

SUPREME COURT OF SEYCHELLES

Reportable
XP 21/2026

In the ex parte matter:

SOORIEHNANDA RAMANJOOLOO
Having elected his legal domicile
At Chang-Leng and Wong Law Chambers
Fourth Floor
The Link Building
Ile Du Port
Seychelles
(Represented by Ms Edith Wong)

Petitioner

Neutral Citation: *Ex-Parte: Sooriehnanda Ramajooloo* (XP 21/2026) (23 May 2026)
Before: Adeline J
Summary: Application to be allowed to practice as an attorney-at-law at the Seychelles' bar for a period not exceeding 6 months – Section 12 (1) Legal Practitioners Act.
Heard: 25th May 2026
Delivered: 29th May 2026

ORDER ON PETITION

Adeline, J

- [1] This court is seised of a petition dated 24th April 2026, filed into court pursuant to Section 12 of the Legal Practitioners Act on the 27th April 2026, which petition is supported by an affidavit deposed by the Petitioner, to which are exhibited the necessary documentary evidence in corroboration of some of the averments made therein.

- [2] In pursuance of such application, the Petitioner, one Sooriehnanda Ramanjooloo prays this court for an order admitting him to the bar to practice before the Supreme Court of Seychelles in the proceedings pertaining to a case filed before the Supreme Court as Francoise Foundation vs Gold Coast Development Limited & Ors, CS No 20/2025, which case is listed for hearing before my brother, His Lordship Vidot j on the 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th and 19th June 2026, and thereafter until the case is fully disposed of.
- [3] In the petition, the Petitioner, Sooriehnanda Ramanjooloo, *inter alia*, pleads that, he is also known as Roobesh Ramanjooloo, Roobesh Soorienhnanda Ramanjooloo and Roobesh S Ramanjooloo. He avers that, he holds a Postgraduate Diploma in Professional Training for the bar dated the 4th August 2011 from BPP Law School, London, United Kingdom and that he was called to the Bar of England and Wales by the Honourable Society of Gray's Inn on the 24th November 2011.
- [4] It is also pleaded that, the Petitioner was called to the Bar in Mauritius in January 2013 as a Barrister, and that he remains entitled to practice and appear before all courts in Mauritius.
- [5] It is further pleaded that, since his admission to the Bar in Mauritius, the Petitioner has acted as counsel for both domestic and international clients in high value and high stakes corporate and commercial disputes as well as in contentious insolvency matters.
- [6] It is averred that, the Petitioner is a fit and proper person to practice and conduct proceedings as an attorney-at-law before the Supreme Court of Seychelles in the case of Francoise Foundation v Gold Coast Development Limited & Ors CS No 20/2025.
- [7] The Petitioner pleads that, he has been retained and instructed by Edith Wong of Chang-Leng and Wong Law Chambers to work jointly with her in the case of Francoise Foundation v Gold Coast Development Limited & Ors, CS No 20/2025.
- [8] On account of the affidavit evidence tendered before this court, the background facts of this petition is that as per exhibit A1, copy of the Petitioner's passport, the Petitioner is a Mauritian national who is also known as Roobesh Ramanjooloo, Roobesh Sooriehnanda Ramanjooloo and Roobesh S. Ramanjooloo.

- [9] It is in evidence, by way of exhibit A8, a letter from the Mauritius Bar Association dated 5th March 2026, that on the 18th January 2013, the Petitioner was admitted to the Bar of Mauritius and therefore has right of audience before all courts in Mauritius.
- [10] The Petitioner is presently a partner at Jurist Consult Chambers, which is a Mauritian Law Firm that is a member of the DLA Africa Global network where he is the head of the dispute resolution practice.
- [11] Since the Petitioner's admission to the Bar of Mauritius, the Petitioner has acted as counsel for both, domestic and international clients in high value and high stakes corporate and commercial disputes as well as in contentious insolvency matters. The Petitioner reckons that, he is generally instructed by a wide client-base, which include individuals, domestic and global business companies and trusts amongst others. A copy of his Curriculum Vitae exhibited as A9 provides more details as to his work experience.
- [12] It is averred by the Petitioner that, he has been retained by Ms Edith Wong in order to assist her in the case of Francoise Foundation v Gold Coast Development Limited & Ors CS No 20/2025 in which case, he would be acting on behalf of the 2nd Defendant, Carole Peeters.
- [13] Within this background, the Petitioner believes that, he is a fit and proper person to be admitted to the Bar of Seychelles by Virtue of Section 12 of the Legal Practitioners Act, to enable it to conduct and litigate the case of Francoise Foundation v Gold Coast Development Limited & Ors CS No 20/2025 which is set for the 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th and 19th June 2026 before his Lordship Vidot J.
- [14] The provisions of the statute under which the Petitioner makes this application is found under Section 12 of the Legal Practitioners Act, which is couched in the following terms;
- “12 (1) The Supreme Court may, in accordance with the rules prescribed by the Chief Justice, allow a person who is qualified under Sub Section 3 to appear and practice before a tribunal or other institutions established by law for the administration of justice in respect of any proceedings or for any period not exceeding six months.*

(2) A person who is allowed to practice under Sub Section (1) shall not, except for the purpose of appearing in a court, tribunal or institution referred to in Subsection (1) for the proceeding or during the period for which he has been allowed by the Supreme Court, act as an attorney-at-law or deal with clients otherwise than through an attorney-at-law.

(3) A person is qualified for the purpose of subsection (1) if he is qualified under Section 5 (i), (ii) or (iii) and the Supreme Court is of the opinion that he is a fit and proper person to be allowed to practice”.

[15] Section 5 (1) (i), (ii) or (iii) of the Legal Practitioners Act is couched in the following terms;

“5. (1) A person shall not be admitted as an attorney-at-law

(a) unless he ;-

(i) has been called to and stands enrolled or registered at the Bar in a country or jurisdiction designated by the Minister after consultation with the Chief Justice and the Bar Association of Seychelles.

(ii) has been admitted to practice and stands enrolled or registered as an advocate, attorney-at-law or solicitor in a country or jurisdiction designated by the Minister after consultation with the Chief Justice and the Bar Association of Seychelles.

(iii) has been admitted to practice and stands enrolled or registered in a country or jurisdiction designated by the Minister after consultation with the Chief Justice and the Bar Association of Seychelles as a person holding a professional status equivalent to an attorney-at-law in Seychelles”.

[16] On account of the affidavit evidence tendered before this court by the Petitioner, I am satisfied that, the Petitioner does possess the necessary qualifications prescribed under Section 5 (1) of the Legal Practitioners Act which makes him a qualified person to practice at the bar in this jurisdiction.

[17] I am equally satisfied that, he is a fit and proper person to practice at the Seychelles bar. As such, this petition is allowed and as a consequence thereof, the Petitioner is admitted to

practice before the Supreme Court of Seychelles as an attorney-at-law for a period not exceeding 6 months from the date thereof, to represent the 2nd Defendant, one Carole Peeters in the case filed into court as Francoise Foundation v Gold Coast Development Limited & Ors, CS 20/2025.

[18] The admission of the Petitioner to practice at the Seychelles bar in the aforementioned case is subject to the following conditions;

- (i) He shall take an oath of office which would make him eligible to practice as an attorney-at-law.
- (ii) He shall sign a security bond in the sum of SR 50,000.00 (Fifty Thousand Rupees) to maintain good professional ethics and good conduct whilst practising in this jurisdiction.

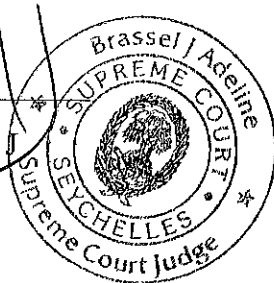
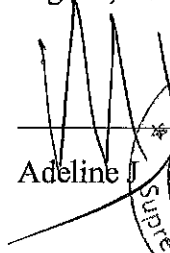
[19] The Petitioner is put on notice that, by virtue of Section 12 (5) of the Legal Practitioners Act, having been allowed to practice at the bar in this jurisdiction in respect of the aforementioned case, he is subject to the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court.

[20] The Registrar of the Supreme Court shall cause an entry in the Register of the particulars of the Petitioner as well as the conditions so imposed by this court, and shall issue him with a certificate containing the particulars and the conditions by virtue of Section 12 (4) of the Legal Practitioners Act.

[21] A copy of this order shall be served on the Registrar of the Supreme Court.

Signed, dated and delivered at Ile du Port 29th May 2026.

Adeline J



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