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FOCUS AREAS

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EXPERIENCE

Raj Mahapatra is senior counsel in the London office of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, where he brings to his practice three decades of varied career experience in a broad spectrum of sectors including PR, biotech, insurance, and nonprofit, with recent deep expertise in AI and clean tech. Raj primarily focuses on legal matters ranging from corporate governance and finance to intellectual property and policy.

Prior to joining the firm, he wore various other hats not normally associated with a lawyer, including Head of Business Affairs, Head of Operations, and CFO. He also has held various director positions and continues to act as Trustee and Chair at two nonprofits. As a member of Wilson Sonsini's Executive Advisory Program, Raj leverages these previous roles alongside his extensive legal advisory background in matters of compliance, intellectual property, and stakeholder engagement to provide strategic, experience-based counsel to both privately and publicly held enterprises.

Raj's early engagement with online technologies—starting in the 1980s with JANET (Joint Academic Network), the forerunner of the modern internet—lays the groundwork for his longstanding vision for and commitment to technological advancements.

Raj most recently was the general counsel at a company architecting an open climate intelligence platform utilising climate science, artificial intelligence, and data analytics to help organisations make informed decisions relating to climate change and environmental risks and enable climate adaptation. His advisory practice extends beyond legal frameworks, touching on corporate strategy, crisis management, and cybersecurity, reflecting his comprehensive approach to addressing complex business challenges.

Whilst a GC he was actively involved in the TechGC community as a speaker and host, as well as co-chair of the annual European Summit in 2023.

CREDENTIALS

Education

- LL.B. Hons., University of Bristol

Admissions

- Solicitor, England and Wales

INSIGHTS

Select Speaking Engagements

- "Finding Empowerment in Disability," #theAbstract podcast, February 2024