

Sheela Murthy

President & CEO, Murthy Law Firm
President, MurthyNAYAK Foundation



Sheela Murthy is an entrepreneur, philanthropist, public speaker, and an internationally recognized U.S. immigration lawyer. She is President/CEO of the pre-eminent Murthy Law Firm, the world's leader U.S. immigration law, with a satellite office in Seattle and affiliate offices in Chennai, Hyderabad, and Mumbai, India.

Ms. Murthy holds an LLM from Harvard Law School. She is Chair of the Board of TiE DC, a network of global entrepreneurs. Notable among her honors and recognitions are: Maryland's Most Admired CEOs, Top 50 Most Influential Marylanders, United Way's Philanthropist of the Year, Maryland Innovator of the Year, Ernst and Young's (EY) Entrepreneur of the Year®, and a regional Judge of the EY® program.

The Murthy Law Firm represents a wide range of clients, including Fortune 500 companies, mid-size and small companies, entertainers, entrepreneurs, physicians, researchers, and others pursuing both employment-based and family-based immigration options. The firm's website (www.murthy.com) is recognized as the most visited law firm website in the world, popular as a cutting-edge and comprehensive source of the latest information on U.S. immigration law.

Ms. Murthy and her husband, Vasant Nayak, co-founded the MurthyNAYAK Foundation in 2001, following the tragic events of 9/11. The nonprofit organization is dedicated to working on socially transformative projects designed to improve the lives of women, children, and immigrants, both in their birth country of India, and in their adopted country - the U.S.

Current details of Ms. Murthy's honors and activities are available on her personal website (www.sheelamurthy.com). Information to introduce Ms. Murthy at speaking engagements are available on her site (<http://www.sheelamurthy.com/2017/02/14/press-and-media/>), as well as downloadable logos and headshots. Highlights of her numerous awards, honors, and leadership roles are listed below.

Select Awards and Honors (in alphabetical order)

Among 20 Most Admired CEOs in Maryland

Among 50 Most Influential Marylanders

Among Best Lawyers in America®

AV Rating, 5 out of 5, Peer Review Highest Rating by Martindale Hubbell

Businesswoman of the Year, IndUS Business Journal, 2009
Clementine Peterson Award, United Way of Central Maryland, 2014
Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year® (EOY), 2009
Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year, Regional Judge, 2011- 2014
Featured in the New York Times, Newsweek, Zee TV, etc.
I-Fund Leadership Award, Independent College Fund of Maryland, 2012
Innovator of the Year Award, The Daily Record, 2012
Maryland Entrepreneur of the Year, Maryland Entrepreneur Quarterly, 2012
Maryland International Leadership Award, State of Maryland, 2008
Maryland Super Lawyer®, 2007 to Present
Maryland's Top 100 Women, inducted into the Circle of Excellence, The Daily Record, 2011
Outstanding Director Award, Baltimore Business Journal, 2013
Preeminent Lawyer in the U.S. by Lexis-Nexis
Philanthropist of the Year, United Way of Central Maryland, 2009
Sadie Award for outstanding leadership and philanthropy, The Children's Guild, 2012

Select Current Leadership Roles

Cancer Treatment Centers of America, Eastern Region, Board of Directors
JHPIEGO, Board of Advisors, an affiliate of Johns Hopkins University
Maryland Chamber Of Commerce, Board of Directors & Executive Committee
MurthyNAYAK Foundation, Founder and President
TiE - The Indus Entrepreneurs, DC Chapter, President of Board of Directors

Select Past Leadership Roles

American Bar Association, Immigration Coordinating Committee
American Immigration Council (AIC), Board of Trustees
American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA), Executive Committee, Washington, DC
Community College of Baltimore County, Global Education NEH Initiative, Honorary Chair
Girl Scouts of Central Maryland, President, Board of Directors
Harvard Law School, Dean's Advisory Committee, Cambridge, MA
Maryland Chamber of Commerce, Chairwoman of the Board of Directors
Stevenson University, Board of Trustees
United Way of Central Maryland, Board of Directors

Admissions

U.S. Supreme Court (1994-Present)
Maryland Court of Appeals (1989-Present)
New York Supreme Court (1988)

Education

Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA, LL.M 1987
University Law College, Bangalore, India, LL.B 1985
Alliance Francaise, Bangalore, India, French Diploma 1984
Stella Maris College, Madras, India, B.A. 1982

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