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Profile

Italian lawyer admitted to the Bar in 1990 and to the Supreme Court, founder in 1993 of Studio Legale Papa in Reggio Emilia, advising Italian and foreign companies on commercial and corporate law, international contracts, intellectual property and litigation, including arbitration. President of the Emilia Section of the European Court of Arbitration, professional mediator and mediation trainer. He has argued before the Grand Chamber of the European Court of Human Rights.

Practice areas

Commercial and corporate law · Domestic and international contracts · Intellectual property, trademarks and patents · IT law and data protection · Shipping and international trade · Cross-border debt recovery · Civil litigation and corporate criminal law · Arbitration and mediation.

Education and qualifications

1987	Law degree, University of Parma.
1987	Specialisation in international law, Advanced Legal Studies, London.
1989	EU COMETT scholar at Studio Bisconti, London: commercial law, contracts, mergers and acquisitions, private international law.
1989	Two-year diplomatic career course, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs – Istituto Alfieri, Florence; selected for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (Latin America headquarters).
1990	English and comparative law, DePaul University, Chicago (USA); French and comparative law, Université de Montréal (Québec).
1990	Admitted to the Bar of Reggio Emilia.
—	Admitted to practise before the Italian Supreme Court (Corte di Cassazione) and the higher courts.
since 2007	Professional mediator with CEAM and other bodies; mediation trainer (theory and practice) listed by the Italian Ministry of Justice.

Professional experience

1993	Founds Studio Legale Papa in Reggio Emilia.
1989–2000	Lawyer and legal adviser in commercial and international law for corporate groups of national and international standing; IT and contract law advice.
1992–1998	Head of international legal affairs for the Italian National Council of Architects and delegate to the Architects' Council of Europe; legal expert for the European Commission on professional liability; contributor to the European White Paper on Architecture.
1998–2013	Debt recovery across Europe, Asia and the Americas; incorporation of US companies, joint ventures and foreign investments.
2000–2015	Litigation on international shipping, intellectual property, data protection and competition for major Italian companies; technology and e-commerce disputes.
2004	Counsel before the Grand Chamber of the European Court of Human Rights (Pini and Others v. Romania), resulting in a finding against the respondent State.
2007	Successful proceedings before the Paris Commercial Court for infringement of trademarks and copyright against a multinational company.
2008–2013	Legal support for an industrial project in Mozambique (incorporation and land concession); contracts for a purchasing group in the United Kingdom.

Arbitration and mediation

since 1998	Arbitrator in domestic and international proceedings (confidential); arbitrator at the Reggio Emilia Chamber of Commerce.
current	President of the Emilia Section of the European Court of Arbitration and its Mediation Centre; member of the SIMED and GESTMED committees.
2011–2015	Mediator in banking and healthcare matters; presiding arbitrator in an international arbitration (Reggio Emilia Chamber of Commerce, 2013).
since 1994	Speaker and organiser of conferences at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia (UniMoRe) and for the Architects' Council of Europe.
2010–2014	Speaker at accredited seminars of the Bars of Reggio Emilia, Parma and Cesena, and of accountants and notaries, on arbitration and mediation.

Selected publications

1994	Bauverlag (Germany), Guide to real estate in Europe – Italian chapter.
1995	Hoepli, Building design handbook, vol. VI: professional practice in EU and non-EU countries; international protection of creative works.
1995	Italian author of the White Paper on Architecture published by the Architects' Council of Europe; Architecture tomorrow: the European architect–client contract.
2010–2013	Articles in Il Mediatore professionista (Maggioli), Il Foro Padano, La Nuova Giustizia Civile; paper on arbitration in the engineering sector.

Languages

Italian (native), English, French.

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