

# **Julia Hanigsberg**

**President and CEO at Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital**

Toronto, ON, CA

Champion for children and youth with disabilities & healthcare CEO. Expert speaker and leader on diversity, innovation and inclusion.

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## **Biography**

Julia Hanigsberg joined Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital as its President and CEO on January 12, 2015. Holland Bloorview is Canada's largest paediatric rehabilitation hospital and each year serves over 8,000 children and youth with disabilities and complex medical needs. Holland Bloorview is an academic hospital fully affiliated with the University of Toronto. It carries out its academic mission through its research institute, the Bloorview Research Institute, and the Teaching and Learning Institute. Prior to joining Holland Bloorview, Julia spent nine years at Ryerson University, first as General Counsel and Secretary of the Board of Governors and then as Vice-President, Administration and Finance. She was also interim Dean of the G. Raymond Chang School of Continuing Education. Her previous positions included numerous roles with the Ontario government including: Counsel to the Deputy Attorney General; Counsel and Special Advisor to two Secretaries of Cabinet; and Chief of Staff to the Attorney General of Ontario. Julia also led the project teams responsible for two transitions of provincial government leadership. A lawyer by training, Julia has law degrees from McGill University (where she was Editor in Chief of the McGill Law Journal) and Columbia Law School. Following graduation from law school, she clerked at the Supreme Court of Canada. She has held Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada and Fulbright Fellowships. Julia has served on numerous volunteer boards. Currently, Julia is a member of the boards of the Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital Foundation, the Canadian Association of Pediatric Health Centres, and Canadian Business SenseAbility. She is on the Council of Academic Hospitals of Ontario, the CEO Committee of the Toronto Academic Health Science Network, the Executive Advisory Board of FIRST Robotics Canada, the Girls in STEM Council, and McGill University's Women, Leadership and Philanthropy committee.

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## **Industry Expertise**

Health Care - Services

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Children's Health, Disabilities, Patient Centred Care, Leadership, Women in Leadership, Diversity & Inclusion, Girls in STEM, Women in STEM, Women in Science, Patient Engagement, Healthcare, Health Policy, Social Media for CEOs, Governance & Board Relations, Women on Boards, Childhood Disabilities, Hospital & Health Care, Non - Profit Organization

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## **Affiliations**

Canadian Business SenseAbility Board of Directors, Children's Healthcare Canada, Council of Academic Hospitals of Ontario, FIRST Robotics Executive Advisory Board, International Women's Forum, Kids Health Alliance, Toronto Academic Health Science Network

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## **Event Appearances**

**Remaking Yourself as an Executive After Law**  
Women General Counsel National Conference

**Leading Culture Change in Patient and Family Centred Care**  
HealthAchieve (Ontario Hospital Association)

**Diversity on Boards Panel**  
DiverseCity on Board Expansion

**Emerging Health Leaders Speed Mentoring**  
HealthAchieve (Ontario Hospital Association)

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## **Education**

**Rotman School, University of Toronto**  
Certificate Not For Profit Governance

**Columbia Law School**  
LL.M. Law

**McGill University Faculty of Law**  
B.C.L./LL.B. Law

**McGill University**  
B.A. Philosophy

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## **Accomplishments**

**Top 100 Most Powerful Women 2021**  
Inducted into the 2021 Hall of Fame for winning the Top 100 Award for the fourth time

**Top 100 Most Powerful Women 2020**  
Named as a WXN Canada's top 100 most powerful women in the Canada's Most Powerful CEOs category.

**Top 100 Most Powerful Women 2019**  
Named as a WXN Canada's top 100 most powerful women in the public sector category.

**Top 100 Most Powerful Women 2018**

Named as a WXN Canada's top 100 most powerful women in the broader public sector category.

**Viola Desmond Award (Ryerson University)**

In recognition of fostering a culture of equity and inclusion for Black faculty, staff and students at Ryerson University.

**Women of Influence Diversity Champion**

In honour of championing diversity, equity and inclusion.

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