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Fun fact:

In pursuit of keeping myself fit, I play badminton and cricket. But it's so hard to do it regularly, but I try to keep up my routine.

Why have you joined GPC?

I want to be part of a governance organization that provides opportunities to learn and network.

Why do you think GPC is an important organization for any governance professional to belong to in Canada?

At the national level, GPC is one of the organizations which supports governance professionals by providing education related to governance, opportunities through various forums to share governance best practices and issues. It also offers the chance to engage with like-minded individuals who can help each other.

How did you get into governance and your current role?

I am a legally qualified governance professional. I wanted to be organized and have processes in place for most of things I do from my early days. Naturally, I was attracted to governance. Also, legal and governance go hand in hand. Being in this role is not by chance. I worked hard and sculptured myself to be where I am now.

What does governance mean to you?

Putting a structure around how you do something. It should be inclusive, accountable, and transparent.

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What do you believe is a key topic right now in the governance industry?

Diversity and inclusion, digital, cyber and data governance. Governance professionals have a key role to play.

Where do you see, or would like to see the role of governance in the next few years?

Governance is an industry and profession on its own. It should stand alone and be recognized. Many organizations find the value of sound corporate governance. I dream the same happens to governance professionals too. In Canada, GPC plays a significant role in showcasing the importance of governance professionals.

What is the most fulfilling part about your role in governance? What do you love most about your job?

Providing governance solutions to C-suite executives and trying to keep them organized and disciplined. I love the fact that I have a great degree of control and freedom in my job.

What is the best career advice you can provide?

- Opportunities don't happen. You create them to be successful.
- You have to play to win.