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A certified Corporate Director with 20 years experience in corporate governance, international business, strategic consulting, and stakeholder engagement contributing to business efficiencies, growth, and innovation. Having a keen interest in sustainability and governance best practices, Anar helps to identify and articulate the most material environmental, social & governance aspects of business.

As an experienced Chair of Boards, Governance & Nominating Committees, and CEO Search Committee, Anar draws from her civil society, public & corporate sector experiences to impact board discussions, succession, diversity, and culture. Her broad industry experiences include financial services, healthcare, education, government, regulatory, manufacturing & distribution with functional expertise in business development, client relations, credit risk and supply chain.

Having leadership and crisis management experience, Anar is an engaged mentor and speaks on governance matters as a Corporate Director in Residence.

### ATTRIBUTES, SKILLS & EXPERTISE

Curiosity, Diplomacy, Independence of Mind, Moral Compass, Resiliency, Sound Judgement, Leadership.

Board Recruitment & Development, Risk Oversight, Strategy Development, Finance, Audit, HR.

Business Acumen, International Market & Partnership Development, Sales, Marketing, Government Relations.

Industry Exposure: Insurance, Pulp & Paper, Energy, IT, Airline, Service, Professional, Transportation, Telecom.

### AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

- 2020 BMO Celebrates Women on Boards Award for empowering women to lead in corporate governance.
- 2015 Diversity Champion, Women's Leadership Circle, Vancouver Board of Trade–Nominee.
- 2014 YWCA Women of Distinction Award for contributions to the NFP & Public Sectors–Nominee.
- 2013 RBC Top 25 Canadian Immigrants Award for exemplary community engagement
- Dun & Bradstreet's Presidential Citation and Sales & Service Excellence Awards–multiple-time recipient

### BOARD GOVERNANCE & LEADERSHIP

Current:

- **Canadian Internet Registration Authority (CIRA) Board Nominations Committee**, Member (2019+)
- **Women Get on Board**, Member, Regional Ambassador Council (2019+)
- **Vancouver Foundation**, Chair & Governor, Honorary Governors Council (2016+)

Past:

- **Consumer Protection BC**, Chair, Governance & Nominations Committee; Member, Finance & Audit, HR & Compensation Committees (2015 - 2021)
- **Canuck Place Children's Hospice**, Vice-Chair; Chair, CEO Search Committee; Co-Chair, Governance Committee; Member, Audit & Investment Committee & Government Relations Committee (2014-2020)
- **Multicultural Advisory Council for BC**, Council Member (2011 - 2017)
- **CNIB**, Member, National Philanthropy & Fundraising Committee (2015 -2017)
- **Impact BC**, Board Director; Member, CEO Search Committee & Governance Committee (2012 - 2015)
- **Canadian Society for Intestinal Research**, Board President & Director (2006 - 2010)
- **GI Society**, Board Chair (2008 - 2010)
- **Canadian Club of Vancouver**, President & Director (2007 - 2014)
- **Aga Khan Economic Planning Board for Canada**, Board Member (2002 - 2005)
- **Meadowridge School**, Governor; Chair Nomination Committee & Head Support & Evaluation Committees (2002 - 2005)

### PROFESSIONAL & ENTREPRENEURIAL EXPÉRIENCE

**Assante Wealth Management**, Vancouver, BC (2002+)  
Provider of wealth management solutions.

**Partner, Family Practice – Client Relations**

Focus on delivering exceptional customer service, nurture existing client relationships to positively impact customer satisfaction and attain new business. Design and launch client appreciation programs.

**Reliance Industries Ltd**, Nairobi, Kenya, (2005 - 2007)

A 200 employee agricultural implements manufacturer & steel distributor serving the African market.

**Interim CEO & Board Director**

Assumed responsibility of a private business in crisis. Effectively safeguarded the interests of its key stakeholders, brand and value-creating activities - restoring operational efficiencies.

Managed stakeholders in local and international markets including Egyptian steel manufacturers and Danish government for private sector development funding.

Advanced profits and positioned the company for sale.

**Dun & Bradstreet Canada (D&B)**, Vancouver, BC (1987 - 2002)

A leading provider of commercial data, analytics and insights for businesses enabling B2B commerce.

**Team Lead & Senior Consultant, Enterprise Solutions, Western Region**

Positions held: Enterprise Solutions Specialist; Consulting & Customized Information Specialist; Senior Account Manager & Business Analyst.

Consulted with C-level Executives to analyse clients needs and ROI in areas of credit risk management, supply chain management and customized solutions to create business efficiencies and bottom-line gains. Collaborated across divisions developing partnerships for cross-selling revenue opportunities.

Managed a portfolio of corporate accounts from large nationals to SMEs, worked closely with Account Managers to provide sales & customer support to multi-size companies in a wide range of industry sectors.

Launched D&B's 1<sup>st</sup> supply chain solution to market. Recognized as one of D&B's top employees year after year, receiving multiple accolades and awards for performance excellence.

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## EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

**65<sup>th</sup> UN Commission on the Status of Women**

Delegation Member (2021)

**Global ESG Competent Board Certification** (2020 - 2021) Learning from global leaders on topics including Supply Chain, Human Rights, Climate, Anti-Corruption, Transparency, Responsible Use of Data & Cybersecurity.

**CPA Canada**, 2019 Conference for Audit Committees

Topics included: Ethical Intelligence in the Boardroom, ESG, Shareholder Activism, Cybersecurity, Board Diversity, and Audit Committee Chair Role.

**Rotman School of Management**, Governance Issues on Blockchain, AI & Disruptive Technologies (2019)

**Institute of Corporate Directors (ICD):** -

Audit Committee Effectiveness Program (2018)

HR & Compensation Effectiveness Program (2016)

Crown Director Effectiveness Program (2015)

Directors Education Program (2012) – ICD.D (2014)

Governance Program for Directors of NFPs (2009)

**Institute of Directors India**, Corporate Social Responsibility Conference (2016)

**Wharton Business School**, Executive Development Program (2002)

**Brock University**, Bachelor of Business & Economics (1982 - 1985)

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## SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker/Panelist on Governance topics - Women Getting Board Ready, Board Recruitment, Board Effectiveness, Director Roles & Responsibilities.
- Presentations on board governance to international law students – Reaching for the Stars Program.
- Hosted distinguished Canadians including Governors General, government officials and Order of Canada recipients and addressed several events.
- Invited Guest Speaker to Citizenship ceremonies on Canada Day at Canada Place, Citizenship Court & Community events.
- Hosted roundtable discussions with BC's Minister of International Trade & Multiculturalism with Board Chairs, Directors, and business leaders.
- University of BC Transcultural Leadership Series and International Students Summer Programs.

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## PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIPS

Canadian Club of Vancouver

Institute of Corporate Directors

Greater Vancouver Board of Trade