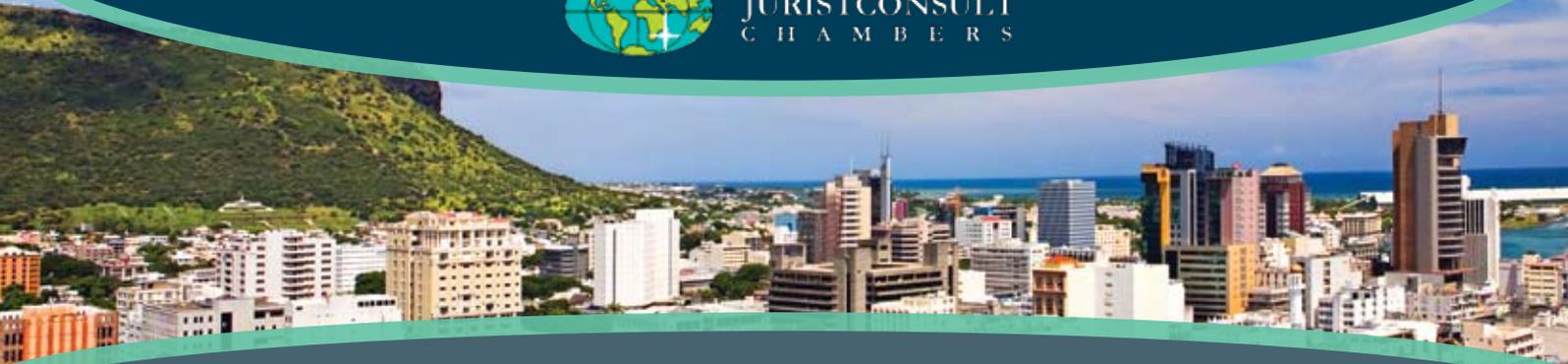




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## INTRODUCTION

Juristconsult Chambers is a leading law firm in Mauritius and covering also today Madagascar and the Seychelles. For over thirty years, our local and international clients, whether individuals or corporate, have entrusted us to deal with their legal challenges, whether local or international. To meet these challenges, we, at Juristconsult, combine intellectual rigour, extensive industry insight, hands-on regulatory experience and high performance to provide our clients with valuable and practical legal solutions.

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## CORPORATE & COMMERCIAL

Juristconsult Chambers offers a full range of services in this domain. We deal, on an everyday basis, with issues arising at each and every stage of the corporate life cycle of a company, from incorporation to insolvency. We act for wide-ranging domestic and international clients, from start-ups, small and medium enterprises, to large multinationals.

**Our Corporate & Commercial practice includes providing legal advice and litigation support on the following matters:**

- advising on shareholders' rights and remedies, shareholders' agreements, classes of shares, terms of issue of shares, distribution of shares, minority buy-outs and pre-emptive rights;
- corporate advisory services ranging from corporate governance to regulatory compliance;
- mergers & acquisitions;
- structuring and advising private equity and hedge funds;
- IPOs and other public offerings on the Stock Exchange of Mauritius; and
- local and international trade issues.

Juristconsult Chambers is a member of the Mauritius Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

*“We adopt a practical and commercial approach to every transaction; thus, safeguarding every aspect of our client's business.”*



## BANKING & FINANCE

Juristconsult Chambers provides advice, transactional support and litigation solutions to lenders, borrowers, financiers, corporate clients and investors. The Mauritius banking and financial law requires specialist expertise, which we offer, in view of its hybrid system consisting of both English & French Law.

**Our Banking & Finance practice covers the following areas:**

- compliance with anti-money laundering regulations and regulatory work;
- conventional lending, including syndicated lending;
- securities lending;
- project financing;
- custody & prime brokerage;
- private equity investment;
- real estate finance;
- cross-border structured finance; and
- advising financial institutions and banks on global custody arrangements.

*“Renowned for our intellectual rigour, we develop ground-breaking solutions for our clients, often involving complex financial techniques”*



# INSURANCE

## INSURANCE

Juristconsult Chambers advises on insurance, reinsurance and captive insurance law. Our lawyers frequently act for leading insurance companies in the domestic market and for international clients in cross-border transactions.

We have a very good understanding of the functions and powers of the Financial Services Commission, the regulator for the non-banking financial services sector, insurance, reinsurance and captive insurance sectors.

Our service goes beyond purely advising on the law. The depth and breadth of our expertise across other legal areas bring with it an inherent understanding of the commercial context in which insurance companies operate; hence, the reasons as to why we are in a prime position to assist our clients with not only handling their legal queries but also their complex business issues.

*“Our team believes in its ability to explain issues to clients in an user-friendly way and put clients’ objectives in perspective.”*



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## GLOBAL BUSINESS

Juristconsult Chambers is one of the pioneer firms in Mauritius to have provided legal advice in the Global Business sector (previously known as the Offshore Sector). Mauritius has a vibrant financial services business sector and is recognised as a rigorous financial centre, having the highest level of international compliance standards. Ideally located at the cross-roads of Africa, Australia and Asia, Mauritius offers a convenient platform for holding and structuring investments in fast growing economies.

Our pragmatic approach to the local market enables us to assist our clients, in not only structuring their investments, but also, as to how to avail benefits through a multitude of Double Taxation Avoidance Agreements (DTAs) and Investment Promotion and Protection Agreements (IPPAs).



### Advantages of using Mauritius:

- featuring at the top of investment indices for governance and ease of doing business in Africa;
- rule of law, democracy and political stability;
- low corporate tax and attractive fiscal policies;
- network of 41 active Double Taxation Avoidance Agreements;
- has signed 39 bilateral Investment Promotion and Protection Agreements;
- modern, efficient and well regulated financial services centre;
- guaranteed confidentiality in legitimate banking and business transactions;
- jurisdiction cooperating with organizations such as OECD, FATF, the UN and its agencies;
- no capital gains tax, withholding tax on outbound payments or tax on dividends;
- no currency exchange control;
- a stock exchange opened to foreign investors; and
- availability of qualified labour force and favourable time zone.

*“We pride ourselves on consistently providing a first class service to first class clients.”*



## TAXATION

Juristconsult Chambers' tax practice provides advisory and transactional coverage on a wide range of domestic and international tax issues.

Our practice covers the following areas:

- International tax planning and structuring
- Corporate tax issues
- Employment tax issues
- Residence and permanent establishment issues
- Wealth management and estate planning
- Tax based structured financing
- Expatriate taxation
- Valued added taxation
- Tax issues arising on company restructurings, M&A and public offers
- Transfer pricing
- Application of FATCA to domestic clients
- Advance Tax Rulings requests
- Tax litigation

We maintain good relationships with the Tax Authorities to negotiate on behalf of our clients.

*“We help clients structure their businesses in the most tax efficient way while respecting the spirit of the law.”*



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## AIRCRAFT & SHIPPING

### Aircraft

Juristconsult Chambers has unrivalled expertise in legal matters related to the aviation and the travel industry. Our clients include domestic and foreign airlines, banks and other financiers of aircrafts and parts, aviation insurers, companies owning or leasing aircrafts and international law firms representing clients with aviation interests in Mauritius.

### Shipping

With its strategic position in the Indian Ocean, Mauritius is an important port for vessels travelling between Europe and South Asia. In addition to its geographic advantage, Mauritius is also a favourable jurisdiction from an investment and tax planning perspective.

For many years, Juristconsult Chambers has acted on behalf of domestic and international ship-owners and operators for matters relating to the financing, purchasing, importing, chartering and operation of vessels.

Our lawyers have solid experience advising on, and resolving disputes in the shipping sector, as well as advising on various customs-related issues and offences.

With its attractive tax system and its extensive network of Double Taxation Avoidance Agreements, Mauritius is a jurisdiction of choice for the registration and financing of aircraft and ships.

*“We provide strategic legal advice in all matters related to the aircraft and shipping industry”*



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## ENERGY & MINING

Juristconsult Chambers advises on the exploitation, development, investment, acquisition, and financing of energy and mining related projects.

We have significant experience in the energy and mining sector. We frequently advise foreign and domestic companies which invest in the oil, gas and minerals sectors in Africa. Mauritius is now extensively used as an investment hub into Africa and our team has expertise in foreign direct investment on the African continent. We advise electricity companies at the different steps of generating, transmitting and distributing electricity on the national grids. We have also acted for various independent power producers.

*“Our close working relationship with a network of law firms in the neighbouring islands of Seychelles, Madagascar & Reunion and worldwide, enables us to better handle cross border transactions.”*



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## LITIGATION & DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Juristconsult Chambers has a multidisciplinary litigation and dispute resolution team. Otherwise, Mauritius is sparing no efforts to become a leading international arbitration centre. In July 2011, the Government of Mauritius signed a joint venture agreement for the creation of an international arbitration centre with the London Court of International Arbitration. The Mauritius International Arbitration Centre (LCIA-MIAC) is now fully operational. Mauritius has also signed a Host Country Agreement with the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) of The Hague which has appointed a permanent representative in the country.

Whilst very often business involves taking risks, your choice of litigation and dispute resolution lawyers should not. Our lawyers will work with you to maximise your chances of winning, whether through the use of dispute resolution techniques or skilful and persuasive advocacy before the courts and specialized tribunals.

We have a solid track record in advising domestic and international clients on complex and high-value transactions.

*“You can count on our lawyers to maximise your prospects for a successful outcome.”*



## PROCUREMENT & PPPs

Juristconsult Chambers has in the last years handled major procurement and PPP cases. Public- Private Partnership is a fairly new concept in Mauritius and our jurisdiction has seen the adoption of its supporting legislation, the Public-Private Partnership Act, in 2004.

With the emergence of collaborations between the public and private sectors in Mauritius to deliver essential public infrastructure and energy projects and the drive towards Public-Private Partnership-based delivery models, there is an increase in the demand for highly technical contracts. Juristconsult Chambers advises on such contracts as well as on their financial structuring.

We provide expert advice at all stages of procurement proceedings whether through the conventional procurement models or more sophisticated models such as Public-Private Partnerships.

In matters of dispute, our team of litigators represent clients before the Independent Review Panel and the Supreme Court of Mauritius.

*“Juristconsult Chambers has been involved in the first Public Private Partnership Project to be undertaken by the Government of Mauritius under the new law.”*



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## TECHNOLOGY, MEDIA, TELECOMMUNICATIONS, IP & DATA PROTECTION

Juristconsult Chambers is the leading Intellectual Property (“IP”) law firm in Mauritius. Our clients range from individuals to multi-nationals, local as well as international.

We provide our clients with expert advice on protecting their secrets, designs, ideas, commercial information, names and reputation and on maximizing the commercial value of their IP assets.

In the area of trade mark, we provide a whole range of trade mark management services, which include, but not limited to, searches on designated trademarks, trade mark registration and trade mark enforcement by way of “Notice of Opposition”.

We are also experienced in all types of copyright works, from the highly technical involving internet technologies to artistic and literary works.

Juristconsult Chambers also serves the corporate and regulatory needs of clients in the area of data protection and privacy law in Mauritius. We help our clients understand the Mauritius data protection law.

We advise on technology contracts, telecommunication projects, business process outsourcing and E-commerce.

*“Our team is made up of lawyers who have a passion for IP issues and includes an accomplished and renowned commercial litigator in the areas of IP in Mauritius.”*



## HOSPITALITY & TOURISM

Juristconsult Chambers is active in the hospitality, tourism and real estate sector. Mauritius has developed several schemes, namely, the IRS, RES and IHS schemes so that potential investors can acquire property in Mauritius or even take up Mauritius residency.

The Integrated Resort Scheme (IRS) is a scheme for the construction and sale of luxury villas to both foreigners and citizens of Mauritius. The acquisition of a villa under the scheme grants a resident status to the investor, his spouse and any dependants. Individuals and corporate entities can also apply to buy a villa under the IRS Scheme.

The Real Estate Scheme (RES) relates to smaller land developments. Such schemes are available for Mauritian citizens as well as foreigners. RES properties tend to have a marketable edge over the other two schemes for its affordable price.

The Invest-Hotel Scheme (IHS) is designed to enable property developers to sell hotel rooms, villas, suites or any other part of a hotel to individual buyers. There is no minimum investment on acquisition and under this scheme, the hotel building is divided into private and common units. The full ownership of the private units is passed to the respective owners whilst the common units are collectively owned in co-ownership.

We advise real estate and hotel promoters, tourist enterprises and other stakeholders in the tourism sector.

We also provide legal assistance in connection with the Integrated Resort Scheme, Real Estate Scheme and Invest-Hotel Scheme to foreigners who wish to acquire Mauritian resident status.

*“Forward looking and commercial in our approach, with a recognised ability to handle complex deals”*