



NATASHA G. KOHNE

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

High performing business leader with a diverse skill set in U.S., international and emerging markets. Leader of firm's sovereign wealth fund (SWF) group and trusted advisor to some of the largest and most dynamic SWFs and foreign investors in the world. Seasoned advisor to public and multi-national companies and their boards in complex regulatory, multi-cultural environments. Extensive expertise in digital transformation, crisis management, cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, ESG and talent management.

WORK HISTORY

Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, Partner

2003 - Present

Board Director and Leader of Sovereign Wealth Fund (SWF) and Technology Groups

- Represent global companies and boards of directors in analyzing U.S. and international legal and compliance risks around emerging technologies, including ChatGPT and other artificial intelligence applications, biometrics, Web3 technologies and adtech software.
- Advise boards of directors and multi-national entities concerning nation-state attacks, insider threats, supply chain attacks, and post-security event fallout, including an SEC and DOJ first-of-its-kind insider trading and cybersecurity investigation and criminal trial.
- Opened and managed multiple offices for Akin in the Middle East while spearheading cross-functional, multi-jurisdictional teams involved in complex U.S. and cross-border transactions, crisis management, investigations and litigations.
- Manage large, dynamic SWFs and family offices in their investments and evaluate regulatory risk of foreign investment across multiple continents and industries, including consumer, healthcare, industrials, real estate, technology and infrastructure.
- Lead Akin's global technology, artificial intelligence, cybersecurity and data protection practices.
- Served on firm's management committee for six years, leading a top 25 global law firm with more than 900 lawyers and \$1.4 billion in annual revenue.
- Awarded Top AI Lawyer in 2025 by Chambers Global and 2024 by California's *Daily Journal*.
- Recognized as one of California's top cyber/artificial intelligence lawyers every year since 2018.
- Honored as "Women Worth Watching" (*Diversity Journal*), "Top Women Lawyers in California" (*Daily Journal*), and "Women in Data" (*Global Data Review*).

Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, Associate

2000 – 2003

- Advised and counseled clients on corporate securities, banking and finance matters.

EDUCATION

Harvard Law School, *cum laude*, 2000

Columbia College, Columbia University, *summa cum laude*, 1996

LEADERSHIP AND AFFILIATIONS

- Certified Information Privacy Professional (CIPP, US), International Association of Privacy Professionals)
- Certificate, Drucker School of Management, Purpose & Performance Leadership, Claremont Graduate University, 2023
- Selected as member of DirectWomen Board Institute Class of 2024
- Served on Akin's management committee (2017 to 2023) and the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Partnership Subcommittee (2022 to present)