

Q&A



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Q *What led you to pursue a career in M&A?*

A Even before starting my law degree, I knew that I would be joining the legal world as a corporate lawyer someday. Making the most of internships in various spheres of the industry did help to narrow down the areas I was passionate about.

The dynamic nature of M&A transactions keeps me challenged. There is never a dull moment, and there is always a problem that needs solving. M&A deals enticed me with the prospect of continuous learning and growth. I find that having the chance to be able to work closely with the client, diverse teams and stakeholders in order to bring a transaction together is exhilarating.

However, a career in the corporate world is not without its challenges. We often have to face very tight deadlines, and there is a constant need to stay updated with the ever-evolving legal and regulatory frameworks. I find that, in the end, it is all worth it, as you get to work with talented professionals and get to contribute to the business landscape.

Q *What, in your opinion, is the hardest part of an M&A deal?*

A The hardest part will vary, depending on the deal. No two deals are the same, and each deal has its challenges. In my opinion, sometimes the hardest part of a deal is to be able to make the balance

between the commercial and legal aspects of the transaction; ensuring that what your client wants from a commercial perspective is rightly transcribed from a legal point of view. In order to do so, you need to be attentive to the demands of the client, and be able to probe the client to ascertain that every outcome and implication has been taken into account. Communication is a vital key in any transaction.

Q *What piece of advice would you give a young woman joining your team on her first deal?*

A It is OK to not know everything. Ask questions, learn from your team members. It is all a process, but you need to be ready to put in the time and effort, and to persevere. Attention to detail, being there for your client, and growing your network in your industry are all essential for continuity. It is a demanding industry and in order to make it, you need to be passionate about what you do. Women tend to not trust their abilities and potential, and often undersell what they can bring to the table. Do not make that mistake. Take the initiative, remain focused and believe in yourself.

Q *What do you do to unwind | get away from the stress of work?*

A My favourite way to unwind is to cook. It is the only time that I get to switch off my brain and just enjoy the process, which I find very therapeutic.

Once every few years, my friends and I recreate a popular reality television show called "Come Dine with Me", where we each take turns to host the others to dinner at our homes. The dinner parties are scored by the guests, based on various factors. Being able to put work aside for some good laughter, some great food and amazing company is a must.

On the other hand, my involvement in Ladies' Circle also takes a lot of my free time. Through this non-political, non-sectarian association, I help to organise various charitable and fundraising events, and get to meet people from various socioeconomical spheres, both in Mauritius and internationally.

FUN FACTS

Current book on your nightstand:

Little Soldiers: An American Boy, a Chinese School, and the Global Race to Achieve by Lenora Chu.

Item not yet completed on your bucket list: Skydiving, and going to a carnival in Brazil.

Preferred holiday destination: Anywhere where you get good food with a rich history. Prague, Budapest and Bali are definitely some of my favourite destinations.

Three words that your colleagues would use to describe you: Driven, resourceful and sociable.

Your worst trait: Impatience, but I am working on it. 🙄

