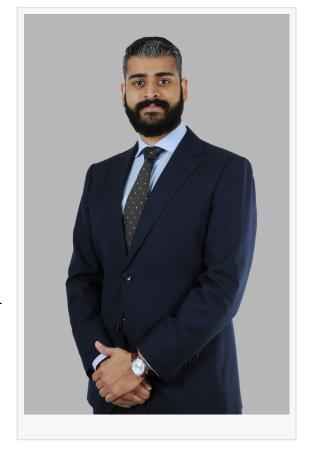


Anish Dhanjee Recognized as CU Times LUMINARIES Award Finalist

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/EINPresswire.com/ -- AVANA Companies (AVANA), a comprehensive lending and asset management ecosystem, is proud to share that Anish Dhanjee, Senior Product Manager, has been recognized as a 2023 CU Times LUMINARIES Rising Star Finalist. Award organizers at CU Times, a comprehensive, independent credit union news site, announced the winners in August 2023, celebrating influential leaders driving the credit union industry forward.

"CU Times is a well-respected publication in the industry, and it is an honor to be named a finalist alongside other rising stars," said Anish Dhanjee, Senior Product Manager at AVANA Companies. "By prioritizing the needs of credit unions and incorporating cutting-edge technology, we've not only improved the credit union experience but also elevated AVANA's services to new heights."

In the past year, Anish has led the development of



AVANA's groundbreaking initiative, the Participations Desk, which revolutionizes credit union participation in deals. He prioritizes credit unions' needs by creating a user-friendly platform, enabling them to access and evaluate deals, and enhancing their choice and control. Anish's commitment to excellence is evident in the platform's visually appealing interface, robust security measures, and seamless user workflows, elevating AVANA's services and setting a new

industry standard.

"This recognition is a testament to Anish's drive to search for new ways to improve our technology and the investor experience," said Sundip Patel, Co-Founder and CEO of AVANA Companies. "The efforts made by Anish will provide capital for a better tomorrow and financial inclusion for AVANA's customers and communities."

The 2023 CU Times LUMINARIES Awards celebrates the top industry players delivering meaningful results in areas that matter most to credit unions rather than emphasizing asset

levels, rankings, or the latest industry buzz. Those selected to be a part of the program's Class of 2023 were reviewed by a diverse panel of judges from around the credit union industry.

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