

Poonam Puri

Professor Poonam Puri is a seasoned corporate director, trusted governance advisor, practicing lawyer, and leading Canadian scholar of corporate law and governance. She is a Full Professor at Osgoode Hall Law School, the York Research Chair in Corporate Governance, Investor Protection and Financial Markets, and CEO of Puri Consulting Limited, a boutique governance consulting firm she founded in 2003, that advises public and private companies, pension funds, Crown corporations, governments and regulators and large not-for-profits on complex governance matters.

Professor Puri is a former York Senate Chair, Osgoode Associate Dean Academic and Osgoode Associate Dean Research. Professor Puri is also a practicing lawyer and affiliated scholar with Davies, Ward, Phillips & Vineberg LLP, where she provides advice to clients of the firm on a range of complex governance matters. An experienced corporate director, she serves on the boards of several public and private companies, not for profits and Crown corporations. Current boards include Colliers (TSX/Nasdaq: CIGI), Propel Holdings (TSX: PRL) and DRI Healthcare Trust (TSX:DHT.UN).

Professor Puri is currently Head of the Capital Markets Initiative of the Johnston Centre for Governance Innovation, housed at the Rotman School of Management. Professor Puri has also served as Co-Director of the Hennick Centre for Business and Law, a joint initiative of Osgoode Hall Law School and the Schulich School of Business at York University, and she is a former Head of Research and Policy at the Capital Markets Institute at Rotman. She is the Founder and Director of the Business Law LLM at Osgoode Professional Development, and in 2016, she co-founded the Osgoode Investor Protection Clinic, the first of its kind in Canada, for which she serves as Academic Director.

Professor Puri has been recognized with the Order of Ontario (2025), the Institute of Corporate Directors Fellowship Award (2024), the Peter Dey Governance Achievement Award (Governance Professionals of Canada, 2022), the Yvan Allaire Medal for Outstanding Contributions in Governance (2021, Royal Society of Canada), Law Society of Medal (2021, Law Society of Ontario) and the David Walter Mundell Medal for Excellence in Legal Writing (Attorney General of Ontario, 2020). She has also been named as one of Canada's top 25 most influential lawyers in 2015 and 2017, and as a WXN Top 100 Most Powerful Woman in Canada (2023 and 2011), among other distinctions.