

# **André Robert**

# Partner | ALN Mauritius | BLC Robert & Associates Top Law Firm in Mauritius

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## **Background**

André Robert is a Senior Attorney and Senior Partner at BLC Robert & Associates, where he co-heads, with Senior Counsel Iqbal Rajahbalee, the Dispute Resolution team of the firm.

He is known to provide expert advice to commercial firms, banks, insurance companies, sugar estates, petroleum companies, hotels and textiles companies, as well as para-statal bodies. In addition to assisting in litigation challenges including offshore litigation, he works with chambers dedicated to the field of local and international arbitrations as well as trademark litigation.

André is the fifth generation of a family of lawyers, heading Etude Robert in close collaboration with a team of Attorneys and legal assistants. Etude Robert was founded by Mr Frédéric Robert, Attorney, in 1857. Etude Robert merged with BLC in 2016 to form BLC Robert.

André holds a Bachelor of General Studies degree (Diplome d' Etudes Universitaires Générales), an LLB and an LLM with Specialisation Judicial Career where he ranked 1st, all from Aix-en-Provence University (France). During his professional journey, André was a lecturer in Civil Law at the Council of Legal Education and was part of the panel for Attorneys', Barristers' and Notaries' examinations. He was a former Vice Chairman of the Mauritius Law Society.

## **Professional Membership**

Mauritius Law Society

## **Professional Qualifications**

- Diplôme d'Etudes Universitaires Générales (DEUG), Aix en Provence University
- Licence en Droit, Aix en Provence University
- Maîtrise en Droit (Specialisation Judicial Career) Ranked 1st, Aix en Provence University

### **Awards and Accolades**

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Andre is ranked in Band 2 by Chambers Global (2024) in the Dispute Resolution practice area.

"André Robert maintains a dynamic dispute resolution practice in Mauritius, with cases spanning contentious employment and tax disputes, the enforcement of arbitral awards and judicial review proceedings." – **Chambers Global (2024)** 

"André Robert is a very well-respected man in the industry and it is a pleasure working with him." – **Chambers Global 2024** 

"He is extremely knowledgeable and very good at what he does." - Chambers Global 2024

## **Top Matters**

## **Litigation and Arbitration**

- Acting for Terragri Limited, a major listed conglomerate in Mauritius, in connection with multi-million land disputes involving serious irregularities to try to misappropriate lands of our client.
- Acting for a construction company in connection with a road construction arbitration.
- Acting for Kross Border, a trust and corporate service provider, licensed under the Financial Services Act, in connection with a dispute with a shareholder in a global business with a substantial asset base.
- Acting for the State Trading Corporation in connection with a public interest suit in which the Mauritius Court has set aside an arbitral award.
- Acting for the administrators of Air Mauritius, the national airline carrier, in connection with its administration and successful exit therefrom via a MUR 12.5 billion deed of company arrangement.
- Acting for a major insurance company in connection with a claim against the State on alleged liability to maintain order and security.
- Acting for a major insurance company, as insurer of a leading contractor, in claims made against the State
  and another insurance company in respect of the flash floods which took place in Mauritius in 2013.
- Acting for The Constance Hotels Group in connection with a judicial review cases in respect of large value real estate holdings.
- Acting for a major multinational bank in disputes relating to Indian lending transactions in order to be able to sell pledged shares.
- Acting for an important South African insurer in a multi-million claim.
- Acting for a sugar company in connection with an arbitration in relating to water irrigation charges claimed our client.
- Acting for MasterCard in connection with a Competition Commission case before the Supreme Court of Mauritius.
- Acting for various funds involved in several cross-border disputes.
- Acting for a hotel company in connection with a claim for breach of a hotel management agreement.
- Acting for a client in connection with a dispute relating to a shareholders' agreement.

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