

**Law Practitioners (Registration of Law Firms, Foreign Law Firms,  
Joint Law Ventures and Foreign Lawyers) Regulations 2008**

**GN No. 268 of 2008**

**THE LAW PRACTITIONERS ACT  
(Government Gazette of Mauritius No. 120 of 15 December 2008)**

**Regulations made by the Attorney-General under section 22(1)(a) and (2)  
of the Law Practitioners Act**

1. These regulations may be cited as the **Law Practitioners (Registration of Law Firms, Foreign Law Firms, Joint Law Ventures and Foreign Lawyers) Regulations 2008**.

2. In these regulations -

“Act” means the Law Practitioners Act;

“certificate” means a certificate of registration issued under regulation 3(4), 4(4), 5(5) or 7(4);

“certificate copy” means the copy of an original document which has been seen and certified as being a true copy of the original by a law practitioner entitled to practise as such in the jurisdiction where the original document emanates;

“processing fee” means the processing fee specified in item 1 of the Second Schedule;

“registration fee” means the registration fee specified in items 2 to 5 of the Second Schedule.

3. (1) Where one or more law practitioners, or one or more law practitioners and a legal consultant intend to set up a law firm pursuant to section 10A of the Act, a director of the proposed law firm shall make a written application to the Attorney-General in the Form A of the First Schedule and forward same to the Legal Secretary.

- (2) An application under paragraph (1) shall be accompanied by –
  - (a) a certified copy of the constitution or the objects of the law firm;
  - (b) a certified copy of the certificate of incorporation or registration of the company or *société*, as the case may be;
  - (c) a certified copy of the educational and professional qualifications of every law practitioner and legal consultant intending to provide legal services for the law firm;
  - (d) a certified copy of the certificate issued under regulation 7 in respect of every foreign lawyer registered to provide legal services within that law firm in Mauritius; and
  - (e) the appropriate processing fee.
- (3) On receipt of an application under paragraph (1), the Attorney-General may –
  - (a) approve the application subject to such conditions as he thinks fit; or
  - (b) reject the application on such grounds as he thinks fit.
- (4) Where the Attorney-General approves an application under paragraph 3(a), he shall, on payment of the appropriate registration fee, issue a certificate to the applicant.
- (5) A certificate issued under paragraph (4) shall be valid for a period of 5 years from the date of issue.
- (6)
  - (a) A holder of a certificate issued under paragraph (4) may make an application to the Attorney-General in Form A of the First Schedule for the renewal of his certificate and forward it to the Legal Secretary.
  - (b) The Attorney-General may, on receipt of an application under paragraph (a) and on payment of the appropriate processing fee and registration fee,

renew the certificate for further periods of 5 years subject to such conditions as he thinks fit.

4. (1) Where a corporate entity which is licensed or registered as a law firm in a foreign country intends to register a local office in Mauritius pursuant to section 10G of the Act, a director of the firm shall make a written application to the Attorney-General in Form B of the First Schedule and forward it to the Legal Secretary.
- (2) An application under paragraph (1) shall be accompanied by –
  - (a) a certified copy of a document which shows that the firm is licensed or registered as a law firm in its home jurisdiction;
  - (b) a certified copy of a document, in respect of every foreign lawyer who shall be attached to the firm's local office, which shows that the lawyer is qualified to practise the law of the home jurisdiction or another foreign country;
  - (c) a certified copy of the certificate issued under regulation 7 in respect of every foreign lawyer registered to provide legal services within that foreign law firm in Mauritius; and
  - (d) the appropriate processing fee.
- (3) On receipt of an application under paragraph (1), the Attorney-General may –
  - (a) approve the application subject to such conditions as he thinks fit; or
  - (b) reject the application on such grounds as he thinks fit.
- (4) Where the Attorney-General approves an application under paragraph (3)(a), he shall, on payment of the appropriate registration fee, issue a certificate to the applicant.
- (5) A certificate issued under paragraph (4) shall be valid for a period of 12, 24 or 36 months from the date of issue, as the Attorney-General may, with the applicant's consent, determine.

- (6) (a) A holder of a certificate issued under paragraph (4) may make an application to the Attorney-General in Form B of the First Schedule for the renewal of his certificate and forward it to the Legal Secretary
  - (b) The Attorney-General may, on receipt of an application under paragraph (a) and on payment of the appropriate processing fee and registration fee, renew the certificate for further periods of 12, 24 or 36 months subject to such conditions as he thinks fit.
- 5. (1) Where a foreign law firm and a law firm intend to set up a joint law venture under section 10H of the Act, a director of one of the firms shall make a written application to the Attorney-General in Form C of the First Schedule and forward it to the Legal Secretary.
- (2) An application made under paragraph (1) shall be accompanied by –
  - (a) a certified copy of the certificate issued under regulation 3 in respect of the law firm;
  - (b) a certified copy of the certificate issued under regulation 4 in respect of the foreign law firm;
  - (c) a certified copy of the certificate issued under regulation 7 in respect of every foreign lawyer registered to provide legal services within that joint law venture in Mauritius; and
  - (d) the appropriate processing fee.
- (3) Where an application is made under paragraph (1), it shall contain a request from a director of the foreign law firm which proposes to be a constituent of the joint law venture, that it be deregistered as a foreign law firm.
- (4) On receipt of the application under paragraph (1), the Attorney-General may –
  - (a) where he is of the opinion that the joint law venture will be advantageous or contribute to, promote or enhance the quality of legal services in Mauritius

or the economic or technological development of Mauritius, approve the application subject to such conditions as he thinks fit; or

- (b) reject the application on such grounds as he thinks fit.
- (5) Where the Attorney-General approves an application under paragraph (4)(a), he shall, on payment of the appropriate registration fee, issue a certificate to the applicant.
- (6) A certificate issued under paragraph (5) shall be valid for a period of 12, 24 or 36 months from the date of issue, as the Attorney-General may, with the applicant's consent, determine.
- (7) (a) A holder of a certificate issued under paragraph (5) may make an application to the Attorney-General in Form C of the First Schedule for the renewal of his certificate and forward it to the Legal Secretary.
- (b) The Attorney-General may, on receipt of an application under paragraph (a) and on payment of the appropriate processing fee and registration fee, renew the certificate for further periods of 12, 24 or 36 months subject to such conditions as he thinks fit.
- 6.** (1) Where the owner of a share in a law firm intends to transfer or otherwise dispose of his share, he shall give written notice of his intention to the Attorney-General by letter forwarded by registered post to the Legal Secretary, not less than 14 days before the day on which he proposes to transfer or otherwise dispose of the share.
- (2) A notice under paragraph (1) shall state –
- (a) the name and address of the law practitioner or legal consultant to whom the share is to be transferred or otherwise disposed of; and
  - (b) the consideration for the transfer or disposal.
- 7.** (1) Where a foreign lawyer wishes to be registered and to provide legal services pursuant to section 10K of the Act, he shall make a written application to the

Attorney-General in Form D of the First Schedule and forward it to the Legal Secretary.

- (2) An application made under paragraph (1) shall be accompanied by –
  - (a) a certified copy of a document showing that the applicant is admitted to practise law in a foreign country;
  - (b) a certified copy of all educational and professional qualifications of the applicant; and
  - (c) the appropriate processing fee.
- (3) On receipt of an application under paragraph (1), the Attorney-General may –
  - (a) approve the application subject to such conditions as he thinks fit; or
  - (b) reject the application on such grounds as he thinks fit.
- (4) Where the Attorney-General approves an application under paragraph (3)(a), he shall, on payment of the appropriate registration fee, issue a certificate to the applicant.
- (5) A certificate issued under paragraph (4) shall be valid for a period of 12, 24 or 36 months from the date of issue, as the Attorney-General may, with the applicant's consent, determine.
- (6)
  - (a) A holder of certificate issued under paragraph (4) may make an application to the Attorney-General in Form D of the First Schedule for the renewal of his certificate and forward it to the Legal Secretary.
  - (b) The Attorney-General may, on receipt of an application under paragraph (a) and on payment of the appropriate processing fee and registration fee, renew the certificate for further periods of 12, 24 or 36 months subject to such conditions as he thinks fit.

- 8** The Attorney-General may refuse to accept or process an application under these regulations where the form is –
- (a) not completed or lodged in accordance with such directions as may be specified in the form or by the Attorney-General; or
  - (b) not accompanied, at the time of application, by the appropriate documents, particulars, information or processing fee.
- 9.** (1) On receipt of any application under these regulations, the Attorney-General shall make a decision not later than 6 weeks from the date of receipt of the application.
- (2) Where the Attorney-General fails to communicate any decision within the time limit specified in paragraph (1), the application shall be deemed to have been approved.
- 10.** (1) The Attorney-General may, at any time in his discretion, waive or modify any condition imposed under regulation 3(3)(a), 3(6)(b), 4(3)(a), 4(6)(b), 5(4)(a), 5(7)(b), 7(3)(a) or 7(6)(b).
- (2) Where the Attorney-General rejects an application under regulation 3(3)(b), 4(3)(b), 5(4)(b), or 7(3)(b) or modifies a condition under paragraph (1), he shall, as far as possible, indicate briefly to the applicant, in writing, the reasons for his decision.
- 11.** (1) Where a person intends to practise as a legal consultant, he shall make a written application to the Chief Justice for authorisation to act as such.
- (2) The Chief Justice may, on good cause shown and after a hearing in accordance with the procedure set out under section 14(1) and (2) of the Act, suspend or revoke the authorisation given to a legal consultant to act as such.
- 12.** (1) Where a person wishes to inspect the Register or obtain any information contained therein, he shall make a written request to the Attorney-General and forward it to the Legal Secretary, accompanied by the fee specified in item 6 of the Second Schedule.

- (2) On receipt of a request under paragraph (1), the Attorney-General may make the Register accessible for inspection or make any information available in such form and manner and subject to such conditions as he thinks fit.
- 13.** The Attorney-General may, on a written application by a law firm, the local office of a foreign law firm, a joint law venture or a foreign lawyer and on payment of the fee specified in item 7 of the Second Schedule, issue –
- (a) a duplicate certificate, on good cause shown;
  - (b) a certified true copy thereof; or
  - (c) the appropriate letter or document.
- 14.** (1) Subject of paragraph (2), a fee specified in the Second Schedule shall not be refundable.
- (2) The Attorney-General may, on good cause shown, exempt, waive or refund any fee payable under these regulations.
- 15.** Any person who wishes to appeal to the Supreme Court pursuant to section 10Q of the Act shall, within the time specified in that section -
- (a) lodge a written notice of appeal, with his grounds of appeal, with the Registry of the Supreme Court; and
  - (b) cause a copy of the notice to be served on the Attorney-General.
- 16.** (1) Any complaint relating to -
- (a) the professional misconduct of a law firm, a foreign law firm, a joint law venture or a foreign lawyer registered under the Act;
  - (b) the breach of any condition imposed under regulation 3(3)(a), 3(6)(b), 4(3)(a), 4(6)(b), 5(4)(a), 5(7)(b), 7(3)(a) or 7(6)(b); or
  - (c) the provision of legal services in contravention of the Act,



may be referred to the Attorney-General.

- (2) On receipt of a complaint under paragraph (1), the Attorney-General shall refer it to an Evaluation Committee, which shall consist of –
  - (a) the Solicitor General or his representative, who shall chair the Committee;
  - (b) the Legal Secretary; and
  - (c) the Chairperson of the Bar Council, the President of the Mauritius Law Society or the Chairperson of the Chamber of Notaries.
- (3) In examining a complaint referred to it, the Evaluation Committee -
  - (a) may request for such further information as it may require from the complainant; and
  - (b) shall give due consideration to any written representations made by the party against whom the complaint has been made.
- (4) The Evaluation Committee shall, after the examination of a complaint, communicate its recommendations to the Attorney-General.
- (5) The Attorney-General may be guided by the recommendations of the Evaluation Committee in reaching a decision on the complaint.
- (6) The Attorney-General shall communicate his decision on a complaint referred to him within 3 months of receiving that complaint.
- (7) When considering a complaint referred to him under paragraph (1), the Attorney-General may, pursuant to section 10N of the Act, take any measures as he may consider necessary and may, for that purpose –
  - (a) Issue a warning;
  - (b) suspend or cancel a registration made under the Act;

(c) modify a condition of a registration made under the Act;

(d) refer the matter to the Commissioner of Police, where the complaint reveals that a criminal offence has been committed.

**17.** No foreign lawyer, law firm, foreign law firm or joint law venture shall provide legal services in Mauritius unless he or it, as the case may be, is registered under these regulations.

Made by the Attorney-General on 12 December 2008.

**FIRST SCHEDULE**  
(regulations 3, 4, 5 and 7)

**FORM A**

**APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF A LAW FIRM/  
RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION OF A LAW FIRM**  
(section 10A of the Law Practitioners Act)

(To be completed in English and signed by the Director of the law firm seeking registration of that law firm in Mauritius)

**1. PARTICULARS OF PROPOSED LAW FIRM**

- (a) Name: .....
- (b) Business address: .....  
.....
- (c) Telephone No.: .....
- (d) Fax No.: .....
- (e) Email address: .....  
(if any)
- (f) Date of incorporation as .....  
company or registration as  
*société*:  
(See Notes 2(a) and (b) of  
the Notes to Applicants)
- (g) Proposed activities of law .....  
firm (areas of practice and .....  
specialisation: .....  
(if any)) .....

(h) Name of proposed .....  
Director:

**2. STAFF**

	Number
†Local law practitioners	
Legal consultants	
Foreign lawyers	
Total	

†Mauritian citizen and permanent resident

**3. PARTICULARS OF LOCAL LAW PRACTITIONERS AND LEGAL CONSULTANTS**

Please provide details of the local law practitioners and legal consultants intending to provide legal services for the law firm:

(See Note 2(c) of the Notes to Applicants)

Name	Profession	Qualifications

(Attach separate sheet, if required)

**4. PARTICULARS OF FOREIGN LAWYERS**

Details of foreign lawyers attached to the law firm who are entitled to provide legal services in Mauritius:

(See Note 2(d) of the Notes to Applicants)

Name	Profession	Qualifications

(Attach separate sheet, if required)

**5. PARTICULARS OF SHARES IN THE LAW FIRM**

Name of shareholder	Address	% shares held

(Attach separate sheet, if required)

**6. DECLARATION AND UNDERTAKINGS**

(a) I, ..... (Name of Director),  
being a ..... (position occupied in law  
firm) declare that any information provided by me in this form and the supporting  
documents is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(b) I declare that the person(s) to be designated as Signing Practitioner(s) of the law  
firm is/are –

(i) .....

(ii) .....

(iii) .....

(c) If this application is approved by the Attorney-General, I hereby give to the  
Attorney-General the undertakings that –

(i) the law firm shall abide by the relevant provisions of the Law Practitioners  
Act and regulations made under it and shall comply with all applicable laws  
in Mauritius and all the relevant notices, conditions, guidelines and  
guidance notes that have been issued by the Attorney-General as at the  
date of this application and at any time thereafter, as well as additional  
conditions (if any) stated in the certificate of registration of the law firm;

(ii) I shall forthwith inform the Attorney-General in writing in the event that –

(A) there is any alteration in the particulars submitted in this application;

(B) the law firm has ceased to provide legal services in Mauritius or has been wound up or suspended or struck off.

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Signature

.....  
Firm/Company's Official Stamp  
(if any)

Date: .....

Particulars of the person (Director of the law firm) who signs this form:

.....  
Name in Block Letters

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Designation

.....  
Nationality

.....  
NIC No./Passport No\*

\*Delete as appropriate

## NOTES TO APPLICANTS

1. Your attention is drawn to the provisions of the Law Practitioners Act, in particular sections 10A to 10F and to the Law Practitioners (Registration of Law Firms, Foreign Law Firms, Joint Law Ventures and Foreign Lawyers) Regulations 2008.
  
2. The application form, duly completed, should be accompanied by –
  - (a) a certified copy of the constitution or the objects of the law firm;
  
  - (b) a certified copy of the certificate of incorporation or registration of the company or *société*, as the case may be;
  
  - (c) a certified copy of the educational and professional qualifications of every law practitioner and legal consultant intending to provide legal services for the law firm;
  
  - (d) a certified copy of the certificate of registration issued by the Attorney-General under section 10K of the Act in respect of every foreign lawyer registered to provide legal services within that law firm in Mauritius; and
  
  - (e) the processing fee of 10,000 rupees,

and should be sent to the Legal Secretary at the following address –

The Legal Secretary  
Attorney General's Office  
4th Floor, Renganaden Seeneevassen Building  
Jules Koenig Street  
Port Louis

**FORM B**

**APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF A FOREIGN LAW  
FIRM/RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION OF A LOCAL  
OFFICE OF A FOREIGN LAW FIRM**  
(section 10G of the Law Practitioners Act)

(To be completed in English and signed by the Senior Partner/Managing Partner/Managing Director of the foreign law firm seeking registration of its local office in Mauritius)

**1. PARTICULARS OF PROPOSED LOCAL OFFICE**

- (a) Name: .....
- (b) Business address: .....  
(in Mauritius) .....
- (c) Telephone No.: .....  
(in Mauritius)
- (d) Fax No.: .....  
(in Mauritius)
- (e) Email address: .....  
(if any)
- (f) Proposed/existing activities .....  
of local office (areas of  
practice and  
specialisation):



- (g) Is the proposed local office a regional office? Yes/No (\*Delete as appropriate)

If "Yes", please state countries covered:

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- (h) Staff:

	†Local	Foreign
Proposed/existing number of local law practitioners and foreign lawyers		
Proposed/Existing number of professional/managerial/executive staff		
Proposed/existing number of secretarial and clerical staff		
Total		

†Mauritian citizen and permanent resident

- (i) Details of foreign lawyers attached to the local office who are entitled to provide legal services in Mauritius:

(See Notes 2, 3(b) and 3(c) of the Notes to Applicants)

Name	Profession	Qualifications

(Attach separate sheet, if required)

- (j) Details of local law practitioners attached to the local office who are entitled to provide legal services in Mauritius:

Name	Profession	Qualifications

(Attach separate sheet, if required)

- (k) Business spending:

Total operating expenditure of the local office in Mauritius (Rs)	**Existing	Proposed expenditure	
	Year _____	Year _____	Year _____
(i) Salaries (including pension fund contributions,			
(ii) Rental (office, residence, machinery and equipment, etc.)			
(iii) Others (travelling, marketing, utilities, etc.)			

\*\*Not applicable for new registration.

**2. PARTICULARS OF PARENT LAW FIRM/COMPANY**

- (a) Name: .....
- (b) Business address: .....  
.....
- (c) Telephone No.: .....
- (d) Fax No.: .....
- (e) Email address: .....  
(if any)
- (f) Date and place of .....  
incorporation or  
establishment of parent law  
firm/company:  
(See Note 3(a) of the Notes  
to Applicants)
- (g) Authorised capital (Rs): .....  
(if applicable) .....
- (h) Paid up capital (Rs): .....  
(if applicable)
- (i) List of major partners/shareholders, their nationalities and percentage share:

Partners/Shareholders	Nationality	% shares held

(j) Turnover of firm/company for the past 3 years:

Year	_____	_____	_____
Gross turnover (Rs)			
Net profit (Rs)			

(k) Details of business activities:

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### 3. LENGTH OF REGISTRATION

The foreign law firm wishes to apply for registration of its local office in Mauritius for a period of:

(Tick as appropriate)

12 months       24 months       36 months

### 4. DECLARATION AND UNDERTAKINGS

(a) I declare that all the information I have given in this form and the supporting documents are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(b) If this application is approved by the Attorney-General, I hereby give to the Attorney-General the undertakings that –

(i) the local office shall not provide or put itself forward as providing legal services on, or in relation to, Mauritian law;

(ii) the local office shall abide by the relevant provisions of the Law Practitioners Act and regulations made under it and shall comply with all applicable laws in Mauritius and all the relevant notices, conditions, guidelines and guidance notes that have been issued by the Attorney-General as at the date of this application and at any time thereafter, as well

as additional conditions (if any) stated in the certificate of registration of the foreign law firm; and

(iii) I shall forthwith inform the Attorney-General in writing in the event that –

(A) there is any alteration in the particulars submitted in this application;

(B) the foreign law firm has ceased to provide legal services in Mauritius or has been wound up or suspended or struck off.

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Signature

.....

Firm/Company's Official Stamp

(if any)

Date: .....

Particulars of the person (Senior Partner/Managing Partner/Managing Director of the foreign law firm) who signs this form:

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Name in Block Letters

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Designation

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Nationality

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NIC No./Passport No\*

\*Delete as appropriate

## NOTES TO APPLICANTS

1. Your attention is drawn to the provisions of the Law Practitioners Act, in particular sections 10G, 10K and 10N and to the Law Practitioners (Registration of Law Firms, Foreign Law Firms, Joint Law Ventures and Foreign Lawyers) Regulations 2008.
2. Please provide at least 2 names of foreign lawyers.

Under section 10G(2)(c) of the Act, the local office must have at least 2 lawyers in its office in Mauritius who are qualified under the law of the home jurisdiction to practise the law of that jurisdiction, and who have already been registered pursuant to section 10K of the Act.

3. The application form, duly completed, should be accompanied by –
  - (a) a certified copy of a document which shows that the firm is licensed or registered as a law firm in its home jurisdiction;
  - (b) a certified copy of a document, in respect of every foreign lawyer who shall be attached to the firm's local office, which shows that the lawyer is qualified to practise the law of the home jurisdiction or another foreign country;
  - (c) a certified copy of the certificate of registration issued by the Attorney-General under section 10K of the Act in respect of every foreign lawyer registered to provide legal services within that foreign law firm in Mauritius; and
  - (d) the processing fee of 10,000 rupees,

and should be sent to the Legal Secretary at the following address –

The Legal Secretary  
Attorney-General's Office  
4th Floor, Renganaden Seeneevassen Building  
Jules Koenig Street, Port Louis

**FORM C**

**APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF JOINT LAW VENTURE/RENEWAL  
OF REGISTRATION OF JOINT LAW VENTURE**

(section 10H of the Law Practitioners Act)

(To be completed in English and signed by Director of the Mauritian law firm and the Senior Partner/Managing Partner/Managing Director of the foreign law firm seeking registration of their joint law venture in Mauritius)

**1. DETAILS OF MAURITIAN LAW FIRM, FOREIGN LAW FIRM AND PROPOSED JOINT LAW VENTURE**

Please furnish information and details of the following –

(a) Details of Mauritian law firm participating in the proposed Joint Law Venture  
(See Note 2(a) of the Notes to Applicants)

(i) Name of law firm: .....

(ii) Names of local<sup>†</sup> law practitioners in the law firm: .....  
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(iii) Names of foreign lawyers in the law firm: .....  
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(iv) Major recent transactional/client engagements: .....  
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<sup>†</sup>Mauritian citizen and permanent resident

(b) Details of foreign law firm participating in the proposed Joint Law Venture

(i) Name of foreign law firm:

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(ii) Names of local<sup>†</sup> law practitioners in the foreign law firm:

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(iii) Names of foreign lawyers in the foreign law firm:

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(iv) Major recent transactional/client engagements:

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(c) Details of proposed Joint Law Venture

(i) Name of proposed Joint Law Venture:

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(ii) Business address:.....

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(iii) Date of incorporation or registration: .....  
(if any)

(iv) Number of foreign equity partners/directors:

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<sup>†</sup>Mauritian citizen and permanent resident



(v) Number of †local equity partners/directors:  
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(vi) Number of local† law practitioners in the proposed Joint Law Venture:  
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(vii) Names of foreign lawyers registered to provide legal services within the  
Joint Law Venture in Mauritius:  
(See Note 2(c) of the Notes to Applicants)  
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(viii) Details of joint management agreement:  
(Attach separate sheet, if required)  
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(ix) Details of professional indemnity for practice of Mauritian law:  
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(x) Details of a business plan describing the objectives of the Joint Law  
Venture and the implementation of the business plan: (a copy of the  
business plan to be enclosed)  
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†Mauritian citizen and permanent resident

(xi) Other relevant information: (Attach separate sheet, if required)

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†Mauritian citizen and permanent resident

**2. LENGTH OF REGISTRATION**

The Joint Law Venture wishes to apply for registration in Mauritius for a period of:

(Tick as appropriate)

2 months

24 months

36 months

**3. DECLARATION AND UNDERTAKINGS**

(a) We, .....  
(name and NIC No./Passport No.\* of Director) for and on behalf of the Mauritian law firm of .....  
(name of Mauritian law firm) and .....  
(name and NIC No./Passport No.\* of Senior Partner/Managing Partner/Managing Director) for and on behalf of the foreign law firm of .....  
(name of foreign law firm) hereby apply for registration as a Joint Law Venture under section 10H of the Law Practitioners Act and the regulations made thereunder.

(b) We hereby declare that any information provided by us in this form is accurate and complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

(c) I, ..... (name of Director),  
being a .....  
(position in Mauritian law firm) declare that the law firm will, as from .....  
....., cease to provide legal services in foreign and international law.

- (d) I, .....  
 (name of Senior Partner/Managing Partner/Managing Director), being a  
 .....(position in firm)  
 in..... (name of foreign law firm) request  
 that the firm be deregistered as from .....
- (e) If our application is approved, we hereby undertake to abide by the relevant provisions of the Law Practitioners Act and regulations made under it and to comply with all applicable laws in Mauritius and all the relevant notices, conditions, guidelines and guidance notes that have been issued by the Attorney-General as at the date of this application and at any time thereafter, as well as additional conditions (if any) stated in the certificate of registration of the Joint Law Venture.
- (f) We shall forthwith inform the Attorney-General in writing in the event that –
- (i) there is any alteration in the particulars submitted in this application;
- (ii) the joint law venture has ceased to provide legal services in Mauritius or has been wound up or suspended or struck off.

.....  
 Signature of Director applying for  
 and on behalf of the abovenamed  
 Mauritian law firm

.....  
 Signature of Senior Partner/  
 Managing Partner/Managing  
 Director applying for and on behalf  
 of the abovenamed foreign law firm

.....  
 Date

.....  
 Date

\* Delete as appropriate

## NOTES TO APPLICANTS

1. Your attention is drawn to the provisions of the Law Practitioners Act, in particular sections 10H, 10I, 10J and 10N and the Law Practitioners (Registration of Law Firms, Foreign Law Firms, Joint Law Ventures and Foreign Lawyers) Regulations 2008.
2. The application form, duly completed, should be accompanied by –
  - (a) a certified copy of the certificate of registration issued by the Attorney-General under section 10A of the Law Practitioners Act in respect of the law firm;
  - (b) a certified copy of the certificate of registration issued by the Attorney-General under section 10G of the Law Practitioners Act in respect of the foreign law firm;
  - (c) a certified copy of the certificate of registration issued by the Attorney-General under section 10K of the Act in respect of every foreign lawyer registered to provide legal services within that joint law venture in Mauritius; and
  - (d) the processing fee of 10,000 rupees,

and should be sent to the Legal Secretary at the following address –

The Legal Secretary  
Attorney-General's Office  
4th Floor, Renganaden Seeneevassen Building  
Jules Koenig Street  
Port-Louis

**FORM D**

**APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF A FOREIGN LAWYER/RENEWAL  
OF REGISTRATION OF A FOREIGN LAWYER**

(section 10K of the Law Practitioners Act)

(To be completed in English and signed by the foreign lawyer seeking registration in Mauritius)

**1. PARTICULARS OF FOREIGN LAWYER**

(a) Name of applicant: .....

(b) Jurisdictions in which applicant is qualified to practise:

(See Note 2(a) of Notes to Applicant)

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(c) Principal jurisdiction in which applicant is qualified to practise:

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(d) Business address in principal/home jurisdiction:

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(e) Name of law firm, foreign law firm or joint venture in Mauritius within which the applicant intends to provide legal services:

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(f) Business address: (in Mauritius)

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(g) Telephone No.: (in Mauritius)

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(h) Fax No.: (in Mauritius)

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(i) Email Address: (if any)

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(j) Qualifications: (See Note 2(b) of Notes to Applicant)

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(k) Areas of practice and specialisation: (if any)

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**2. LENGTH OF REGISTRATION**

I wish to apply for registration as foreign lawyer in Mauritius for a period of:

(Tick as appropriate)

12 months

24 months

36 months

**3. DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS/CONVICTIONS**

(Delete as appropriate)

(a) I have/have not been previously subject to disciplinary proceedings. (If yes, please give details)

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(b) I have/have not been previously convicted of an offence involving dishonesty in any jurisdiction. (If yes, please give details)

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#### 4. DECLARATION AND UNDERTAKINGS

- (a) I declare that any information provided by me in this form and the supporting documents is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.
- (b) I declare that as of the date of this application, I have not been convicted of any offence involving dishonesty in any jurisdiction\*/I have been convicted of an offence/offences\* involving dishonesty, particulars of which are set out above.
- (c) If my application is approved by the Attorney-General, I hereby give to the Attorney-General the undertakings that –
  - (i) I shall practise foreign law only in the abovementioned Joint Law Venture/foreign law firm/Mauritian law firm\* and shall abide by the rules of professional conduct and etiquette of his applicable jurisdiction or such other jurisdiction as may be determined by the Attorney-General;
  - (ii) I shall abide by the relevant provisions of the Law Practitioners Act and regulations made under it and shall comply with all applicable laws in Mauritius and all the relevant notices, conditions, guidelines and guidance notes that have been issued by the Attorney-General as at the date of this application and at any time thereafter, as well as additional conditions (if any) stated in my certificate of registration;
  - (iii) I shall comply with the relevant laws of Mauritius relating to the employment of foreign professionals;

(iv) I shall forthwith inform the Attorney-General in writing in the event that –

(A) there is any alteration in the particulars submitted in this application;

(B) I have ceased to provide legal services in Mauritius, am subject to disciplinary action, am suspended or struck off or am convicted of any offence involving dishonesty in any jurisdiction together with particulars thereof.

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Name of foreign lawyer

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Signature

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Date

\* Delete as appropriate



## NOTES TO APPLICANTS

1. Your attention is drawn to the provisions of the Law Practitioners Act, in particular sections 10K, 10L, 10M and 10N and to the Law Practitioners (Registration of Law Firms, Foreign Law Firms, Joint Law Ventures and Foreign Lawyers) Regulations 2008.
  
2. The application form, duly completed, should be accompanied by –
  - (a) a certified copy of a document showing that the applicant is admitted to practise law in a foreign country;
  
  - (b) a certified copy of all educational and professional qualifications of the applicant;  
and
  
  - (c) the processing fee of 10,000 rupees.

and should be sent to the Legal Secretary at the following address –

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**SECOND SCHEDULE**  
(regulations 2, 12(1), 13 and 14)

<b>FEES</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b> <b>Rs</b>
1. Processing fee for application for registration / renewal of registration of –	
(a) a law firm	10,000
(b) a local office of a foreign law firm	10,000
(c) a joint law venture	10,000
(d) a foreign lawyer	10,000
2. Registration fee for certificate as a law firm	50,000
For every renewal	10,000
3. Registration fee for certificate as local office of a foreign law firm or renewal thereof –	
(a) for a period of 12 months or part thereof	100,000
(b) for a period of 24 months or part thereof	200,000
(c) for a period of 36 months or part thereof	300,000

4.	Registration fee for certificate as joint law venture or renewal thereof –	
	(a) for a period of 12 months or part thereof	100,000
	(b) for a period of 24 months or part thereof	200,000
	(c) for a period of 36 months or part thereof	300,000
5.	Registration fee for certificate as a foreign lawyer or renewal thereof –	
	(a) for a period of 12 months or part thereof	25,000
	(b) for a period of 24 months or part thereof	50,000
	(c) for a period of 36 months or part thereof	75,000
6.	Fee for access to Register or release of any information from the Register	1,000
7.	Fee for -	
	(a) issuing duplicate certificate	2,500
	(b) issuing a certified true copy thereof	1,000
	(c) issuing the appropriate letter or document	2,500