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Expertise
Corporate
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Bar Admissions
Ontario, 1999

One of Canada's most respected leaders in corporate governance and corporate and securities law, Poonam is trusted by clients for her expansive legal knowledge, sound business judgment and expertise gained from distinguished service as a director on multiple public and private company boards.

Strategic and pragmatic, Poonam provides incisive counsel to boards, special committees and management teams on a wide range of corporate governance matters, including board structure and effectiveness, disclosure, ESG, strategy and risk. She also has extensive experience conducting governance reviews and independent investigations, and she is regularly asked to serve as an expert witness in significant corporate and securities disputes.

Clients benefit from Poonam's unique mix of superb legal skills and expertise acquired through her many business, regulatory, academic and public policy leadership roles. Her experience as a corporate director on the boards of public and private sector organizations, in industries ranging from mining and infrastructure to transportation and healthcare, allows her to hone in on clients' needs and expectations.

Poonam is a tenured professor of law at Osgoode Hall Law School and the York Research Chair in Corporate Governance, Investor Protection and Financial Markets. She is a former Associate Dean at the law school and is the founder of its Business Law LLM program and the co-founder of the Osgoode Investor Protection Clinic, the first of its kind in Canada. She teaches current and aspiring directors in the ICD-Rotman Directors Education Program.

RECOGNITIONS

Order of Ontario (2024)

Institute of Corporate Directors—ICD Fellowship Award (2024)

Women's Executive Network—100 Most Powerful Women in Canada (2011, 2023)

Governance Professionals of Canada—Peter Dey Achievement in Governance Award (2022)

Royal Society of Canada—Yvan Allaire Medal (2021)

Law Society of Ontario—Law Society Medal (2021)

Attorney General of Ontario—David W. Mundell Medal for Excellence in Legal Writing (2021)

DAVIES

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Canadian Lawyer Magazine—Canada's Top 25 Most Influential Lawyers: Corporate-Commercial Law (2015, 2017)

South Asian Bar Association of Toronto—Female Lawyer of the Year (2010)

Canadian Association of South Asian Lawyers—Award of Professional Excellence (2009)

Indo-Canada Chamber of Commerce—Female Professional of the Year (2008)

Canada's Top 40 Under 40 Award (2005)

University of Toronto—Arbor Award (2004)

INSIGHTS

Davies Governance Insights 2020, contributor
Oct. 05, 2020

Davies Governance Insights 2019, contributor
Oct. 03, 2019

Davies Governance Insights 2018
Oct. 03, 2018

Legal Privilege: Are You Protected?
Oct. 25, 2017

Davies Governance Insights 2017
Oct. 02, 2017

When the OSC Comes Knocking
Aug. 15, 2017

Second Opinions Still the Exception
July 11, 2017

If Pills Are Out, Are Private Placements In?
Jan. 12, 2017

Yukon Appeal Court's *InterOil* Decision Based on Cold, Hard and Questionable Facts
Dec. 02, 2016

Parents' Subsidiary Liabilities Hit Home, co-author
Mar. 06, 2016

EDUCATION

Institute of Corporate Directors, ICD.D, 2015
Harvard Law School, LLM, 1997
University of Toronto, LLB (Silver Medallist), 1995

BOARD MEMBERSHIPS

Colliers International Group Inc. (NASDAQ, TSX:CIGI)
Solaris Resources Inc. (TSX : SLS)

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DRI Healthcare Trust (TSX : DHT.U)

Banque de l'infrastructure du Canada

Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital

Fondation canadienne de recherche sur la gouvernance

Jays Care Foundation

Fonds de placement immobilier d'immeubles résidentiels Canadien, ancienne fiduciaire

St. Clement's School, conseil des gouverneurs, ancienne fiduciaire

Arizona Mining, ancienne administratrice (TSX : AZ)

Commission des valeurs mobilières de l'Ontario, ex-administratrice et commissaire

Autorité aéroportuaire du Grand Toronto, ancienne administratrice

Cole Engineering, ex-administratrice et présidente du conseil

Women's College Hospital, ancienne administratrice

TEACHING ENGAGEMENTS

Poonam is a full professor at Osgoode Hall Law School, where she teaches Business Associations, Advanced Securities Regulation, Corporate Governance and Boards of Directors. An award-winning and dynamic presenter, Poonam also teaches at the ICD-Rotman Directors Education Program on topics that include directors' duties and directors' liability.