

## Director-at-Large – Raman Johal



A seasoned estates lawyer and partner at Gowling WLG (Canada) LLP, Raman Johal brings to the Society a keen understanding of elder law matters, as well as a deep compassion for the personal, sensitive and oftentimes complex decisions that surround them.

Over the course of her career, Raman has helped numerous families navigate the impact of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. Raman continues to work frequently with individuals to prepare enduring powers of attorney and, when necessary, obtain court orders for guardianship if a person is incapable of managing themselves or their affairs.

Raman is highly active within Canada's estate community. Raman is the past chair of the CBA Wills & Trusts Vancouver subsection and has contributed to the *Continuing Legal Education Society of British Columbia Estate Planning and Wealth Preservation Manual*, the *British Columbia Probate and Estate Administration Practice Manual* and the *Canadian Association of Gift Planner's Executors' Guide*.

Inside and outside of her legal practice, Raman devotes significant time to a number of charitable organizations. She has served and continues to serve as a trusted adviser to charitable and not-for-profit organizations including the Canadian Association of Gift Planners Greater Vancouver Chapter (as Past-Chair) and Coast Mental Health Foundation (Director).

Raman is also adept at estate administration work. Raman has experience obtaining grants of administration when there is an urgency or a risk to property, advising the executor or administrator on their fiduciary obligations and advising on the implications of litigation on estate administration.

Raman understands issues of gender and racial bias in estate matters and how to ensure that these issues do not interfere with the fair distribution of estates or the care for the elderly.