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Professional Associations

Law Association of Trinidad and Tobago

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Mediation Board of Trinidad and Tobago

Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners

Family Firm Institute

Trinidad and Tobago Chamber of Commerce

Caribbean Corporate Governance Institute

Family Business Association of the Caribbean



Attorney-at-Law | Family Business Advisor | Family Wealth Advisor
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Ria is a seasoned professional with expertise spanning various legal domains, including corporate, family, trust, and estate law, along with alternative dispute resolution techniques such as mediation, arbitration, and negotiation. Her specialization lies in offering invaluable guidance to family businesses and managing family wealth, delivering comprehensive legal, succession planning, governance, and conflict resolution solutions tailored specifically to family-owned enterprises. She has a proven track record of organising informative seminars and workshops, both in private and public settings, to empower family businesses. Additionally, she is a licensed Trustee under the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act.

Ria is also the accomplished author of *The Seven Domains of the Family Business: The Journey to a Multigenerational Legacy*, a book that outlines seven pivotal events that all family businesses encounter on their journey toward building a lasting legacy. In this book, she provides practical solutions for creating and sustaining such legacies.

Ria's approach is characterised by fostering open and collaborative communication to effectively address individual, organisational and governance challenges. Her focus is on developing practical frameworks that facilitate sustainable business practices while preserving the well-being of the family involved.

With academic qualifications in Mathematics, Chemistry, and Law from the University of the West Indies, Ria also holds professional certifications in Family Business Advising, Family Wealth Advising, and Negotiation and Leadership from the prestigious Harvard Law School. Her leadership roles include serving as the Chair of the Family Business Association of the Caribbean, Vice Chair of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (TT Chapter), and being a certified trust and estate practitioner with the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP). Ria's extensive qualifications and practical experience make her a prominent figure in the legal and family business advisory fields.