



# Member Spotlight



## GETTING TO KNOW REKHA RAO, CELA

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### What drew you to the practice of special needs planning?

I've always wanted to work in a space where the impact is great and what better areas than elder law and special needs because our legal representation of the most vulnerable sections of society is where we can make the most impact.

### How do you describe your work to people who are unfamiliar with it?

I say that the estate planning work we do ensures that what people have, goes to the ones they love, and in a manner that they would want their loved ones to get it. And its is especially important for for those families who have loved ones with disabilities to get the peace of mind knowing that we can ensure that plan we put in place can ensure their loves ones benefit from their inheritances without losing their critical government benefits.

## **What advice would you give a young person who aspires to practice special needs law?**

If you love to help and serve people and you got into the law to help those who are vulnerable, then this area is the right area for you as it leaves you feeling fulfilled every day.

## **What's something about you that might surprise others?**

That I am the most informal attorney they may have come across because I treat my clients very informally as I wish they would treat me. That said, if I sense unfairness in the way someone is being treated, then I have quite a bad temper that they would not want to see.

## **Who or what inspires you the most?**

Nurses and Salespeople. Nurses have such a difficult job of handling the sick or the dying every single day and still be patient, kind and loving 24/7. Salespeople on the other hand have the difficult job of dealing with a lot of nos – from doors closing in on them and phones getting disconnected, they have to put their game face on and ready to try that all over again the next day.

## **What is the last book you read?**

*Get a Grip* by Gino Wickman and Mike Paton