



## THE HONORABLE MANISHA SINGH

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Manisha is currently a member of the Board of Advisors for the American Foreign Policy Council. She most recently served as the Assistant Secretary of State for Economic and Business Affairs, a position for which she was unanimously confirmed by the U.S. Senate in 2017. The first woman to serve in this role, she led a team of 225 employees based in Washington with the support of over 2,000 economic officers posted in embassies around the world.

She focused on leveling the playing field and providing opportunities for American companies and workers to compete and succeed in the global economy. Her responsibilities included sanctions and trade policy, international finance, cyber-security, emerging technologies, foreign investment and aviation negotiations. She developed a signature initiative on women's economic empowerment, Providing Opportunities for Women's Economic Rise (POWER), a results oriented platform to promote women in entrepreneurship.

Manisha also served concurrently as Acting Under Secretary of State for Economic Growth, Energy, and the Environment, as Privacy Shield Ombudsperson and as Foreign Affairs Sous Sherpa for the G-7. Her prior State Department experience was serving as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Trade Policy in the Bureau of Economic, Energy and Business Affairs. She has been a senior aide to members of Congress and the Deputy Chief Counsel to the Republican staff of the U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, where she managed international economic and trade policy.

Her private sector experience includes practicing law in the Corporate and Capital Markets group at Squire Sanders & Dempsey and the International Practice at Reed Smith. In addition, she was an Executive Director for Global Public Policy at J.P. Morgan Chase & Co.

She earned a Master of Laws in International Legal Studies (1996) from the American University Washington College of Law. While completing this degree, she worked in the Office of General Counsel at the United States International Trade Commission. She holds a Juris Doctor (1994) from the University of Florida College of Law and a Certificate from the University of Leiden in The Netherlands. She earned a Bachelor of Arts (1991) with honors from the University of Miami at the age of 19. She is admitted to practice law in Florida, the District of Columbia, and Pennsylvania. She speaks fluent Hindi and conversational Spanish.

Manisha was awarded the University of Florida College of Law Alumni *Outstanding Public Service Award* (2020), the U.S. Travel Association's *Distinguished Travel Champion Award* (2019), the Independent Women's Forum *Champion Woman Award* (2019) and a State Department Meritorious Honor Award (2007). She was also a Term Member of the Council on Foreign Relations (2005-10).