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# Sheela Murthy

## Murthy Law Firm

### Contact Info:

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### Education:

LL.M, Harvard Law School, 1987

LL.B, Bangalore University, 1985

Diploma, French Language, Alliance Francaise, 1984

B.A., History and Political Science, Stella Maris College, 1982

### Career History:

1994-Present: Founder & President, Murthy Law Firm

1992-1994: Attorney, Shapiro & Olander

1989-1992: Attorney, Gordon, Feinblatt, Rothman, Hoffberger and Hollander LLC

1987-1989: Associate, White & Case

1986: Assistant Professor of Travel and Entertainment Law, Institute of Hotel Management,

1985-1986: French Teacher, Alliance Francaise and the Institute of Hotel Management

### Significant Accomplishment:

Most rewarded by the successful operation of my firm, I am proud to have had the opportunity to help so many immigrants achieve their "American Dream" in its nearly 15 years of business. I am honored to have strengthened and diversified the U.S., alongside a staff of nearly seventy employees.

### Example of Mentoring:

I mentor through my work with the Girl Scouts of Central Maryland's Beyond Bars program, which enables young women to visit their incarcerated mothers and participate in mother/daughter troop meetings. Through GSBB, I join troop activities, sponsor outings and serve as a role model for young women whose lives have been so drastically impacted by their mother's incarceration.

### Career-Related Officer/Board Membership in Professional/Business/Trade Organizations:

2007-Present: Board of Trustees, American Immigration Law Foundation

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2008: Board of Trustees, American Immigration Lawyers Association

2006: Women's Business Council

2003-2005: Board of Trustees, American Immigration Law Foundation

2000-2001: Executive Committee, American Immigration Lawyers Association, D.C. Chapter

1999-2001: Member, Immigration Law Coordinating Committee, American Bar Association

1989-2001: Judge (Regional and International Rounds), Jessup International Law competitions

2001: Chair, National Membership Committee, American Immigration Lawyers Association

1991-1994: Executive Committee, Young Lawyers Division, Baltimore City Bar Association

1990-1994: Board of Directors, Executive Women's Network

**Volunteer-Related Officer/Board Membership in Civic/Nonprofit Organizations:**

2008-Present: Board of Directors/Trustees, Stevenson University

2008: Chair, Distinguished Women's Committee, Girl Scouts of Central Maryland

2007: President's Advisory Council, Stevenson University

2006-Present: Board of Directors, United Way of Central Maryland

2006-Present: Co-Chair, United Way Women's Initiative of Maryland

2001-2002: Board of Governors, Harvard Club of Maryland

**Awards/Honors:**

2008: Leadership in Law, The Daily Record

2008: SmartCEO Choice Award, SmartCEO magazine

2008: Top 100 Minority Business Enterprise, The Daily Record

2008: Bar Register of Pre-eminent Lawyers, Lexis-Nexis/Martindale-Hubbe

2008: Bravo! Award, SmartCEO magazine

2008: 12th Annual Global Leadership Award, World Trade Center Institute

2008: Maryland Super Lawyer, Baltimore magazine

2007: Internationally-Recognized Immigration Lawyer, Who's Who Legal

2007: Maryland's Top 100 Women, The Daily Record

2006: Prominent Minority-Owned Business, Baltimore Business Journal

2006: Legal Elite, SmartCEO magazine

2006: Special Leadership Award, YWCA for Leadership in Law

2006: Leadership in Law, American Desi magazine

**Personal Accomplishment:**

Without question, it is the co-creation of The MurthyFoundation, which was established to fund projects serving the interests of women, children and immigrants in the U.S. and India (primarily). The goal of the MurthyFoundation is to improve conditions and open doors for members of the community in which we live.



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