

## SUMMARY RESUME

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**Name** Honorable Minister Shakeel MOHAMED  
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### **Practice Litigation and Consultancy**

#### **Litigation**

- Successfully conducted trials in a variety of tax, intellectual property and commercial cases.
- Achieved favorable resolution of complex, difficult-to-win cases through meticulous work and deployment of group-supported strategies.
- Practiced before administrative boards and arbitrators.
- Attained numerous credits in all phases of civil litigation in the Supreme Court of Mauritius.

#### **Consultancy**

- Advising Offshore Companies, Multinationals, Banks.
- Legal Advisor of several corporations with activities in various fields.
- Drafting of agreements, contracts, trusts and other legal documents.

#### **Areas of Expertise** • Commercial and Corporate Law

- Tax Law
- Arbitration
- Intellectual Property Rights
- Trusts
- Labour Law
- Drafting agreements, contracts and other legal documents in English and French

#### **Professional Experience**

**1992 – 2010 Partner**

*MC Law Offices Port Louis Mauritius*

*MC Law Offices was founded in 1961 by Mr. Yousuf A R Mohamed S C. The firm has a well diversified practice, as well as a large client base. Our firm adopts a multi-disciplinary approach, working together with other professionals such as chartered accountants and management consultants. Our lawyers are able to conduct business both in English and French.*

## **AREAS OF PRACTICE**

*As a reflection of the diverse activities of its client base, the main areas of practice of the firm consist of;*

***Intellectual Property Rights Trusts***

***Information technology and E Commerce Shipping***

***Litigation Commercial and Corporate***

***Financial Services Labour law***

***Banking and Finance Contracts***

***Tax law***

- Responsible of Corporate Department.
- Briefed and argued cases in appellate matters.
- Defended and managed complex product liability and commercial litigation issues.
  
- Developed numerous form contracts, enabling the business units to send a concise, well-drafted agreement to the customer with minimal turnaround time while protecting the company's interest.
  
- Drafted confidentiality agreements and independent contractor agreements.
- Assisted corporate clients in streamlining operations through the development of standard contract forms.
  
- Handled litigation for International Corporations involving, loan transactions and lender liability issues.
- interviewed and prepared clients for arbitration.
  
- managed legal issues for corporate clients.
- Prepared pleadings, agreements, deeds of trust, powers-of-attorney, wills, trusts, and other documents.
  
- Provided counsel and advice in employment law to senior management.
- Advised Offshore Companies, Offshore Management Companies, International Companies and financial institutions on Company law, Tax issues and Trusts Law.

## **Education and Vocational Skills**

### **1987 Certificate, French Civil Law**

*Universite de Lille* Lille, France

### **1989 LLB (Hons), European Law**

*University of Buckingham* Buckingham, England

Majored in:

European Law

French Contract law

Competition Law

International Trade law

### **1992 Bar Finals - Barrister**

*Middle Temple* London, England

Called to the Bar of England and Wales

## **Professional Memberships**

1992 • Member: Bar of England and Wales

1992 • Member: Mauritian Bar

## **Language Skills**

• Fluent in English, French and Urdu

## **Politics**

- Elected to the National Assembly in Mauritius in July 2005.
- Deputy Chief Government Whip 2008 – 2010
- Re elected to the National Assembly in Mauritius in 2010.
- Appointed Minister of Labour, Industrial Relations and Employment. (May 2010)
- Member of the Steering Committee of the Inter Parliamentary Union on WTO matters from September 2005 to May 2010. (Geneva).
- Represented Mauritius at the Parliamentary Conference on the WTO in Hong Kong in December 2005.

- Panelist at the Parliamentary Conference on the WTO in Hong Kong on good practices of oversight by parliaments in the field of international trade, December 2005.
- Presented a paper entitled “Lessons to be learnt from the history of multilateral trade negotiations under WTO auspices” at the Annual Parliamentary Conference on the WTO, December 2006. (Geneva).
- Seminar entitled “Realizing the Doha Development Agenda as if the Future Mattered”, convened by three nonprofit organizations with global missions: the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, the German Marshall Fund of the United States, and the Salzburg Seminar, February 2007.( Salzburg)
- Presented a paper entitled “The African Perspective” at the Salzburg Seminar, February 2007. (Salzburg)
- Panelist at the WTO Public Forum 2008 on the following issue; “Trade and Climate Change: Is trade killing our planet?”
- Panelist at the WTO Public Forum 2009 on the following issue; “Can protectionism protect trade? The legislator's perspective”