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BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

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Nationality: Italian

EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

J.D., Università Statale degli Studi di Milano, Milan, 1993.

Admitted to Bar, Milan, 1994.

Admitted to Bar of the Supreme Court, 2007.

Admitted to the bar of the Supreme Court (Corte di Cassazione) in Italy;

June 23, 2010

LANGUAGES

Italian, English and German;
French and Spanish. (Written and oral comprehension).

PRESENT POSITION

Partner in the law firm Caneva & Associati in Milan and Rome since October 2009; firm's practice areas include IP law, Competition law, Advertising law, Corporate law and Commercial law. Has extensive experience in IP law, particularly in court litigation and extra-judicial procedure for trademarks, patents and designs. Often engaged in activities of mediation between the litigating parties aimed at seeking a settlement agreement. Personally involved in sustaining claims before Italian and European Courts since 1995 and, on behalf of Avv. Mariacristina Rapisardi, also before the Naming Authority in Italy, in the USA and before WIPO.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE BEFORE PRESENT POSITION

Mariacristina Rapisardi Intellectual Property specialised in IP, 1995-2009;
Olivetti, De Naro Papa e Ferro, (associated legal office) specialised in business law (constitution and merger of companies), civil law (including procedure of recovery of debts, executive and bankruptcy), labour law and arbitration, 1991-95;
Lawyer, Girozentrale Bank, Legal and Credit department, Vienna, Austria, 1989.

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL BODIES

Italian Bar Association (Ordine degli Avvocati di Milano);
Panelist and Mediator at the CAM (Chamber of Arbitration of Milan);
Founder and member, European Law Student's Association (ELSA) in Italy;
Member of Lawyers' Society of ELSA (ELS) and attending since 2004 APAA and INTA meetings every year.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Trade mark filing and infringement;
Domain Names registration and litigation;
Patent infringement;
Copyright infringement;
Design infringement;
Trade secret, confidential information litigation;
Disputes concerning intellectual property rights;
International contracts: licensing of intellectual property;
International Trade Law.

EXPERIENCE IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Since September 1995, involved in:
- intellectual property litigation (infringement of trade marks and patents and unfair competition, domain names) both in Italy and in International disputes worldwide;

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- often engaged in activities of mediation between the litigating parties aimed at seeking a settlement agreement;
 - copyright issues;
 - drafting commercial contracts, negotiating licensing, assignments and coexistence agreements.
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EXPERIENCE WITH RESPECT TO DOMAIN NAMES

Acted as attorney in several cases, giving advice about the opportunity to register a certain domain name, or contest the domain names registered by third parties. sustaining claims before Italian and European Courts personally and on behalf of Avv. Mariacristina Rapisardi, also before the Naming Authority in Italy, in the USA and before the WIPO.

EXPERIENCE IN COURT LITIGATION

Acted as attorney in various cases in courts of first instance and in appellate courts in Italy and other jurisdictions, most of them involving intellectual property rights.

EXPERIENCE IN MEDIATION AND ARBITRATION

Acted as counsel in 3 arbitrations involving intellectual property rights and business transactions.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING IN MEDIATION AND ARBITRATION

WIPO Workshop on Domain Name Dispute Resolution, Geneva, Switzerland, 2002;
 WIPO Workshop for Mediators in Intellectual Property Disputes, Geneva, Switzerland 2001;
 Course in "International arbitration" organized by AISA by Prof. Bernini, Bologna, Italy 1994.

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Seminar on "The Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) administered by the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization" organised by a pool of European Associations (EPI-CEIPI, Consul Order of Industrial Property and Association of Patent Attorneys in Industry), Geneva, 2000;

"The Intellectual Property: made in" organised by a pool of International Associations (Innovation Relay Centres RECITAL, CIRCE and LES-Italia), 1997;

Conference on "Defending Intellectual Property after TRIP", 1996;

Seminar on "Trusts", EC Commission and The Bar Council of Milan, 1995;

Course at the Civil Chamber of Milan on "Accounts for Lawyers" 1995;

One week seminar "British Law Week", 1994;

"Bankruptcy: liability and consequences", 1994;

Course at University of Turin on "Theory and practice on drafting international contracts", 1993;

Chairman of the Organizing Committee of the international conference "The Cooperation EC-CAP: Lomé Convention", 1992;

Organised and attended "Legal English" and "Legal German" courses at Università Statale degli Studi di Milano, 1990;

Course of Legal practise in administrative, criminal and civil law organized by ISU – Istituto per il Diritto allo Studio Universitario (Institute for the right of university study) with sponsored by the Bar Council of Milan, 1989-90;

Course of Legal practise in civil law organized by ISU - Istituto per il Diritto allo Studio Universitario (Institute for the right of university study) sponsored by the Bar Course of Bank Law at the European Forum of Alpbach in Austria with scholarship of Italian Foreign Ministry, 1988;
Corso di orientamento e formazione alle funzioni internazionali and EC Funzioni organized by SIOI - Società Internazionale per le Organizzazioni Internazionali -; 1987;
Course of "Business Law" at City of London Polytechnic, 1987.

MAJOR PUBLICATIONS

Contributions to AA.VV., "Negoziare la comunicazione; risposte ai principali quesiti nei rapporti di pubblicità, sales promotions, sponsorizzazioni, PR e Internet communication", *Franco Angeli Editore*, 2001;
C. Bellomunno, N. Colombo, "La tutela della sigla nelle associazioni non riconosciute", *Il Foro Italiano*, Settembre 1997, *Societa' Editrice "Il foro italiano"*.
