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PROFILE

Ryan Fritsch is experienced in teaching, litigating, and leading community and corporate social justice initiatives as a Toronto-based health law, human rights, and administrative law lawyer.

EDUCATION

McGill University, Faculty of Law — Montreal — LL.M., 2010

University of Windsor, Faculty of Law — Windsor — LL.B., 2005

University of Victoria, Department of Political Science — Victoria — B.A., 2002

EMPLOYMENT

LEGAL AID ONTARIO — LEAD, MENTAL HEALTH STRATEGY

2012 — PRESENT

Leading development & implementation of a province-wide, corporate-wide [Mental Health Strategy](#) for Legal Aid Ontario, one of North America's largest providers of legal aid and justice services supporting over 6,000 lawyers.

PSYCHIATRIC PATIENT ADVOCATE OFFICE — LEGAL COUNSEL —

2008-2012

Member of the senior management team responsible for advocacy services to over 30,000 in-patient psychiatric clients each year across 10 regional offices and 70 hospitals. Additionally responsible for media relations, provincial law reform, test case litigation, knowledge transfer & staff training, and corporate performance measures.

UNIVERSITY OF WINDSOR, FACULTY OF LAW — SESSIONAL PROFESSOR

2012-PRESENT

Lecturing on Mental Health and the Law, surveying a broad array of criminal, health law, capacity, human rights, privacy, professional ethical and tribunal law.

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

TORONTO POLICE SERVICES — MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

2009 — PRESENT

Advise the Toronto Police Services Board and management on mental health issues.

**PROVINCE OF ONTARIO — PROVINCIAL HUMAN SERVICES AND JUSTICE
COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

2012 — PRESENT

Member of a six-Ministry provincial-level committee coordinating mental health services across the justice, policing, corrections, youth, and health care systems.

LAW COMMISSION OF ONTARIO — DISABILITY ADVISORY BOARD

2010 — 2012

Advised the LCO on several law reform papers involving health care and human rights, disability, discrimination and governance.

OSGOODE HALL SOCIAL INNOVATION LAB

2014 — PRESENT

Spearheading one of the first “social innovation labs” in Canadian legal community to increase access to justice for litigants with mental disabilities.

RECENT MEDIA INTERVIEWS

Shameful profiling of the mentally ill — NY Times (December 7, 2013)

Legal Aid releases pioneering mental health strategy — Toronto Star (December 3, 2013)

Cross-border disclosure of mental health records — Newstalk 1010 Radio Jim Richards Show (November 29, 2013)

Ontario's Mental Health Crisis – TVO broadcast of The Agenda with Steve Paikin (January 7, 2011)

RECENT SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Canadian Bar Association — Legal Futures Conference (August 2014)

Addictions and Mental Health Ontario — Provincial Conference (May 2014)

Centre for Addiction and Mental Health — Police Record Checks (August 15, 2013)

Ontario Provincial Police — Conference on Crisis Intervention Teams (May 10, 2012)