

Raja Krishnamoorthy, son of Indian immigrants to the U.S., was raised in Peoria, where he attended public schools and graduated valedictorian of his high school class. Raja earned his bachelor's degree summa cum laude in mechanical engineering from Princeton University in 1995 and graduated with honors from Harvard Law School in 2000.

Following law school, Raja clerked for a federal judge in Chicago and rose to become a partner in the international law firm of Kirkland & Ellis LLP. He served as issues director for Barack Obama's successful U.S. Senate campaign in 2004 and as an advisor to his successful presidential campaign in 2008. As a resident of Hoffman Estates living with wife Dr. Priya and sons Vijay and Vikram, Raja served on the Village's Comprehensive Planning Advisory Commission.

Raja currently serves as President of Sivananthan Labs, a business dedicated to the research, development and commercialization of cutting-edge products and technologies in national security and renewable energy. The company specializes in night vision technology, solar cells, biosensors, and radiation detectors. Raja also serves as Vice-Chairman of the Illinois Innovation Council, a council formed by Illinois Governor Pat Quinn to help spur more innovation in the Illinois economy.

Raja has served as Deputy Treasurer for Illinois where he helped revamp the state's unclaimed property system by increasing the amount of returned property while cutting the program's costs. He also helped to run the technology venture capital fund, which has helped create hundreds of good-paying jobs in Illinois.

