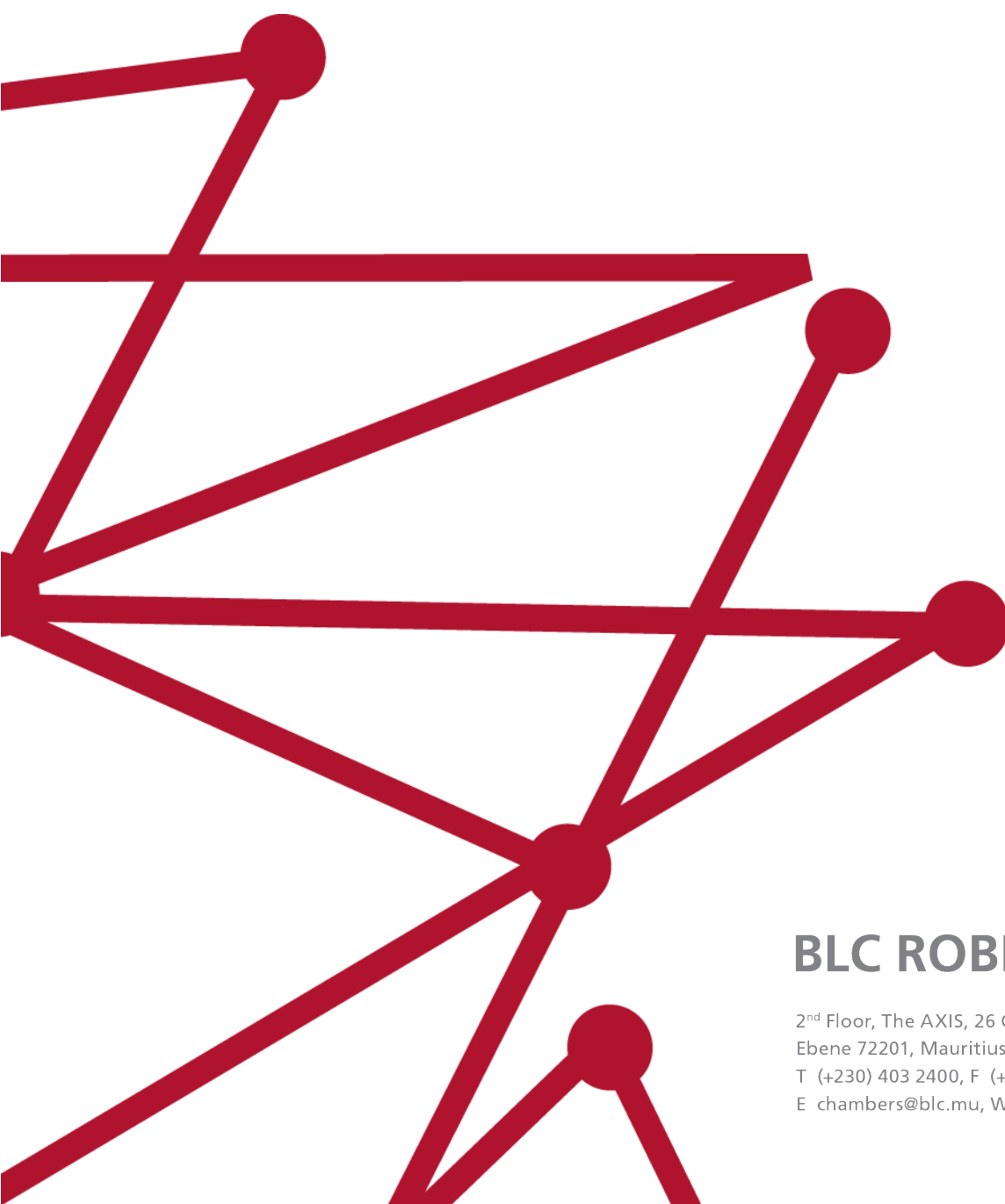


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BACKGROUND

Valerie Bisasur currently holds the position of Co-Managing Partner at BLC Robert & Associates. Valerie joined the firm in 2008, she was made Partner in 2018 before being appointed as Managing Partner in January 2024. She routinely acts for domestic and international banks, DFIs, project sponsors and financial institutions on various forms of debt financing transactions locally and internationally. She has developed specific expertise in funds' financing, sustainability finance and she regularly advises on banking regulatory matters.

Valerie is a respected banking and finance lawyer who is particularly distinguished for her experience representing banks in financing transactions and restructurings. She is the firm's coordinator for pro-bono activities notably through Trust Law Connect (a member of the Thomson Reuters Foundation).

She is ranked on the Chambers & Partners "Spotlight Table" for Banking and Finance and is recognised as a 'Highly Regarded Lawyer' by IFLR1000 and is named as a 'IFLR1000 Women Leader'. Valerie is also ranked as a Band 1 banking & finance lawyer by Chambers Global.

CLIENTS' FEEDBACK

"Valerie is one of the best lawyers in banking and capital markets transactions in Mauritius and she always delivers the highest quality of service to her clients".

"Valerie's level of sophistication and her commercial vision are very strong".

"Valerie strives to make complex legal concepts look relatively simpler. I would highly recommend her for any complex transactions in banking and finance, be it local or cross border".

ACCOLADES

- Recognised as IFLR1000 Women Leader 2024
- Ranked as Highly Regarded Lawyer by IFLR1000 in 2024

PUBLICATIONS

- The firm's newsletter, 'Banking & Finance Insights'

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

- Mauritius Law Society

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

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| 2008 | Sworn in as Attorney at Law (Solicitor) at the Supreme Court of Mauritius |
| 2006 - 2007 | Council of Legal Education, Attorney at Law Vocational Course, Mauritius |
| 2005 | Maîtrise en Droit, Mention Droit Des Affaires, Université des Sciences sociales, Toulouse I, France |

CAREER SUMMARY

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| 2008-Present | BLC Robert & Associates |
| 2012 | Secondee associate at Allen & Overy LLP (London office) |
| 2005 - 2007 | Legal Assistant and Article, Etude Guy Rivalland |

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Banking and Finance
- Corporate and Commercial

TOP MATTERS

- Advisor to Agence Francaise de Developpement in a sovereign loan to the State of Mauritius to support to budget implementation program of the Mauritian government, including to provide support linked to the impact of Covid19 in the jurisdiction.
- Advisor on a USD 2.7 Billion bond structuring, including regulatory implications relating to issue/dealing in securities under Mauritius law and putting in place the security package.
- Advisor to Cape Biologix Technologies and Cape Bio Pharms in the structuring of financing from European Investment Bank for the construction of a production unit in Mauritius to produce

company the plant protein used as reagent in quick detection kits for Covid-19 and endemic diseases in Africa (in particular HIV, Ebola, dengue and yellow fever).

- Advisor to Société de Promotion et de Participation pour la Cooperation Economique S.A. (PROPARCO) and Deg – Deutsche Investitions – Und Entwicklungsgesellschaft Mbh (DEG) in a USD 65,000,000 loan to the Mauritius Commercial Bank Limited to finance its support program to support Mauritian businesses (especially SMEs) affected by the Covid-19 crisis.
- Advisor to a major international bank on the sale of its entire shareholding in a local bank.
- Advisor to a local bank forming part of an international group on the regulatory aspects of its deregistration as a bank in Mauritius.
- Advising on secured bonds (including listed bonds and other debt instruments).
- Regularly intervenes on funds' financing transactions.
- Advising various institutional investors, development banks and international organisations on the financing of development projects in Africa.
- Advising a leading African energy company and independent power producer on a USD 550 Million financing structured by a syndication of international banks.
- Advising a consortium of international banks on the financing of pipelines and fuel storage facilities in the Democratic Republic of Congo.
- Advising on the setting up of the local branch for one of the major European insurance brokerage companies.
- Advising a major conglomerate in respect of the financing of the acquisition of a major stake in one of the leading chain of hospital operators in India.
- Advising a leading international private and investment bank on the regulatory implications of its activities in Mauritius.
- Advised a multinational petroleum company on the financing of the acquisition of companies in various African countries including Mauritius to the value of USD 1 Billion.
- Advising a major French development bank on the structuring of three "green" financing lines with local banks.
- Advising international and local syndicated lenders on the financing of the first wind farm project in Mauritius.

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- Advising on the regulatory aspects of implementing a Social Impact Bond in Mauritius.
 - Advising major South African banks on the financing of real estate projects and mining projects across Africa.
 - Advising a major international North-American bank on the acquisition of equity in a local bank.
 - Advisor to a major financial services holding company in relation to its holdings in various banking structures in sub-Saharan African countries.
 - Advisor to a leading local bank in relation to the financing of activities of a major African telecommunication group of companies.
 - Regular advisor of a European development bank on its various credit lines to Mauritian public authorities.
 - Advisor to a major international bank in taking security interests over shares of an entity listed both on the Mauritius Stock Exchange and the Johannesburg Stock Exchange.
 - Advisor on the debt funding to a major South African group for the acquisition of a floating dock and the construction of a docking quay in Durban harbour.