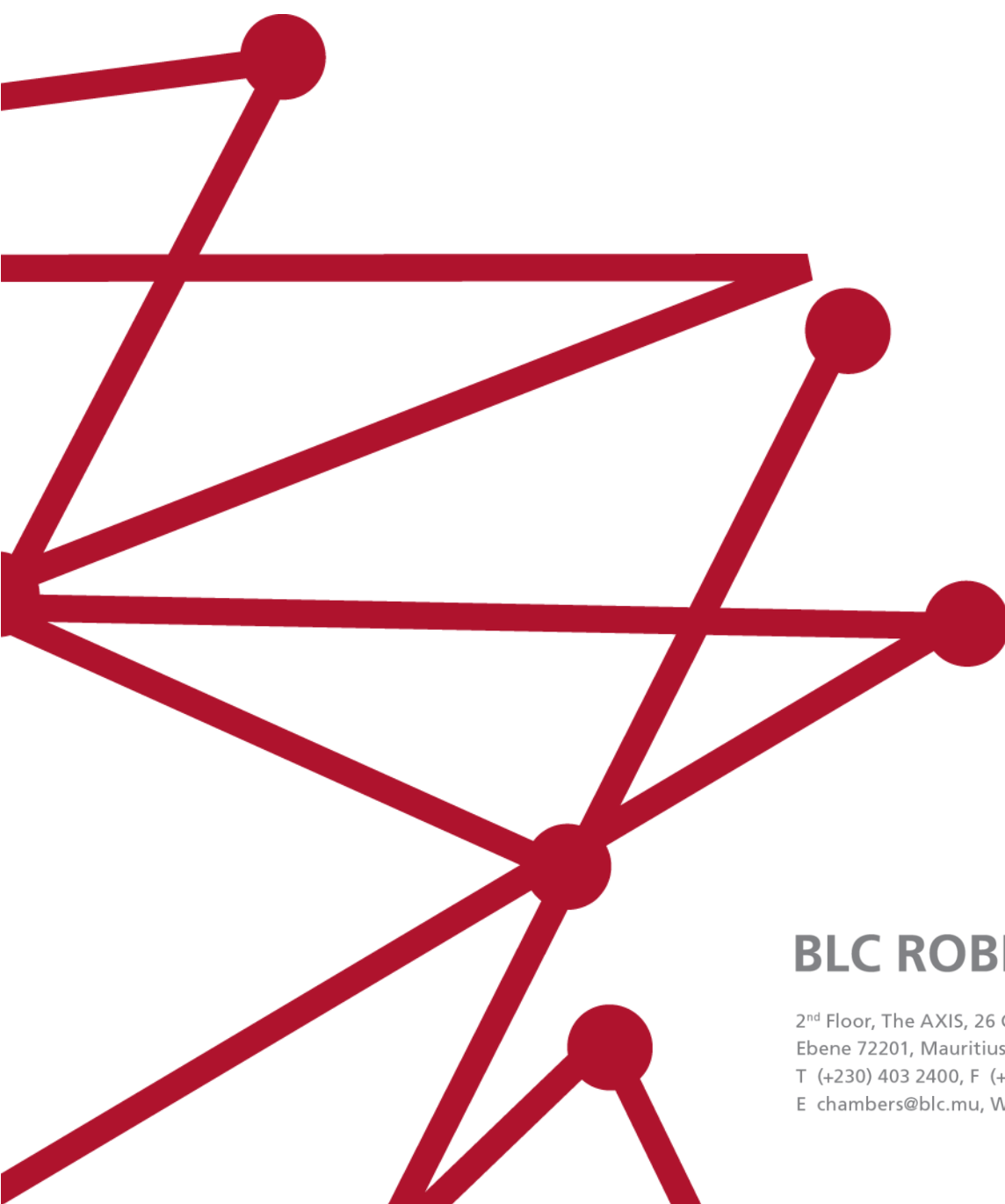


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### **BACKGROUND**

**Leticia Esther** is an Associate at BLC Robert & Associates in the Banking and Finance Team. She focuses on both domestic and cross-border transactions in numerous areas ranging from acquisition finance, project finance to structured or trade finance, and in regulatory and compliance advice to banks and financial institutions.

Leticia has participated in major transactions such as providing legal assistance with regards to the financing of a mining processing operation in a Sub-Saharan African country, the financing of a Mauritian smart city as well as assisting multinational banks with significant investments.

Leticia also handles corporate due diligences exercises, drafting of agreements and reviewing of various legal documentation.

Leticia was a secondee at The Eastern and Southern African Trade and Development Bank, whereby she assisted them in their transition from the LIBOR. She also provided Mauritian law assistance both to international and local banks in the amendment of existing loan documents for the shifting from the LIBOR to alternative risk-free rates.

Leticia also had the opportunity to play a leading role in assisting with financing aimed at keeping domestic economic operators afloat during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Leticia holds a Bachelor of Law at the University of Mauritius and a Masters in International Business Law (with specialisation in Commercial Arbitration) from the University of Central Lancashire.

## PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- 2019 Master's in international business law, University of Central Lancashire (in Collaboration with UOM Enterprise Ltd)
- 2015 Bachelor of Laws with Honours, University of Mauritius

## CAREER SUMMARY


- 2022 - Present Associate, BLC Robert & Associates
- 2020 - 2021 Legal Executive, BLC Robert & Associates
- 2018 - 2020 Junior Legal Executive, BLC Robert & Associates
- 2015 - 2018 Junior Lawyer, Kalexius

## AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Civil, Corporate & Commercial
- Banking & Financial Services

## TOP MATTERS

- Providing assistance to a consortium of DFIs in relation to the financing of a 58MW wind farm in Djibouti.
- Advising on the enforcement of maritime mortgages in Mauritius.
- Assisted both international and local banks in the amendment of existing loan documents to shift to alternative risk-free rates following the cessation of the LIBOR.
- Acted for a large multinational mobile telecommunications company in a USD 63 million financing for the acquisition of one of the leading telecommunication companies in Israel.
- Acted for a major African financing institution in the financing of solar inverters and up to 15 million solar devices in Nigeria.
- Acted for an Indian leader in payment and settlement systems in relation to the implementation of the relevant processors for acceptance of RuPay co-branded cards in Mauritius.
- Advised an international bank on the validity and enforceability under Mauritian law of collateral arrangements entered under various ISDA credit support annexes.
- Acted for a Luxembourg based investment fund in relation to a USD 10 million financing to a global telecom services group for the development, installation, operation and maintenance of up to 2,165 telecommunications towers across various sites located in the Philippines and the monetisation of those towers.
- Acted for Cape Biologix Technologies Ltd. in a financing facility from the European Investment Bank for the construction of new facilities to produce 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).

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- Acted for a fund set up by one of the world's leading state-owned investment and development bank in the funding of the growth and development of a solar home system and liquefied petroleum gas clean cook stove product offerings in a Sub-Saharan African country.
  - Acted for a major African financing institution in a financing facility for the purchase of COVID-19 vaccines to be donated to health centres in Africa.
  - Acted for a company operating under the aegis of the Bank of Mauritius in various local financings granted to economic operators affected by COVID-19 to maintain certain domestic economic operators afloat during these challenging times and to preserve jobs.
  - Acted for a Southern African airline in relation to the acquisition of two aircrafts through a Mauritian company for a value of USD 24 million and guaranteed by a Mauritian security provider.
  - Acted for a branch of the largest commercial bank of Mauritius in a financing for the development of a real estate project in Mauritius.
  - Acted for two branches of a multinational bank in relation to a USD 19 million financing facility for the development of commercial complex in a Sub-Saharan African country.