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EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Boalt Hall School of Law, University of California, Berkeley:

Master of Laws (LL.M.), (thesis entitled "Agriculture and Trade Policies of the United States and European Community Under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade", 1993);
Associate Editor, *Ecology Law Quarterly*, Co-author, *Glossary of Terms and Events Relevant to EC Environment Law*, 20 *ECOLOGY L.Q.* 177, 1993;

European Studies Institute "Alcide De Gasperi" Rome:

Master in European Law, summa cum laude, thesis entitled "Legal and Economic Issues Facing Financial Brokerage Firms in the Unified Europe of 1992", 1989;

Law School, University of Rome "La Sapienza" Rome:

Doctor in Jurisprudence, summa cum laude, 1985.

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LANGUAGES

Italian and English.

PRESENT POSITION

Counsel, de Simone & Partners, Rome Italy:

Counseling U.S., Italian and international clients in all aspects of trademark and patent law.

Developing implementing and executing strategies in prosecution and enforcement of trademark portfolios, contract drafting and advising in patent and licensing matters. Managing legal risk in the adoption, protection, and licensing of trademarks, names, brands and slogans to a group of business units and insuring appropriate IP protection. In particular, counseling business managers on legal questions in areas such as TM clearances, filings and protections plans, licensing agreements, protecting confidentiality, and before/during corporate acquisitions. Managing worldwide TM clearances and filing, prosecution and enforcement of corporate trademark portfolio, leading internal attorneys' teams in both short and long term projects. Advising on litigation in Italy, the EU and in the US.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE BEFORE PRESENT POSITION

Senior Attorney, Intel Corporation, Santa Clara, CA, 2004 –2007;

Partner, Società Italiana Brevetti, Rome, 1995-2004:

Legal Consultant and Translator, Professor Grandi, visiting Professor, Boalt Hall, November 1993-April 1994;

Research Assistant, Professor Caron, Boalt Hall, 1992-1993;

Head, Legal Department and Chief of Staff, Fraud Repression Agency, Rome, July 1988-1991.

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL BODIES

ECTA Council Member (since 2002). Vice Chair, Law Committee (since 2006). OHIM Link Committee (since 1997). Chair of the Special Working Group on the Trademark System in Europe (since 2008);

INTA (since 1997) and its Free Trade Areas Subcommittee of the Treaty Analysis Committee. Contributing Editor of INTA publication "*Protection of Corporate Names*". Member of the Inta Public Relations Speakers Bureau (PRSB);

Marques – Design Committee;

New York State Bar Association;

Rome Bar Association.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Antitrust and unfair competition law; commercial contracts and franchising, merchandising and licensing agreements; structuring know-how, technology and software transfers; litigation and settlement of patent and trademark infringement cases.

EXPERIENCE IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Advising clients as to Italian and Community trademark searches, applications and oppositions; drafting and revising commercial contracts, franchising, merchandising and licensing agreements; structuring know-how, technology and software transfers.

EXPERIENCE WITH RESPECT TO DOMAIN NAMES

Representing clients involved in Internet and domain names disputes.

MAJOR PUBLICATIONS

Special Contributor, *Catch Us If You Can*, <http://ice-ip.blogspot.com/> an IP rights Blog;
Speaker, 2008 Marques Annual Meeting, (*The Good, the Bad and the Invalid*);
Speaker, 2008 Berlin INTA General Meeting, (*Assessing similarity of Marks*);
Speaker, Lisbon 2007 INTA Conference (*What's Cooking in Europe?*);
Speaker, Amsterdam 2007 Global Brand Protection Summit (*How will Recent Legislation and Case Law Effect your Brand Protection Strategy*);
Speaker, 2007 INTA/OHIM Conference, Brussels (*How does Ohim consider "use"?*);
Speaker, Pan European IP Summit 2006, Brussels (*Is the CTM system still compatible with the public interest?*);
Speaker, ECTA Annual Meeting, Warsaw 2005 (*The CTM and the public interest – another view*);
Speaker, 2004 AIPPI Annual Meeting (*Practical Consequences of Case Law Granting Protection as Registered Trademarks of Descriptive Marks and Determination of their Scope of Protection*);
Speaker, 2002 INTA Leadership Meeting (*Internet on the Cutting Edge: The Economics of Counterfeiting on the Internet*);
Speaker, 6th FICPI Open Forum, Rome 2001 (*Extraordinary Trademarks*);
Speaker, ECTA Annual Meeting, Crete 2000 (*Improving the CTM System - The Implementing Regulation*, published in ECTA Publication 17, UP TO SPEED AND INTO THE NEXT MILLENNIUM);
Contributor, *Country Guides: Basic Information on Trademark Registration Worldwide (Italy chapter)*, INTA 2004 edition;
The CTM Geographical Dilemma, in HARMONISIERUNG DES MARKENRECHTS, Festschrift für Alexander von Mühlendahl, Carl Heymanns Verlag KG, Köln, 2005;
Unregistered Community Design Rights: Much ado about nothing? A practical case, ECTA NEWSLETTER (MAY 2004).

EXPERIENCE IN COURT LITIGATION

Litigation and settlement of patent and trademark infringement cases.
