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LL.M. (Loyola Law School, Los Angeles) • Corporate Law • International Intellectual Property, International Transactions, Immigration Law, ADR procedures, Torts, Insolvency

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

LAWYER | PARTNER OF PARDUCCI & PARTNERS Law FIRM

FLORENCE, ITALY

2002-Present

- **CORPORATE LAW AND INTERNATIONAL CONTRACT NEGOTIATION:** Proactively negotiates JV, NDA, LoI, and multifaceted international trade agreements, both in Italian and in English. Provides legal support on a regular basis to **various SME** to prevent and quickly resolve most common legal issues (payments, lawsuits, damages recovery, labor issues).
 - Supported premier Medical Software Company to successfully finalize exclusive worldwide license agreement to monitor health conditions of hospitalized patients.
 - Legal Counsel for the EU Zone for one of the largest road-infrastructure companies in **United Arab Emirates**. Negotiates valuable exclusive commercial and licensing agreements. Prepares legal opinions and advises various **US, UK, Swiss investors** in multilateral negotiations with Italian counterparts.
- **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW PRACTICE: Ranked in *TOP 1000 Trademark Professionals***, by [WTR 1000](#) the standalone research directory that focuses on trademark practitioners, published by the UK magazine World Trademark Review.
 - Sets up high quality, user-friendly agreements to preserve, enhance, sold, and license the intangible assets of international companies. Provides support for the registration of trademarks, prepares reactions and defense for IP related claims, negotiate out-of-court settlements, coexistence agreements, contracts of assignments.
- **CIVIL LAW, IMMIGRATION LAW:** Manages all the aspects of civil law legal practice and routinely represents private clients and companies before national courts in cases involving, among the others, insolvency, torts, unfair competition, breach of contracts, credit recovery. Helped top-notch fashion houses prepare and resolve complex cases, and labour and immigration law issues for employees of executive status.

HFG Intellectual Property Law Firm, Shanghai, China

2010

Lawyer | Of Counsel

- Worked with HFG IP, ranked by *The Fortune 500* Best I.P. Law Firm in Shanghai; Prepared risk assessment reports and conducted IP related research prior to the registration of trademarks in China; Prepared action plans to monitor and react against infringement upon clients' IP rights; Led raid actions to collect evidences of the trademark violations performed by Chinese companies to the detriment of European companies.
- Drafted NDA and Agency agreements for foreign clients interested in setting up their business in China. Provided legal assistance in the negotiation of JV and distribution agreements.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

European School of Economics, Florence

2012-Present

- Professor of International Business Law
- Created and organized the international conferences on "*Doing Business in China – An I.P. Perspective*" and on International ADR (Mediation, arbitration).

EDUCATION

LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL, Los Angeles, CA - LL.M.

2007-2008

Master of Laws (*Hons*) in American Law and International Legal Practice

Concentration: International Trade, International Intellectual Property, International Litigation

International Commercial Arbitration, American Contracts, Trial, Legal English.
Honors: *First Honors Awards* in International I.P., International Trade, American Law.

UNIVERSITY OF FLORENCE, Florence, Italy 2006
Post-graduate course in Alternative Dispute Resolution procedures in Civil and Commercial fields
“40-hour certificate” in Mediation and Arbitration

NOTARY COUNCIL OF FLORENCE, Florence, Italy 2002-2004
Postgraduate School of specialization for aspiring Civil Law Public Notaries.
Concentration: real estate law, contracts, loans and mortgages, corporate law, family law, wills law.

UNIVERSITY OF FLORENCE, Florence, Italy - J.D. 1996 -2002
Concentration: civil and corporate law, civil and criminal procedure, international law. Graduation
thesis in bankruptcy law: “*The corporate directors’ liability for the operations engaged before the
declaration of bankruptcy*”

LANGUAGES AND SKILLS

Italian: native. English: Excellent – Business, Legal English (LL.M.)
Excellent working knowledge of Italian and US legal databases (LexisNexis, Westlaw, Jurisdata).

MEMBERSHIPS AND VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

- Member of the Italian Bar Association, Bar of Florence, since 2006.
- Active Member of the Rotary Club of Florence.
- Creator and law columnist of the legal news for *The Florentine*, a monthly English-language newspaper for the international community of Florence.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Authorized to work in the U.S.
Eligible to take the California Bar Exam.
Willing to relocate. English writing samples available upon request.