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Mary Plahouras, CFE, LLM  
Manager, MNP LTD

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**Trevor Noronha**, LLB, LLM (Banking & Financial Services Law), Senior Capital Markets and Derivatives Lawyer

“The highlight of [my] experience in the program has been the wealth of knowledge, excellent course instructors [and] networking.”

**Mary Plahouras**, CFE, LLM (Bankruptcy and Insolvency Law), Manager, MNP Ltd.

## Program Features



### Designed for working professionals

You'll get an academic experience through coursework that enhances your skillset and is tailored to the working professional. If you want to complete a major research paper, you have that option.



### Top-notch instructors

Get access to some of the leading minds in corporate and commercial law and leverage their experiences to help your growth.



### Convenient and flexible

You'll take courses in a combination of intensive, weekly formats to minimize your time away from other commitments.



### Accessible from anywhere

This program can be completed exclusively through video conferencing. (Refer to website for details on each course.)



### Build your network

Study and build relationships with professionals from around the globe right in your classroom. These are your future friends, clients and colleagues.



### Diverse set of peers

Open to candidates with a JD/LLB and to professionals with a university degree, superior academic record and work experience related to business law.



## Program Format

This two-year, part-time degree requires completion of 36 credits obtained through coursework and a Major Research Paper, or coursework only.

Your progress and performance are evaluated through papers, presentations and take-home assignments. Each LLM course incorporates a research requirement, which is typically evaluated on the basis of one or more papers.

## Required Courses

### Advanced Banking Law [3 credits]

This foundational course introduces students to banking and financial services fundamentals. It is designed to provide students with an overview as to the function of banking and the legal framework that governs banking institutions, their operations and principal transactions. The purpose of the course is to set the stage for in-depth study of all such subjects in the more detailed courses on respective topics that follow.

### Advanced Bankruptcy and Insolvency Law [3 credits]

This course deals at an advanced level with the legal principles and practical aspects of the granting of credit and the taking of security by Canadian financial institutions, having regard to the security provisions in the Canadian Bank Act and the personal property security legislation now in force in various provinces.

### International Financial Markets [3 credits]

This course considers the international aspects of banking and finance. The globalization phenomenon is nowhere more evident than in the financial markets where the absence of international law poses a variety of new challenges for business lawyers. Emphasis is given to advising clients in relation to cross border transactions including public and private issues of debt and equity, loan syndications and sub participations, securitizations, treasury products including foreign exchange transactions and interest rate and currency swaps. Finally cross border restructurings are analyzed with case studies involving how to advise domestic and international clients in relation to large scale commercial failures.

### Consumer Protection in Financial Services [3 credits]

Taking a comparative and transnational approach, this course will examine the organization, nature and performance of the financial services industry. Further, this course will examine the standards by which corporations are judged as performing appropriately and successfully.

### Anti-Money Laundering and Financial Crimes [3 credits]

This course will take an in-depth look at anti-money laundering and other financial crimes (i.e. other fraud schemes, capital market manipulation, terrorist financing) within the financial services sector. The course will also examine the various domestic and international legal protections against such crimes.

### Privacy Issues in the Financial Services Sector [3 credits]

A new course which looks at the unique privacy issues within the financial services sector.

The full list of courses will be available on our website.

### Additional Electives

Financial Law LLM students may also choose courses from a selection of complementary LLM programs for credit towards completion of their degree. Visit [osgoodepd.ca/finance](http://osgoodepd.ca/finance) for a complete list of related elective courses.

Note: Faculty, curriculum, course descriptions, degree requirements and tuition are subject to change without notice. Please visit our website for the most up-to-date information.



#### CPD accredited for legal practitioners

OsgoodePD is an Accredited Provider of Professionalism Content by the LSO. All of our LLM courses are eligible for substantive CPD hours and some are eligible for professionalism hours.



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Please visit our website for up-to-date details on fees, including scholarships, payment schedules, video conferencing costs, future start dates and application deadlines.

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