



Indira Samarasekera

Age: 65

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Director since 2016

Independent

Dr. Samarasekera is currently a senior advisor for Bennett Jones LLP (law firm) and serves on the board of The Bank of Nova Scotia (chartered bank), Magna International Inc. (manufacturing, automotive parts), Asia-Pacific Foundation and the Rideau Hall Foundation. She also currently serves on the selection panel for Canada's outstanding chief executive officer of the year, is a member of the TriLateral Commission and is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada.

Dr. Samarasekera is internationally recognized as one of Canada's leading metallurgical engineers for her groundbreaking work on steel process engineering and she was the first incumbent of the Dofasco Chair in Advanced Steel Processing at the University of British Columbia. From 2005 to 2015, she served as President of the University of Alberta. Prior to that, she was elected to the National Academy of Engineering in the U.S. She has also served as the chair of the Worldwide Universities Network and has served on several boards and committees including the Prime Minister's Advisory Committee for Renewal of the Public Service, a Presidential Visiting Committee at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Canada's Science, Technology, Innovation Council.

Dr. Samarasekera has received honorary degrees from the Universities of Alberta, British Columbia, Toronto, Waterloo, Montréal and Western in Canada, and Queen's University in Belfast, Ireland. She received the Peter Loughheed Leadership Award from the Public Policy Forum in Canada in 2012 and was awarded the Order of Canada in 2002. Dr. Samarasekera was also granted a PhD in metallurgical engineering from the University of British Columbia in 1980 and, as a Hays Fulbright Scholar, she earned a Master of Science from the University of California in 1976.

TransCanada committee memberships

- Audit Committee
- Governance Committee

Other public board directorships

- The Bank of Nova Scotia (chartered bank) (TSX, NYSE)
- Magna International Inc. (manufacturing, automotive parts) (TSX, NYSE)

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