

Dickinson Named Co-Director of University of Waterloo's Economic Development Program

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Millier Dickinson Blais partner Brock Dickinson has been named Co-Director of the University of Waterloo's Economic Development Program.

The Program, operating for decades now as a partnership between the University of Waterloo and the Economic Developers Association of Canada (EDAC), is responsible for designing and delivering professional training and education programs leading to certification for English-speaking economic developers in Canada. The Economic Development Program delivers seminars and sessions at locations across the country, and has recently been experimenting with programs in the United States and Europe.

Dickinson has been teaching in the Program since 1999, and has served as Assistant Director of the Program since 2007. In his new role, he will be developing additional seminars on emerging topics and issues.

"In addition to our upcoming seminar on Communities in Transition in Quebec City in September, we will be rolling out several new programs," Dickinson suggested. "These will include a Social Media seminar in Alberta this fall and a Year Two certification program in Saskatoon in November. We're also exploring a new initiative to develop training programs in support of local economic development in six countries in southeastern Europe, including Bosnia, Croatia and Serbia. I see this new role as a great opportunity to continue to expand the range and impact of the Program's training in the future."