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Nationality: Italian

EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Master's Degree, Law, Bocconi University, Milan, Italy, 2009;
Postgraduate course, Intellectual Property Law, Maastricht University, Maastricht, The Netherlands, 2008;
LL.B., Law, Bocconi University, Milan, Italy, 2006.

Italian and European Trademark & Design Attorney;
Admitted to practice before the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO).

LANGUAGES

Italian, English

PRESENT POSITION

Head of Trademark & Filing Prosecution, Studio Legale Withers, Milan, Italy

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE BEFORE PRESENT POSITION

Head of Domain Name Department, Perani & Partners S.p.A., Milan, Italy;
Trademark Attorney, Perani & Partners S.p.A., Milan, Italy
Intern, Bayer S.p.A., Milan, Italy

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL BODIES

Italian Trademark and Patent Attorneys Association;
AIPPI (International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property);
INTA (International Trademark Association)

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Trademarks, domain names, designs, unfair competition, licensing and technology transfer agreements, Internet, antitrust.

EXPERIENCE IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Professional representative before the Italian Trademark Office and the EUIPO since 2009.

Consultant specialized in pre-filing advices, similarity searches, trademark filing strategies, prosecution and maintenance of trademarks, management of trademark portfolios, opposition procedures before the Italian Trademark Office, the EUIPO, and the USPTO.

EXPERIENCE WITH RESPECT TO DOMAIN NAMES

Representative in several domain name disputes before WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center, National Arbitration Forum, Czech Arbitration Court, Milan Chamber of Commerce, Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre, Resolution Canada Inc., etc.

UDRP Panelist appointed by the Czech Arbitration Court (ADR.EU).

MAJOR PUBLICATIONS

Author, *"Passive holding of a domain name: which grounds are required in order to obtain the transfer of the disputed domain?"*, Journal of the Italian Trademark and Patent Attorneys Association, No. 01/17;

Author, *"The unauthorized use of a trademark as a domain name by the distributor/reseller"*, Journal of the Italian Trademark and Patent Attorneys Association, no. 02/17.

EXPERIENCE IN COURT LITIGATION

Acted as counsel in several court cases involving intellectual property rights – especially trademarks and domain names – in Italy and other jurisdictions.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING IN ARBITRATION

WIPO Advanced Workshop on Domain Name Dispute Resolution, Geneva, Switzerland, 2017;
Czech Arbitration Court's Panelists and Experts meeting, Prague, Czech Republic, 2017.

EXPERIENCE IN ARBITRATION/MEDIATION

Member, ADR Committee of the Italian Trademark and Patent Attorneys Association.
