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I am a **corporate lawyer and litigator**, with a solid academic background and particular focus on Patent Law and Competition Law. I deal regularly with matters of remarkable complexity and international scope, including commercial litigation, often characterized by innovative aspects. The inspiring values that guide my work are independence, open mindedness, creativity in legal thinking, as well as swiftness within a critical and scientific approach.

CURRENT POSITIONS

Jan 2017 - Present

STUDIO PROF. AVV. SPOLIDORO, Milan

Senior Lawyer

- Legal advice and assistance in court to domestic and global businesses operating in Italy, with particular focus on Patent Law and Competition Law matters.
- Experience in various business sectors, including pharma, telecom, logistics, real estate, banking & finance, and the tech industry.
- Responsibility for **complex litigation**, requiring the coordination of various professionals from within as well as outside the law firm, often including lawyers from other international and national firms needing co-assistance in sensitive Commercial, IP and Competition Law matters.
- Advice in commercial matters requiring specialized competence in various aspects of **legal and regulatory compliance**, including corporate finance and antitrust.
- Dealing regularly with licenses, distribution agreements, supply contracts, and other international commercial contracts.
- Advising companies on IP and Competition Law matters, e.g. initial ownership of process inventions for the production of chemical compounds, patent infringement, trade secrets violation, database and copyright protection of financial information, protection of trade marks and designs, corporate communication.
- Negotiation of small and medium-sized **M&A transactions**, including cross-border deals. Advice in larger transactions, especially with regard to IP and competition issues.
- Advising directors' and shareholders' meetings and providing general advice to corporate directors/officers in relation to matters entailing risks of professional liability.
- Significant **experience** concerning:
 - Patent infringement, ownership and invalidity;
 - Trade secrets and unfair competition matters (e.g. employee poaching, slavish imitation, and lawfulness of corporate communication);
 - Copyright and protection of databases;
 - Trade mark and design counterfeiting;
 - Anticompetitive agreements, dominance and economic dependence issues, and other Competition Law matters;
 - Critical aspects in IP and Competition Law concerning distribution agreements, (e.g. restrictions on sales outside the selective distribution network and limitations to the use of the manufacturer's brand by authorised dealers);
 - Liability of platforms for sales and other activities by their commercial users.

Sept 2019 - Present

ALMA MATER STUDIORUM - UNIVERSITÀ DI BOLOGNA

Lecturer

- Course on **Patents and Trade Marks** (in English language), open to both lawyers and non-lawyers (e.g. engineers, chemists).

PAST EXPERIENCE

Sept 2015 – Sept 2021

UNIVERSITÀ CATTOLICA DEL SACRO CUORE, Milan

Post-Doc Researcher

- Research in Commercial Law, with a focus on IP and Competition Law in the financial sector (e.g. patent protection of financial innovation; patent initial ownership).
- Lectures on advanced issues on Intellectual Property Law, European Competition Law and Economics, and Corporate Law, especially regarding M&As.
- Mentorship of 50+ students in drafting their final dissertation thesis, in most cases with excellent results, and often also supporting their first steps in the job market

Feb 2015 - Sept 2019

UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI VERONA

Lecturer

- Course of IP and Competition Law at the Business and Administration Faculty, with focus on protection of innovation, corporate communication and consumer protection.

Oct 2011 – Dec 2016	<p>STUDIO LEGALE BELLIA, Milan and Monza</p> <p>Lawyer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legal support both in litigation and out of court, to companies from commercial and industrial sectors, especially concerning licenses and commercial contracts. Advice to businesses including e.g. technical service organizations (holders of leading certification marks) and ICT companies (software houses and telecom services).
Oct 2010 – Sept 2011	<p>ITALIAN COMPETITION AUTHORITY, Rome</p> <p>Trainee Case Handler</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Experience on antitrust infringements and antitrust implications of M&As within the Foodstuff, Pharma and Transport Department, especially in Pharmaceuticals. Assistance to the International Affairs Department regarding several policy projects and first trainee to attend an OECD roundtable within the Italian Committee.
May 2009 – Oct 2010	<p>STUDIO LEGALE MONDINI RUSCONI, Milan</p> <p>Trainee Lawyer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support to lawyers in the fields of Corporate Law and IP Law. Tasks related to M&A, anti-piracy, and commercial litigation.
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EDUCATION & QUALIFICATION	
May 2015	<p>LUISS GUIDO CARLI UNIVERSITY, Rome</p> <p>PhD in Law and Economics, with honors</p>
Sept 2012	<p>COURT OF APPEAL OF MILAN, Milan</p> <p>Admission to the Italian Bar</p>
Apr 2009	<p>UNIVERSITÀ CATTOLICA DEL SACRO CUORE, Milan</p> <p>Degree in Law, <i>Summa cum laude</i></p>
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AWARDS & STUDIES ABROAD	
Oct 2018 - Sept 2019	<p>MAX PLANCK INSTITUTE FOR INNOVATION AND COMPETITION, Munich</p> <p>Scholarship Holder</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scholarship for expanding research on the legal and institutional implications of the interplay between financial market manipulation and Competition Law.
July-Aug 2017, 2018	<p>UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, Chicago</p> <p>Guest Researcher</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summer research stays dedicated to Law and Finance at the D'Angelo Law Library.
Oct 2011 - May 2015	<p>LUISS GUIDO CARLI UNIVERSITY, Rome</p> <p>Full Grant for PhD Studies in Law and Economics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research on the Law and Economics of finance; thesis title "Innovation and Competition in the Financial System".
Feb - June 2014	<p>MAX PLANCK INSTITUTE FOR INNOVATION AND COMPETITION, Munich</p> <p>Scholarship Holder</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scholarship for expanding research on patent protection for new business methods and products, especially in the financial sector.
Jan - June 2013	<p>COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK, New York</p> <p>Visiting Scholar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One of 15 participants worldwide; 6-month academic development program dedicated mainly to International and Comparative Law issues; fully funded.
July-Sept 2007	<p>CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, EAST BAY, Hayward</p> <p>American Language Program</p>
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SPEECHES, LECTURES, PUBLICATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speeches at national and international conferences and workshops. Lectures for Master courses in Intellectual Property Law. 20+ publications in Italian and international journals.
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EDITORIAL ACTIVITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contributor to leading international and national journals, such as "<i>IIC-International Review of Intellectual Property and Competition Law</i>", "<i>Giurisprudenza Annotata di Diritto Industriale</i>", as well as contributor to "<i>Giurisprudenza delle Imprese</i>"
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LANGUAGES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Italian: Native English: Fluent German: Intermediate French: Intermediate

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List of publications

PhD thesis and publications:

- Innovazione e concorrenza nel sistema finanziario [*Innovation and Competition in the Financial System*], Doctoral Thesis, Ciclo XXVII, Università Luiss Guido Carli, Roma, 2015, pp. V-257.
- 1) Cessione di quota sociale e divieto di concorrenza [*Transfer of shares and limits to competition*] (in nota a Trib. Torino 22.1.2009), in *Il Foro Padano*, 2009, 3-4, p. 440.
- 2) Tutela cautelare antitrust e prospettive europee: il contributo del giudice ordinario (2009 e 2010) [*Precautionary measures in antitrust: the role of civil courts*], coauthored, in *Concorrenza e Mercato*, 2011, p. 247 ss.
- 3) La responsabilità civile dell'internet service provider per violazioni di diritto d'autore [*ISP liability for online copyright infringements*], coauthored, in *Il diritto industriale*, 2012, 4, p. 346.
- 4) *Collective redress in antitrust* (coauthor of Chapter 3 on "Legal issues related to an EU wide system of collective redress in antitrust"), issued by European Parliament – Directorate-general for internal policies, Dep. A (Economic and Scientific Policy), June 2012.
- 5) *The future of Law and Economics: Interview with Guido Calabresi*, in *Philosophical News*, 2013, 6, p. 26.
- 6) Concorrenza sleale da storno di dipendenti e sua interpretazione nella giurisprudenza più recente [*Unfair competition for employee poaching and its interpretation in the most recent Italian case law*], in *Rivista di diritto industriale*, 2013, 4-5, p. 260.
- 7) *Case note on Pfizer*, in *IIC (International Review of Intellectual Property and Competition Law)*, 2014, 7, p. 855.
- 8) Abuso di dipendenza economica dal carattere escludente e concorrenza sleale [*Exclusionary abuse of economic dependence and unfair competition*] (in nota a Trib. Milano 28.2.2014), in *Nuova giurisprudenza civile commentata*, 2014, 11, p. 971.
- 9) Recensione a "Peter Suber, Open Access, MIT Press, 2012", in *Phil. News*, 2014, 9, 204.
- 10) Diritto e politica della concorrenza: a proposito di un libro recente in tema di fissazione orizzontale dei prezzi [*Competition law and policy: on a recent theory concerning horizontal price fixing*], in *Jus*, 2014, 3, p. 621.
- 11) La legittimazione passiva della società consorella per fatti commessi da altra società del gruppo [*Groups of companies and civil liability for economic torts*] (in nota a Trib. Milano 28.2.2014), in *Il Foro Padano*, 2015, 1, p. 124.
- 12) *Case note on Vorwerk Folletto: an important decision concerning trade mark reproduction on replacement components*, in *IIC*, 2015, 5, p. 620.
- 13) *Case note on Salame Felino: National Protection of Geographical Indications not Registered at the EU Level*, in *IIC*, 2016, 4, p. 506.
- 14) *Case note on Metalco, "Top-Tier Design", Copyright Protection, and the Assessment of the "Artistic Value" Requirement Under Italian Law*, in *IIC*, 2016, 7, p. 875.
- 15) *Comment on the Italian Supreme Court's "Rotoloni" Decision*, in *IIC*, 2017, 4, p. 491.
- 16) *Comment on the Italian Supreme Court Decision "Fiorucci"*, in *IIC*, 2017, 5, p. 618.
- 17) *Case Note on the Italian Supreme Court Decision "Reti Televisive Italiane" (Urheberrechtlicher Schutz für TV-Formate)*, in *Grur Int*, 2018, 2, p. 181.
- 18) *Comment on the Italian Supreme Court Decision "Vespa"*, in *IIC*, 2018, 3, p. 373.
- 19) Commento agli artt. 2342-2345, 2360, 2362, 2414bis, 2420 Cod. Civ., in *Franzoni-Rolli-De Marzo* (a cura di), *Codice Civile*, Tomo II, Giappichelli, 2018.
- 20) *Comment on the Italian Supreme Court Decision "Gabibbo"*, in *GRUR Int*, 4, 2019, p. 443.
- 21) *Academic Authors, Copyright and Dissemination of Knowledge: A Comparative Overview*, with V. Moscon, forthcoming in: C. Sappa, E. Bonadio(eds), *Art and Literature in Copyright Law: Protecting the Rights of Creators and Managers of Artistic and Literary Works*, Cheltenham: Edward Elgar Publishing