

GIORGIO RUSCONI

Personal information



Place of birth: Como – Italy
Date of birth: 31 May 1971
Address: Milan, 11 Via Andrea Costa
Nationality: Italian
Marital status: Married with two children
Profession: Lawyer

Education and Professional Training

September 2014

Registration in the Register of Supreme Court Lawyers

January 2001

Qualification to practice as a Lawyer.

Registration in the Register of Lawyers.

November 1998

Qualification to practice as a Trainee Lawyer.

November 1997

Registration in the Register of Trainee Lawyers of Milan.

October 1997

Law degree from *Università degli Studi di Milano* (99/110) with a dissertation entitled “*Secured Transactions under Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code in the United States of America in comparison with the Sicherungsabtretung under German law*”.

April 1996

Higher diploma in Comparative Law (*Diplôme Supérieur en Droit Comparé*) from the International Faculty of Comparative Law (Strasbourg – France) with a special focus on: **i) Droit Civil** (*les garanties mobilières en Droit Comparé*), **ii) Droit Commercial** (*la protection des minorités dans les sociétés en Droit Comparé*) e **iii) Droit Administratif** (*la solution préalable des litiges administratifs en Droit Comparé*).

June 1990

High-school diploma in classical studies from the A. Volta High-school of Como.

Work experience

May 2003 - present date

Partner of the MONDINI BONORA GINEVRA Law Firm (formerly MONDINI RUSCONI founded in 1969), assisting national and multinational firms located in Italy in the following areas:

i) Food law

Significant experience in the food law sector, assisting Italian and foreign clients with:

- food hygiene, as well as helping industry operators with food and feed control;
- labelling, mandatory label information, nutritional information and voluntary indications, nutritional or health claims, and food and beverage advertising;
- additives, special foods, genetically-modified foods and novel foods;
- organic farming products;
- geographical indications and designations of origin;
- packaging, smart packaging and materials that come into contact with food;
- responsibilities regarding food products and the responsibilities of food industry operators.

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Out-of-court advice to clients ranging from drawing up contracts between operators in the food chain to regulatory compliance audits and legal advice on Italian or EU law issues that may arise.

Legal assistance provided to clients ranging from the defence of the party's interests in civil litigation concerning product liability or the obligations of food business operators, to the protection of the party's interests in administrative disputes following notices of assessment and infringement by the competent authority, to representation before the criminal courts in the event of charges against entrepreneurs and the managers of food companies.

Aware of the needs of multinational companies, the maintenance of close relationships with experts from different countries providing assistance and advice on both the domestic and EU markets, and beyond. Thanks to the relationships built up over the years with foreign colleagues, the promotion of the establishment of the FLN "Food Lawyers' Network Worldwide" in 2007 in collaboration with Krell Weyland Grube. The network currently has around 30 members and provides assistance in approximately 40 countries.

To ensure that food companies have a wider range of services, collaboration with a specialised laboratory capable of providing prompt, individualised counter-analyses to the competent authorities, as well as with a company specialising in food controls and audits.

ii) Commercial and corporate law

In particular, extensive experience in:

- drafting and providing assistance in the stipulation of commercial contracts, such as works or services contracts, facility management and general services contracts, distribution, agency or mandate contracts (for example, for clients operating in the retail sector, the distribution of pharmaceuticals or the sale of goods), commercial collaboration contracts, joint venture contracts, consultancy or structured collaboration contracts (for example, for clients operating in the IT solutions development sector), as well as agreements between private individuals or between private individuals and public entities;
- drafting and providing assistance in the stipulation of corporate contracts, such as preliminary contracts for the sale and purchase of shareholdings, offers for the purchase of majority shareholdings, including within the scope of private solicitation procedures (for example, for a client operating in the air transport sector within the scope of the sale of Malpensa Logistica Europa by SEA), merger by incorporation contracts, contracts for the rental or transfer of a business or business unit, partnership or joint venture contracts and shareholders' agreements;
- assistance in the corporate field, providing individual opinions and ongoing assistance in the identification of the most appropriate instruments for implementing extraordinary transactions between companies, also in agreement and in collaboration with chartered accountants in order to verify the best methods for optimising the tax aspects of the transaction.

September 1998 - present date

Founder and Scientific Director of Just Legal Services - Scuola di Formazione Legale s.r.l., a leading provider of legal training services to lawyers and trainee lawyers, corporate lawyers, magistrates and notaries.

March 2007 - present date

Founding Member and Permanent Board Member of the FLN - Food Lawyers'

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Network Worldwide, an international network of professionals created with the aim of facilitating the sharing of opinions and the comparison and exchange of experiences between food lawyers from all over the world, as well as offering integrated legal assistance services to multinational companies operating in the sector.

January 2013

Participation as Visiting Expert on European Food Law as part of the Food & Drugs Law Course at Harvard University Law School.

March 2020 – present date

Professor of International Food law & Police within master degree Food Safety and Food Risk Management at the University of Parma (*inter atheneum* programme of the Universities of Emilia Romagna).

November 1997 - May 2003

Member of CARNELUTTI Law Firm (founded in 1901), advising multinational companies based in Italy in the following areas:

i) corporate law, with a special focus on M&A, and the creation of strategic alliances and joint ventures, spin-offs, disposals of corporate interests, assets, businesses and business units, including the drafting of contracts and assistance in negotiations and pre-contractual activities;

ii) contract law, in particular in the field of information technology, such as software licences, IT maintenance and software development contracts, application hosting contracts, IT support contracts and outsourcing agreements;

iii) labour law, with reference to a wide range of assistance activities both in and out-of-court provided to multinational companies based in Italy;

iv) arbitration.

April 2000 - July 2000

In-house legal counsel at ORACLE Corporation Italia S.r.l., dealing with legal issues related to mergers and acquisitions, IT and e-commerce contracts, as well as labour law.

January 1997 - June 1997

Member of the Organising Committee of the "Legal Education Forum", an international meeting on legal education at the *Università degli Studi di Bologna*.

January 1996 - December 1996

Vice President for the Academic Activities of ELSA - The European Law Students' Association of Italy.

January 1994 - December 1996

President of ELSA - The European Law Students' Association of Milan.

January 1995 - December 1995

President of the Organising Committee of the first Italian "*Moot Court*". Author of the Italian Regulations of the Italian Moot Court of ELSA - The European Law Students' Association.

June 1994 - December 1994

Library assistant at the *Università degli Studi di Milano*.

Publications

– *Alimenti funzionali. Una sintesi del quadro giuridico nell'Unione Europea e in altri Paesi selezionati*, Boin G., Conte-Salinas N., Grube M., Rusconi G. (a cura di), Krell Weyland Grube, 2011;

– *Indicazioni sulla salute e sulla nutrizione – 10 anni di esperienza nel mercato italiano*, in *European Food and Feed Law Review*, 2012;

– *Indicazioni ecologiche – FLN Food Lawyers Network Worldwide – Guida FLN – Capitolo italiano*, 2014;

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- *Pubblicità degli alimenti*, Aude Mahy Eds., Lexxion, 2014;
- *Il quadro giuridico europeo degli alimenti funzionali: le differenze nelle procedure di autorizzazione nei Paesi dell'UE*, XV Conferenza internazionale sugli alimenti funzionali, Regensburg, 2014;
- *Food Law International, Food Safety And Policy in the European Union*, Springer, 2015;
- *Allergeni e sostanze che provocano intolleranze – E-book Cibaria – Giorgio Rusconi*;
- *Regolamento UE sulle informazioni sugli alimenti 1169/2011 – Misure di attuazione da parte degli Stati membri – FLN Food Lawyers Network Worldwide – Guida FLN – Capitolo italiano*, 2016;
- *Guida di Diritto Alimentare, Collana Itinera, Gruppo IPSOA Wolters Kluwer*, 2017;
- *Insetti per cena – il prossimo alimento di base?*, EFFL – European Food & Feed Law Review, 2018;
- *La riforma dei reati alimentari*, Alimenta, 2019;
- *Micotossine*, Affidia, 2019;
- *Diritto alimentare e crisi sanitaria. Covid-19 e produzione, commercializzazione, vendita e somministrazione di alimenti*, IPSOA Wolters Kluwer, 2020;
- *Come facciamo le cose in casa. Le categorie artigianali nella legislazione alimentare – FLN Food Lawyers Network Worldwide – Guida FLN – Capitolo Italiano*, 2020;
- *Regolamento sulla trasparenza e problemi di attuazione*, EFFL – European Food & feed Law Review, 2021;
- *Etichettatura di origine dei prodotti alimentari*, EFFL – European Food & feed Law Review, 2021;
- *CANNABIS & CBD: una panoramica sulle tendenze normative globali dei mercati medicinali, nutrizionali e ricreativi – FLN Food Lawyers Network Worldwide – Guida FLN – Capitolo italiano*, 2022;
- *La tutela dei prodotti DOP e IGP a 10 anni dall'adozione del regolamento (UE) n. 1151/2012*, EEFL – European Food & feed Law Review, 2022;
- *Il Diritto Alimentare, (with co-author Omar Cesana) Wolters Kluwer*, 2024.

Languages

Italian

Mother tongue.

English

Proficiency in spoken and written English.

June 1994: “*First Certificate in English*” – Cambridge University (Grade B).

Excellent knowledge of spoken and written Legal English.

French

Good knowledge of spoken and written French.

October 1994 - June 1995: levels V and VI (DEA) at the “*Centre Culturel Français*” in Milan.

Computer skills

In-depth knowledge of Microsoft Windows and Office.

In-depth knowledge of Apple MAC.

In-depth knowledge of the Internet.

In-depth knowledge of Easylex.

Hobbies

Food and wine

Reading and chess

Travelling

Sailing

Contact information

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