look at how to maximize your money and understand your profits. It will include discussion about what you need to know when financing a co-production, the different tax credits available, how they relate to the CAVCO points, and how to structure agreements to maximize your benefits.

The program will conclude with a session on alternate Canadian film financing structures. Topics will include:
• The pros and cons
• Domestic “Canadian content”
• CRTC co-ventures
• International treaty co-productions
• Service productions

Faculty
David Zitzerman, Goodmans LLP
Lisa Drolet, Director, Business Affairs, Entertainment One
Carolyn Stamegna, Goodmans LLP
Jean-Martin Masse, Barrister & Solicitor
Susan Abramovitch, Gowling Lafleur Henderson LLP
Alex Dhanjal, Partner, Technology and Media Tax Incentives KPMG Canada

“Learning something new every day. All the speakers were great. Subject matter very relevant and interesting.”
Alwyn Kumst, The Picture Man Inc.

“I will make great use of these materials in my own practice and with my clients.”
John Warburton, Consultant
The Osgoode Certificate in Entertainment Law draws on the expertise and experience of leading entertainment lawyers, agents and executives, including:

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2. ONLINE at www.osgoodepd.ca

3. FAX your registration to 416.597.9736

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Certificate of Program Completion
You will receive a certificate upon completion of The Osgoode Certificate in Entertainment Law. Participants must attend all program modules and pass a take-home exam to receive a certificate.