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## Professional Associations

*Law Association of Trinidad and Tobago*

*Law Association of Guyana*

*Chartered Institute of Arbitrators*

*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  
Certified Mediator | Arbitrator | Negotiator | Trustee | Author

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 specialisation 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 legal, 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. Currently, Ria is an MBA candidate specialising in Artificial Intelligence, where she combines her passion for business and technology to help organisations leverage AI to drive innovation and strategic growth. 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.