

## Alka Patel

### **Deputy Director, Risk and Regulatory Services Carnegie Mellon University**

Alka Patel is the Deputy Director of the Risk and Regulatory Services Innovation Center at Carnegie Mellon University. In her position, she is responsible for creating, implementing, and executing daily and long-term strategic, operational, and financial business plans for the Center which is focused on areas of data analytics, cybersecurity/privacy, and artificial intelligence.

Prior to joining CMU, Alka was Managing Director and Senior Counsel at The Bank of New York Mellon (BNY Mellon), supporting its Treasury Services business line responsible for negotiating commercial contracts for its cash management services with corporate and institutional entities within the U.S. and globally. Additionally, she negotiated privacy, data security, and HIPAA matters for the business line as well as partnered with compliance and risk for alignment of products/processes with business strategy to minimize and mitigate risk exposure. Previous to her role at BNY Mellon, Alka, a registered patent attorney, worked in private practice over 9 years where she represented start-ups, universities, and Fortune 500 companies, as well as other organizations and individuals to address their business, technology, and intellectual property needs.

In addition to being an elected school board member, Alka serves on a number of non-profit boards. She often speaks on the topic of the diversity and inclusion and is currently the Chair of the Women In Law Division of the Allegheny County Bar Association.

Alka has been recognized for her professional achievements as well as for her contributions to the community, with recognitions such as: the "Innovator Award" from Heinz College, CMU; "High Impact Leader Award" from ASCEND; "BusinessWomen First Awards" from the Pittsburgh Business Times; "Tribute to Women, Young Leader" by the YWCA of Greater Pittsburgh; "Rising Star" by the Pennsylvania Super Lawyers; a "Fast Tracker" by The Legal Intelligencer & PA Law Weekly; "Community Builder/Social Engineer" by the Pennsylvania Bar Association Minority Attorney Committee; 40 Under 40 recipient by Pittsburgh Magazine; and Distinguished Young Alumni from the University of Pittsburgh's Swanson School of Engineering.

Alka holds a Juris Doctorate and Masters in Business Administration from Duquesne University and a Bachelor of Science in Materials Science and Engineering from the University of Pittsburgh.

