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MANU GAYATRINATH, 37

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Manu Gayatrith's rapid rise through the ranks at Latham & Watkins, where she serves as the global chairwoman of its recruiting committee, is impressive on its own. But Gayatrith has simultaneously made a name for herself in the male-dominated arena of private equity, where she has represented The Carlyle Group in several multibillion-dollar deals. Gayatrith is also dedicated to boosting gender and racial diversity at her firm and throughout the legal profession. She recently watched the film "Big Eyes," the true story of a man taking credit for the artwork of his talented wife. "I'm a sucker for any underdog story, especially one where a woman is the protagonist," she said.

—KAREN SLOAN