



RENEÉ ATWELL

Attorney, Youth Advocate & Global Changemaker

Renee Atwell is a Trinidad and Tobago-based lawyer, international relations professional, and social impact advocate dedicated to advancing justice, gender equality, and sustainable development across the Caribbean. With a career that bridges law, policy, and advocacy, she has built a reputation as a trusted voice for youth empowerment and women's leadership at both national, regional and international levels.

Renee currently serves as a Public Defender at the Legal Aid and Advisory Authority, where she provides criminal defense representation to individuals who cannot ordinarily afford an attorney. Her work in the justice system is grounded in her belief that the law must serve as a tool for equity, dignity, and opportunity for all.

Beyond the courtroom, Renee is the Founder and Executive Director of Girls of Impact T&T, a non-profit organization equipping young women with the skills, confidence, and community needed to lead change. Through initiatives such as Accelerate Her, Empower Her and the International Women's Day Symposium, she and her team have reached thousands of young women across Trinidad and Tobago, particularly in underserved and rural communities.

Her commitment to social progress extends globally. As an International Relations professional specializing in gender equality and climate action in the Caribbean, Renee brings an intersectional approach to policy and advocacy. She has represented Trinidad and Tobago and the wider CARICOM region on international platforms, including the United Nations and CARICOM Heads of Government, where she has spoken passionately about youth inclusion, gender equality, and climate resilience.

Renee is also the Founder of Lumina Legal & Policy, a consultancy that provides legal, policy, and advocacy solutions to governments, NGOs, and organizations seeking to build more inclusive and sustainable Caribbean societies.

At her core, Renee believes in the transformative power of purpose-driven leadership. Whether in a courtroom, classroom, or conference hall, she uses her voice to inspire others, especially young women, to pursue leadership with courage, compassion, and conviction.