

Punam Mathur



Speaker, Trainer, Writer

Work Experience

Currently, Mathur operates her own business as a speaker, trainer and writer. She also serves as Executive Director of the Elaine P. Wynn & Family Foundation, a private foundation that exists to advance fundamental change, primarily related to equity, civil rights and conservation.

From 2009-2012, she was an officer of NV Energy, Inc. (NYSE: NVE), a vertically-integrated statewide electric utility with 2,700 employees, serving as vice president of people resources and as vice president of employee and community engagement.

She joined NV Energy following 13 years in the gaming industry, most recently serving as an officer and senior vice president, corporate diversity and community affairs, for MGM MIRAGE, now MGM Resorts Int'l (NYSE: MGM).

During her tenure, MGM MIRAGE received numerous awards in her areas of responsibility, including being ranked among the "Top 50 Companies for Diversity" by DiversityInc magazine, one of the "Top Corporations in the U.S." for multicultural businesses by DiversityBusiness.com and as one of the "Most Admired Companies in America" by Fortune magazine. Additionally, under her leadership the Company's philanthropy program, including its centerpiece employee-directed foundation, set new standards for strategic philanthropy and employee engagement within the gaming industry.

Prior to joining the gaming industry in 1996, she had been with the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce for six years, holding a variety of management positions, the last of which was Senior Vice President of Government Affairs.

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Education

Mathur attended the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, studying elementary and special education, from 1979-1983.

Community Involvement

Mathur has received appointments to statewide leadership positions by Nevada's last four Governors:

- Governor Brian Sandoval (R) appointed her to the Common Core Steering Committee in 2013 and to the Board of Jobs for America's Graduates in 2014.
- Governor Jim Gibbons (R) appointed her to the Governor's Blue Ribbon Task Force on Education Reform in 2010.
- Governor Kenny Guinn (R) appointed her to the Commission on Tourism in 2002.
- Governor Bob Miller (D) appointed her to the Welfare Reform Task Force in 1994.

A champion and advocate for public education, she has a long history of involvement with the Clark County School District, the fifth largest district in the nation, having served on a lengthy list of committees and special task forces over the years.

Mathur was the founding board chair for Three Square, a non-profit organization dedicated to eradicating hunger in southern Nevada. She has also served on the Board of the United Way of Southern Nevada for over two decades.

She is also active in a number of organizations to improve the effectiveness of the foster care system.

Awards and Recognition

She has received numerous awards including the inaugural Athena Award from the Nevada Women's Chamber of Commerce (2004), induction into the Nevada Women's Chamber of Commerce's Women's Hall of Fame (2005), "Humanitarian of the Year" by Junior League (2012), "Achievement Award" by Las Vegas India Chamber of Commerce (2013), as a Woman of Distinction by Nat'l Association of Women Business Owners (2006), a Platinum Achievement Award by the Cooperative Development Energy Program by Fort Valley State University (2011), A Lady of Distinction by Olive Crest, an organization advocating for needs of children in the foster care system (2009) and Woman of the Year by The Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Southern Nevada (2009).

She was named among "Top 100 Influential Women in Las Vegas" by *MyVegas* Magazine in 2013.

Personal

Mathur resides in Las Vegas with her three sons and one daughter.