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David received his Bachelor of Computing from the University of Guelph in 2008. For most of his technical career, David developed solutions for complex customer issues at Dell EMC. On nine occasions, he received an Excellence Award for his focus on customer satisfaction, dedication, passion, and initiative. David transitioned to a new career in law and received his Juris Doctor from Osgoode Hall Law School in 2021.

Osgoode awarded David with multiple prizes for the course and subject areas, and for excellence beyond academic achievement. David received the Honourable Paul Bentley '77 Prize for Professionalism as the student in the Trial Advocacy course who best embodied the late Justice Paul Bentley's qualities of civility, gentility, and professionalism. David also received the Osgoode Hall Law Journal Prize for the Senior Editor who demonstrated a commitment to legal scholarship and the collective endeavor of publishing outstanding legal articles. Finally, David received a Student Honour Award in recognition of his outstanding contribution to student activities at the law school.

David is a national mooting champion. At the 2021 Adam F. Fanaki Competition Law Moot, David and his team won overall Best Faculty. Additionally, together with his teammate, David won Best Respondent Team and Best Respondent Factum. Finally, David also won Best Respondent Oralist. David has also enjoyed success in a variety of other debates, oration contests, and mooting cups. Notably, he received a Top Oralist award at the 2019 Frozen Open Osgoode Moot and represented his school at both the 2019 Cassels Brock Cup and the 2020 Wilson Equality Moot, where he helped his team place third overall.

David is a keen public speaker. He is a member and past president of both the Tuesday Literary Club and the Ruskin Literary and Debating Society: two public speaking organizations that have worked to improve their members' oration skills for more than a century each. At the Tuesday Literary Club, he is a recipient of the Harry Fairhead Award of Merit. At Ruskin, he is a recipient of the George Sunderland Prize and the Ian Galt Award.

David was deeply involved at his law school. He served as the Director of Production at the Osgoode Hall Law Journal where he passionately maintained the highest standards of legal scholarship. He served three pro bono community legal clinics: The Innovation Clinic, the Venture Capital Clinic, and the Investor Protection Clinic. As Vice President of the Osgoode Mooting Society, he worked to cultivate interest in mooting among first-year law students. As Vice President of the Disability Collective, he advocated for his peers with special needs. In his first year, his section awarded him the "MVP" Award.

David is an athlete, team leader, and adventurer. He participates in triathlon, captained two-floor hockey teams, portaged the backcountry in northern Ontario, bicycled solo 600-kilometers across southern Ontario, hiked Mount Kilimanjaro, and is learning to hang glide.

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