

Trusts & Estates Law



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Mr. Assad Abdullatiff is the Managing Director of Axis Fiduciary Ltd. A qualified Barrister-at-Law in Mauritius holding an LLB Hons (Bachelor of Law) from the University of Wolverhampton (UK) and an LLM (Master of Laws) in Business Law from the University of Hertfordshire (UK), Assad also holds over 20 years of experience in the Financial Services Sector. With a range of expertise covering a spectrum of legal and financial services, he is a reputed expert in corporate law & governance, tax planning & structuring, fund formation & administration, company secretarial and trusts & estate planning.

Assad has held several senior positions in various international financial services companies in Mauritius. Prior to his appointment as Managing Director at Axis, Assad was the Assistant Director at the Board of Investment of Mauritius (now known as the Economic Development Board), where he headed the Financial Services Cluster and his expertise and extensive network proved to be valuable assets for the promotion of Mauritius as an International Financial Centre.

Being an illustrious international speaker, with presence in conferences and roadshows across Africa, Assad regularly contributes to the showcasing of Mauritius as the gateway to 'The Hopeful Continent'. He also acts as professional trustee/council member on various Trust & Foundations and his engagement in drafting foundation laws in Mauritius as well as in the implementation of the Trust Legislations in Mauritius has been substantially notable.

Assad has been and continues to be heavily involved in the promotion and development of the international financial services industry of Mauritius through his contributions in various sectorial and industry associations. He originally seeded the idea of having one leading organisation for the Mauritius financial industry while he was the chairman of the Association of Trust and Management Companies ("ATMC") (2017-2018) and his idea bore fruition when ATMC and several key organisations in the financial services industry merged to become a single platform, establishing Mauritius Finance, in February 2021. Assad was part of the merger sub-committee of the ATMC and he now serves on the board of Mauritius Finance where he operates to defend the interests of the Mauritius financial services industry on the local and international scene. He is currently engaged in the following organizations/committees:

- The Blueprint Steering Committee.
- Board Member of Mauritius Finance - One organisation regrouping major players of the Mauritius financial sector.
- The Mauritius Branch of STEP & STEP Council.

A testament to his dedication to the promotion of the Mauritius International Financial Center on the international scene, Assad has previously served as Chairman of STEP Mauritius, and was appointed as Council Member of STEP Worldwide (2017-2020) to represent the Africa & Arabia regions, including branches in India, Mauritius, South Africa, Seychelles and UAE. He has recently been appointed as Director on the STEP Worldwide Board for a mandate of two years (2020-2022).

Assad serves as Independent Director on many Mauritian companies operating in diverse economic sectors. He is also a regular contributor to local and international publications on topics relevant to his practice and areas of expertise.