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# MISSISSAUGA LAWYER WINS CANADIAN IMMIGRANT AWARD

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A Mississauga-based lawyer has been honoured among an esteemed group of Canadian immigrants. Devesh Gupta, principal lawyer and owner of Prudent Law at 33 City Centre Dr., was named one of RBC's Top 25 Immigrants in June. "I'm quite elated," Gupta told the Mississauga News. "This has put me in quite a distinct crowd; It's an incredible honour."

Presented by Canadian Immigrant magazine and RBC, this is the 11th anniversary of the national awards program, which highlights the achievements and contributions of immigrants across the country.

"What an amazing year for the awards and Canada. We've had a record number of votes cast this year totalling over 65,000 - which is a true testament to the important contributions immigrants make to this great nation of ours," said Sanjay Agnihotri, director of Canadian Immigrant magazine, in a news release.

From the thousands of nominations received, 75 finalists were shortlisted by a judging panel. The 25 winners were chosen based on



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Devesh Gupta makes his acceptance speech at the 11th annual RBC Top 25 Canadian Immigrant Awards ceremony at One King Street west.

a combination of nationwide online voting and a second round of judging.

Born in New Delhi, India, Gupta moved to Mississauga in 2001 when he was 13. He attended Meadowvale Secondary School.

He earned his undergraduate degree at York University's Sculich School of Business and his J.D. in law at the University of Western Ontario before articling with the City of London, Ont.

After practicing at prominent GTA firms, including Mississauga's Petrillo Law and Thomson Rogers in Toronto, Gupta founded Prudent in 2015, focusing on real estate law,

corporate law and civil litigation.

Starting his own firm has allowed him to focus on customer service, he said, a feature he believes sets Prudent apart from other firms.

Still a resident of Mississauga, Gupta believes in sharing his expertise outside of his workplace. In 2018, he frequently appeared on Weekly Voice radio to share legal updates and case advice.

"Not every interaction you're going to have is about revenue," he said. "Giving back is very important. I can help the community not make some very simple mistakes."