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## **IP Regimes May Delay a Timely Delivery of New COVID-19 Vaccines**

January 5, 2021 by Jin Xu

As the Northern hemisphere entered winter, the threat of COVID-19 looms even greater than before. Cold air and more time spent indoors are likely to increase the transmission of COVID-19 drastically. Many individuals and governments are putting their hope into a breakthrough on a vaccine to keep them safe. But current intellectual property (IP) regimes may hinder and delay life-saving vaccines.

In Canada, the US and the EU, a patent can be valid up to 20 years after its filing, which means that the company which develops a COVID-19 vaccine can have a stranglehold on the production and pricing of the vaccine for two decades. This can have a significant impact on the ability for most populations to receive the vaccine. With over 1.2 Million deaths and 47 Million cases globally, any delay on the implementation of the vaccine will lead to disastrous loss of life.

*Written by Jin Xu, second year JD candidate at Osgoode Hall Law School.*

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### **It's Called Fashion Law, Osgoode—Look It Up**

January 7, 2021 by Eloise Somera

On November 9, 2020, the Osgoode Fashion Law Society (OFLS) hosted its annual Fashion Law Panel (virtually, of course). The panelists consisted of a range of industry experts, including the founder of the OFLS and recent graduate of Osgoode, Alessia Monastero. At this panel, attendees gained insight on what fashion law entails, how to get involved with it, and where it is predicted to go in the future.

*Written by Eloise Somera, IPilogue Editor and JD Candidate at Osgoode Hall Law School.*

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### **IP Innovation Clinic Chatbot Launch Event**

29 January 2021

IP Osgoode will be hosting the virtual IP Innovation Clinic Chatbot Launch Event to showcase the [IP Innovation Clinic ChatBot](#), which was developed to support the provision of free access to basic IP information in a timely, effective and user-friendly way.

**For more information and to register please click [here](#).**

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## Montreal's Free Software Development Conference

15 January 2021

Dawson College will be hosting for the fifth year Montreal's free one-day software conference. This conference is bringing speakers from around the world to speak to students and developers on a wide range of topics concerning software development.

Visit the [website](#) for more details.

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## IP Picks of the Week

A number of fees at the [Canadian Intellectual Property Office](#) (CIPO) have increased by 2% as of January 1, 2021 due to application of the [Service Fees Act](#). As a result of this fee adjustment, the amounts shown in the [Tariff of Fees](#) in Schedule 2 of the [Patent Rules](#) may not be up-to-date. CIPO has published an [updated fee schedule here](#).

The Office of the Chief Economist at the [United States Patent and Trademark Office](#) (USPTO) in collaboration with the USPTO's Patent Organization and [the Office of Policy and International Affairs](#) published a report on the increasing importance of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in invention. Read the full report [here](#).



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