# Q&A

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**Q** *Where did your journey begin and how did you end up where you are today?*

**A** After completing my LLB (Hons) at the University of Newcastle Upon Tyne, I returned to Mauritius and began my corporate career with Deustche Bank and then Accenture. However, I wanted to pursue my professional qualifications so completed my Bar Professional Training Course at the University of the West of England and came back to Mauritius to work at a local firm specialising in transactional matters. The love for corporate just kept growing!

**Q** *Were there any women who helped you on your journey?*

**A** I have been helped by many people, men and women alike. At each stage, each person has taught me something that has either pushed me in a direction or been a valuable lesson. I believe that you can learn from everyone you meet. A special nod of thanks to my mentors who have always been there to guide me with their pearls of wisdom.

**Q** *Did you have a female role model? If so, who was she and why was she a role model to you?*

**A** I find inspiration from different people in different walks of life. Each person is unique and has their own special attributes. At university, I was inspired by the love of law shown by one of my tutors who was also a practising solicitor. She was very passionate and committed to her work, which inspired me to find an area of law that I am passionate about. On a personal level, I am inspired by my mother who also has a commitment and passion for her work.

**Q** *What is the most valuable thing you have learnt from another woman?*

**A** Not being afraid or feeling guilty about pursuing your career aspirations whilst still being a mother.

**Q** *What qualities would you say are essential for a woman to thrive in the M&A industry?*

**A** These might apply to any person in the M&A industry: having commercial acumen; being a good listener and a good team player; paying attention to detail and the will to 'give it your all'; and working outside standard office hours (especially during a closing).

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