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Expertise
Corporate
Capital Markets and Securities
Corporate Governance
Mergers and Acquisitions

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 Full Professor of Law, Distinguished Research Professor 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

York University
Distinguished Research Professor
2026

American College of Governance Counsel
Fellow
2025

Government of Ontario
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

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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

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

Caldwell
Canada's Top 40 Under 40 Award
2005

University of Toronto
Arbor Award
2004

External Engagements

Article
Parents’ Subsidiary Liabilities Hit Home, co-author
Mar 6, 2016
Listed Magazine

Insights

Poonam Puri Honoured Twice
Jun 24, 2026

Poonam Puri Appointed to the Order of Ontario
Jan 8, 2025

Poonam Puri Awarded David W. Mundell Medal for Excellence in Legal Writing
Oct 8, 2021

Poonam Puri Awarded Royal Society of Canada’s Yvan Allaire Medal
Sep 16, 2021

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Canadian Lawyer Spotlights Poonam Puri's Career in Law
Sep 13, 2021

Poonam Puri Receives Ontario's Law Society Medal
May 27, 2021

Davies Governance Insights 2020
Oct 5, 2020

Davies Governance Insights 2017
Oct 2, 2017

Education

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

Bar Admissions

Ontario, 1999

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.

Board Memberships

Colliers International Group Inc. (NASDAQ, TSX: CIGI)
Propel Holdings (TSX: PRL)
Solaris Resources Inc. (TSX: SLS), former board member
DRI Healthcare Trust (TSX: DHT.U)
Highlander Silver (TSX: HSLV)
Canada Infrastructure Bank
Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital
Canadian Foundation for Governance Research
Jays Care Foundation
August Gold, former board member
Canadian Apartment Properties Real Estate Investment Trust, former trustee
St. Clement's School, Board of Governors, former trustee
Arizona Mining (TSX: AZ), former director
Ontario Securities Commission, former director and commissioner
Greater Toronto Airports Authority, former director
Cole Engineering, former director and chair
Women's College Hospital, former director