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Since 2009, Mr. Bhatia has been an adjunct faculty member at The George Washington University School of Business where he has taught courses to MBA students focused on microfinance, remittances and financial inclusion for the poor. Prior to moving to Washington, D.C. in 2004, Mr. Bhatia consulted for the UNDP in Trinidad and Tobago and was a Fulbright Scholar in India with SKS Microfinance.

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