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Background

Ashwina Pittea is a Senior Associate in the Dispute Resolution department. Her experience is rooted in civil litigation, with a particular focus on commercial matters. She works across a diverse range of sectors, from corporate law and tax disputes to debt recovery, contractual disputes, employment, data protection, and intellectual property. While Ashwina's work is mostly contentious, she also handles these areas at a non-contentious level.

Ashwina has had the opportunity of working on cases which have made a significant impact—some of which have been heard by the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council and regional courts such as the COMESA Court of Justice. Additionally, Ashwina represents clients before the Supreme Court, the Industrial Court, the Assessment Review Committee and the District and Intermediate Courts.

Ashwina also regularly delivers client trainings across multiple areas of law, with a particular focus on employment law. Ashwina was called to the bar in Mauritius in January 2013 after being ranked first at the vocational examination for barristers held by the Council of Legal Education.

Areas of Expertise

- Banking and Finance
- Commercial litigation
- Tax litigation
- Employment
- Corporate restructuring and Insolvency
- Insolvency litigation
- Construction law

Professional Memberships

- Mauritius Bar Council

Professional Qualifications

2007 – 2010: LLB (with Honours): University of Mauritius

2011: Vocational course for barristers: Council of Legal Education (ranked 1st)

Career Summary

2025 – Present: BLC Robert & Associates

2019 – 2025: PwC Legal (Mauritius) Ltd

2017 – 2019: Geroudis Ltd

2014 – 2017: Banymandhub Boolell Chambers

2013 – 2014: Sole practitioner

Top Matters

- Representing one of the largest food companies in Mauritius before the COMESA Court of Justice in proceedings to prevent the Government of Mauritius from imposing a customs tariff on edible oil and from granting a subsidy to one market player.
- Appearing for insolvency practitioners acting either as receivers, administrators or liquidators.
- Representing one of the largest leasing companies in handling its debt recovery portfolio.
- Advisor to the largest shareholder-based public company in general corporate matters.
- Regularly appearing in matters governing the setting aside of statutory demands, winding up petitions, initiating proceedings against directors for breach of their duties, representing shareholders in proceedings to safeguard their rights, initiating derivative actions.
- Legal advice and assistance to taxpayers in objecting to assessments raised by the Mauritius Revenue Authority on issues revolving around foreign tax credit, transfer pricing, badges of trade, partial exemption on interest income, advance payment of dividends, corporate social responsibility levy.
- Representing two major insurance companies in contesting VAT adjustments made by the Mauritius Revenue Authority on the sale of wreck.
- Appearing for either the employer or the employee in employment-related disputes before disciplinary committees and before the Industrial Court in claims for unjustified termination and severance allowance.
- Regularly advising employers in the process to reduce their workforce, general restructuring plans, retirement benefits, issues governing violence at work.