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Who We Are and What We Do

The Institute of Corporate Directors (ICD) is a not-for-profit, member-based association representing Canadian directors and boards across the for-profit, not-for-profit, credit unions, and Crown sectors. With over 18,000 members and 11 Chapters nationwide, the ICD fosters a community of learning, leadership, and impact.

We are dedicated to strengthening trust and confidence in Canadian organizations by developing and activating directors. Through education, advocacy, and thought leadership, we help directors anticipate, influence, and address the complex challenges of board governance.

Our members gain access to world-class programs, including the ICD-Rotman Directors Education Program and ongoing professional development that advances excellence in board leadership. The ICD also offers practical tools, resources, and a strong network of peers to help directors make informed, effective decisions in the boardroom.

Through our advocacy and partnerships, we represent directors' perspectives and promote good governance practices that contribute to better boards, better decisions, and a better Canada.



Rahul K. Bhardwaj, LL.B, ICD.D President and Chief Executive Officer

As President and CEO of the Institute of Corporate Directors, Rahul Bhardwaj leads a Canadian not-for-profit association of more than 18,000 members committed to improving national outcomes by growing the board leadership and governance capacities within Canadian businesses, agencies and not-for-profits.



Mr. Bhardwaj currently serves on the boards of the Institute of Corporate Directors, the Canadian Foundation for Governance Research, past Chair and current Executive Committee of the Global Network of Director Institutes, the Leader Council at the Ian O. Ihnatowycz Institute for Leadership at Ivey Business School, and as Director Emeritus at the Rideau Hall Foundation. His corporate governance vision has made Mr. Bhardwaj a sought-after presenter, speaker and media commentator in Canada and across the globe.

Prior to joining the ICD, Rahul was a corporate lawyer at a leading Canadian law firm, and later, President and CEO of the Toronto Foundation. He was also Vice President of the Toronto 2008 Olympic Bid and, as part of the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Fiscal review panel in 2008, Rahul was involved in identifying efficiencies for the City of Toronto. In 2012, his commitment to city building was recognized as he received the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal. Toronto Life magazine named him one of "The Most Influential" people in the city, and he was named to the Quadrangle Society at Massey College.



Subject Matter Expertise

Mr. Bhardwaj is widely regarded as an expert in the following areas relating to corporate governance, in Canada and across the globe:

Artificial intelligence

Board equity, diversity and inclusion

Board governance best practices

Board oversight

Cybersecurity

Director Education and recruitment

Director-shareholder engagement

Directors' liability

Environmental, social and governance

Executive and board member compensation

Shareholder activism

Succession planning



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