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Languages: Italian (native), English (fluent)

Nationality: Italian | Date of Birth: 10 July 1972

Professional Summary

Lawyer with over 25 years of experience in commercial and corporate law, international arbitration, and cross-border dispute resolution. Partner at LCA Studio Legale and co-head of its Litigation and Arbitration Department. Acts as counsel and arbitrator in proceedings under major institutional rules (ICC, CAM, LCIA, AAA). Deep expertise in civil law systems combined with strong familiarity with common law. Recognized for strategic insight and practical problem-solving in complex, high-value disputes.

Areas of Expertise

• International commercial arbitration and ADR

• Recognition and enforcement of judgments and awards

• Corporate and M&A disputes

• Contract and construction law

• Liability of directors and auditors

• Unfair competition and IP-related disputes

• Media, technology, and digital business

Arbitration and Dispute Resolution Experience

• Counsel in international and domestic arbitration proceedings under CAM, ICC, SAC (Swiss Arbitration), LCIA, SSC, AAA, and BANI (Indonesia) rules.

• Served as arbitrator in CAM-administered and *ad hoc* proceedings.

• Acted in numerous civil and commercial litigations before Italian courts, including precedent-setting cases on arbitration, jurisdiction, and procedural law.

Professional Experience

LCA Studio Legale – Partner (2010 – present)

Independent law firm with offices in Milan, Rome, Genoa, and Treviso (H-Farm). Co-head of the dispute resolution practice. Responsible for managing high-value cross-border disputes.

Traverso & Associati Studio Legale – Partner (2007 – 2010), Associate (2000 – 2006)

Independent law firm based in Milan, focusing on dispute resolution and M&A with a strong international vocation.

Studio Legale Imperiali – Associate (1998–2000)

Independent law firm with offices in Milan and Naples, specialising in data protection, technology law, and general commercial litigation.

Education and Qualifications

• Admitted to practice before the Italian Supreme Court (Cassazionista) – 2018

• Solicitor, England and Wales – 2004 (non-practising)

• Admitted to the Italian Bar – 1999

• LL.B., University of Rome 'Tor Vergata' – 1996

Memberships and Panels

• ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR – Member for Italy and International Delegate

• ICC Task Force on the Use of Artificial Intelligence in International Dispute Resolution – Member

• AIA, Associazione Italiana Arbitrato – Member

• ArbIt, Italian Forum for Arbitration and ADR – Member

• ASLA (Italian Law Firms Association), Arbitration Working Group – Member

• Associazione Arbitrato Domestico – Member

Publications

• Co-author, "***Practical Commentary on the Rules of the Chamber of Arbitration of Milan***" (English edition, 2024; Italian editions 2021, 2023).

• Author or co-author of numerous commentaries in Italian and international legal journals on arbitration, third-party funding, jurisdiction, and procedural issues.

• Regular contributor to *Global Arbitration Review*, *Chambers Global Practice Guides*, and *Legal 500 Country Comparative Guides* on arbitration, litigation, and enforcement in Italy.

Speaking Engagements (2024 – to date)

• "**The Revision of the IBA Guidelines on Conflict of Interest in International Arbitration (2014): Prospects and Challenges**" — Speaker
Ethical Standards for International Arbitrators, organized by LCA and Macchi di Cellere Gangemi under the auspices of the ILA.

• "**Dispute Resolution and Geopolitics: Forum Shopping, Enforcement, and Asset Recovery**" — Speaker
Dialogue on Legal Risk Prevention and Dispute Resolution for Italian–Chinese Enterprises, organized by LCA, CCPITR, CCCI, and CIETAC.

• "**Arbitration and Unconventional Industries**" — Chair
IAD Side Event.

• "**Enforcement Challenges between Italy and China**" — Panelist
Rethinking Arbitration: Navigating Artificial Intelligence and Enforcement Challenges, organized by CIETAC and AIA in collaboration with Confindustria, Unioncamere, and the Italy–China Council Foundation.

• "**Arbitration, Mediation, or Court Litigation? Strategic Considerations for Fashion and Luxury Brands**" — Panelist
Protecting Value and Promoting Growth: Mediation and Arbitration for Fashion and Luxury Disputes, organized by WIPO and the CIArb European Branch.

• "**Arbitrato nei contratti internazionali**" — Panelist
Organized by Fondazione Forense Firenze and the CIArb European Branch.

Recognitions and Other Activities

• Recognized by Chambers, Legal 500, and Leaders League for dispute resolution and international arbitration.

• Coach and arbitrator in the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot since 2013.