PERSONAL INFORMATION Federico Manstretta

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

(January 2025 – present)

IP Law Galli S.r.l., Milan
Lawyer

(November 2016 – December 2024)

Bird & Bird Law Firm, Milan
Lawyer

(2020)

Admission to the Italian Bar
Milan Bar

Specific professional experience gained

Continuous practice as **a lawyer** in both litigation and non-contentious matters **since 2016**, specialising in intellectual property and competition law. This has included the following:

- **Patent litigation**, relating to mobile phone devices, mechanical and electronic inventions, medical devices, *life sciences* and *standard-essential* patents. **Representation before the Unified Patent Court**, including involvement in the drafting and filing of a *protective letter* and in infringement proceedings before the Paris Local Division (relating to technologies concerning opening/closing mechanisms for cardboard boxes used in mass retail) and the Milan Local Division (relating to identification technologies using mobile applications and devices).

- Judicial and extrajudicial protection of **trade secrets** and **confidential information**, in relation to **the poaching of employees** and **the poaching of customers**.
  - Involvement in various disputes concerning the misappropriation of trade secrets and confidential business information by **former employees** across a range of product sectors.
  - Advisory services on **the drafting of internal *policies***, **employee guidelines**, undertakings and communications to employees at the start and end of their employment to protect confidential business information.

- Litigation and out-of-court proceedings concerning **trade marks and designs**.
  - Assistance to a leading **Italian haute couture fashion house** in litigation concerning the counterfeiting of clothing items.
  - Assistance to a leading **video games and video game console** company in out-of-court proceedings to protect its trade marks, conducted both through the sending of cease-and-desist letters and through specific *take-down* procedures on *YouTube* channels*, social media platforms*, etc.

- Providing legal assistance, both in and out of court, in relation to the infringement of technological protection measures designed to safeguard copyright-protected works, with particular reference to **video games** and **video game consoles**.
  - Assistance to a leading US video game manufacturer in multiple legal proceedings brought against a *hacker* organisation that had created and distributed, for a fee, so-called *'mods'* that altered the functioning of the original *online* game.
  - Assistance to a leading US video game developer in a dispute brought against a *hacker* organisation that was unlawfully obtaining and reselling login credentials for online *accounts*.

- **Customs surveillance** activities
  - Preparation, filing and management of **national and EU customs applications**

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aimed at protecting intellectual property rights pursuant to Regulation (EU) No 608/2013, in relation to various intellectual property rights (patents, designs, trade marks, geographical indications)

- Management of customs detentions of goods suspected of infringing intellectual property rights.
- Delivering training courses to customs authorities and the Guardia di Finanza on how to identify non-genuine goods and detain them at customs.

QUALIFICATIONS

36th Intake (February 2024)

PhD in Intellectual Property and Competition Law

University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, in partnership with the University of Parma
Thesis: Brevetti Standard Essential e Impegno FRAND tra Property e Liability Rules

XXXVI Cycle (October 2016)

Law Degree

University of Parma
Degree mark: 110/110 with distinction
Weighted average: 29.6 / 30
Thesis on intellectual property (patents): La dottrina degli equivalenti. Un'analisi comparatistica

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Academic appointments

University of Parma

(academic year 2026/2027)

Adjunct Professor of **Food Design and Intellectual Property Rights** (Degree in Global Food Law: Sustainability Challenges and Innovation, Department of Law, Political and International Studies) – 36 hours of teaching in English

(academic year 2024/2025 – present)

Subject Specialist in **Fashion, Innovation and New Media Law** (Master's Degree in Law, Department of Law, Political and International Studies)

(academic year 2025/2026 – present)

Subject Specialist in **Legislation and Patents** (Course: 'Ethical and Legislative Aspects of Biotechnological Applications', Department of Medicine and Surgery, Master's Degree in Medical, Veterinary and Pharmaceutical Biotechnology)

(academic year 2025/2026 – present)

Subject Specialist in **Food Design and Intellectual Property Rights** (Degree in Global Food Law: Sustainability Challenges and Innovation, Department of Law, Political and International Studies)

(academic year 2020/2021)

Subject Specialist in **Industrial Property Law** (Master's Degree in Law, Department of Law, Political and International Studies)

Publications

Books

F. Manstretta, *La Tutela dei Brevetti Standard Essential tra Property e Liability Rules*, Edizioni Scientifiche Italiane, 2024, available at: *https://www.edizioniesi.it/pubblicazioni/libri/diritto_storia_filosofia_e_teoria_del_diritto_-_1/diritto_civile__-_1_-_07/tutela-brevetti-standard.html*.

Articles in Law Journals

F. Manstretta, *La dottrina degli equivalenti: perché la all-elements rule è la scelta migliore*, in *Il Diritto industriale*, 6/2017, p. 535, available in the onelegale.wolterskluwer.it database.

F. Manstretta, *Violazione del diritto d'autore su un'App: tra problemi di quantificazione del danno in via equitativa e di raccordo tra disciplina delle banche dati e del software*, in *Diritto di Internet*, 3/2021, p. 484, available at *dirittodiinternet.it*.

F. Manstretta, *Giurisdizione e competenza nella contraffazione online: persistenti differenze ed esigenze di coordinamento tra disciplina dei marchi nazionali e dell'Unione Europea, in Il Diritto Industriale*, 5/2021, p. 448, available in the onelegale.wolterskluwer.it database.

F. Manstretta, *La Suprema Corte si pronuncia in materia di concorrenza sleale per appropriazione di pregi*, in *Il Diritto Industriale*, 1/2022, p. 26, available in the *onelegale.wolterskluwer.it* database.

The Bird & Bird IP Team, *National copyright decisions round-up 2021*, in *Journal Of Intellectual Property Law And Practice*, 3/2022, p. 233, available at *academic.oup.com*.

F. Manstretta, *Questioni di competenza territoriale nel Codice della proprietà industriale: il rapporto tra il foro del domicilio eletto ed il forum commissi delicti*, in *Il Diritto Industriale*, 3/2022, p. 281, available in the onelegale.wolterskluwer.it database.

F. Manstretta, *Contraffazione per equivalenti: l'oggetto del giudizio e la metodologia per valutare l'equivalenza*, in *Il Diritto Industriale*, 4/2022, p. 313, available in the *onelegale.wolterskluwer.it* database.

The Bird & Bird IP Team, *National copyright decisions round-up 2022*, in *Journal of Intellectual Property Law & Practice*, 2/2023, p. 80, available at *academic.oup.com*.

F. Manstretta, *Italian Supreme Court provides guidance on parody exception under copyright and trade mark law*, in *Journal of Intellectual Property Law & Practice*, 3/2023, p. 177, available at *academic.oup.com*.

The Bird & Bird IP Team, *Round-up of national decisions on copyright protection of works of applied art 2023*, in *Journal of Intellectual Property Law & Practice*, Volume 19, Issue 3, 2024, p. 217, available at *academic.oup.com*.

F. Manstretta, *La doppia protezione della medesima invenzione con brevetto italiano ed europeo: implicazioni e prospettive dopo la riforma del Codice della proprietà industriale*, in *Il Diritto Industriale*, 3/2024, p. 193, available in the *onelegale.wolterskluwer.it* database.

F. Manstretta, *Protezione dei biscotti: tra marchi di forma registrati e di fatto, e look alike delle confezioni*, in *La Rivista di diritto industriale*, 1/2024, p. 38, available in the dejure.lefebvregiuffre.it database.

F. Manstretta, *Licenze FRAND ed ecodesign nel settore agroalimentare*, in *Il Diritto Industriale*, 2/2025, p. 167, available in the onelegale.wolterskluwer.it database.

F. Manstretta, *Le prime pronunce in materia di brevetti standard essential del Tribunale Unificato dei Brevetti*, in *La Rivista di diritto industriale*, II, 6/2025, p. 274, available in the *dejure.lefebvregiuffre.it* database.

F. Manstretta, *Ambito di tutela del brevetto e competitività delle imprese*, in *Il Diritto Industriale*, 2/2026, 171, available in the onelegale.wolterskluwer.it database.

F. Manstretta, *SEPs Licensing and Comparative Judicial Approaches in Europe*, in *Bulletin CEDIDAC* No. 99, 2026 (ISSN 1664-7955), available at *https://www.swisslex.ch/en/biblio/journal/single-journal/303711ae-1eec-400a-b3f5-*0390b96af882.

F. Manstretta, *La risoluzione giudiziale delle FRAND dispute dieci anni dopo la sentenza Huawei v. ZTE*, in *Giurisprudenza Commerciale*, 5/2026.

Contributions to volumes

External Contributor, Part IV - *Trade Secret Management*, in *WIPO Guide to Trade Secret and Innovation*, 2024, *https://www.wipo.int/web-publications/wipo-guide-to-trade-secrets-and-innovation/en/part-iv-trade-secret-management.html*

External Contributor, Part V - *Trade Secret in Litigation*, in *WIPO Guide to Trade Secret and Innovation*, 2024, *https://www.wipo.int/web-publications/wipo-guide-to-trade-secrets-and-innovation/en/part-v-trade-secrets-in-litigation.html*

F. Manstretta, *Commento all'art. 45 c.p.i.*, in C. Galli (ed.), *Codice della proprietà industriale commentato*, Wolters Kluwer Italia, 2026.

F. Manstretta, *Commento all'art. 47 c.p.i.*, in C. Galli (ed.), *Codice della proprietà industriale commentato*, Wolters Kluwer Italia, 2026.

F. Manstretta, *Commento all'art. 58 c.p.i.*, in C. Galli (ed.), *Codice della proprietà industriale commentato*, Wolters Kluwer Italia, 2026.

F. Manstretta, *Commento all'art. 59 c.p.i.*, in C. Galli (ed.), *Codice della proprietà industriale commentato*, Wolters Kluwer Italia, 2026.

F. Manstretta, *Commento alla Rules of Procedure da 85 a 98,* in M. Scuffi - M. Tavassi (eds.), *Il*

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brevetto unitario. Il regolamento di procedura della Corte Unificata Europea. Commentario sistematico, Giuffré, 2026.

Other Contributions

P. Ruggiero - F. Manstretta, *Reputation: If the IPO said you had it, they must say why you don't have it anymore*, on *BrandWrites.law*, 22 August 2018, https://www.lexology.com/library/detail.aspx?g=74baef2e-b86d-4dfc-b595-84029dcea63d.

C. Andreotta - F. Manstretta, *Selective distribution: I (don't) want it that way*, on *BrandWrites.law*, 28 February 2020, https://www.lexology.com/library/detail.aspx?g=35f78ee1-0344-4c42-99b0-9a820387cf39.

F. Manstretta, *The Italian Supreme Court provided guidance on patent infringement by equivalents, with particular regard to the role of prosecution history in determining the patent's scope of protection*, case note on the Italian Supreme Court, Civil Division, 7 February 2020, No. 2977, on *EPLAW Blog*, 11 June 2020, https://eplaw.org/itguidance-on-patent-infringement-by-equivalents/.

F. Manstretta, *Predivulgazione, contraffazione indiretta e retroversione degli utili in una recente sentenza della Corte d'Appello di Milano*, case note on the Milan Court of Appeal, 14 May 2020, in *SPRINT*, 22 June 2020, https://sistemaproprietaintellettuale.it/45-angolo-del-professionista/18765-predivulgazione-contraffazione-indiretta-e-retroversione-degli-utili-in-una-recente-sentenza-della-corte-d-appello-di-milano.html.

F. Manstretta, *Italian Supreme Court provides guidance on equitable compensation for damages under Intellectual Property Code*, on *PatentHub*, 18 April 2021, https://www.twobirds.com/en/patenthub/shared/insights/2021/italy/italian-supreme-court-provides-guidance-on-equitable-compensation-for-damages.

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F. Manstretta - B. Totaro, *Weak or not: Boss of what? – An Italian dispute over the strength of a trade mark*, on *BrandWrites.law*, 29 November 2023, https://www.lexology.com/library/detail.aspx?g=c6ac0a47-e45f-4a5a-acf8-951b544a7879

F. Manstretta - A. Vantini, *Italian Supreme Court on the iconic Vespa design: is it "too artistic" to be a trade mark?*, on *BrandWrites*, 21 December 2023, https://www.lexology.com/library/detail.aspx?g=8ea57e56-9785-4a4a-ac16-ee0ec1874b8b.

INDICAM, *Position Paper: Verso una giurisdizione europea unificata: una visione d'insieme*, 1 October 2024.

E. Bonadio - F. Manstretta, *The WTO dispute between China and EU over Chinese SEPs global rate-setting*, on *Kluwer Patent Blog*, 31 May 2025, https://patentblog.kluweriplaw.com/2025/03/31/the-wto-dispute-between-china-and-eu-over-chinese-seps-global-rate-setting/.

Speaking Engagement

Presentation: *'The relationship between European and Italian patents as governed by Article 5 of Law No. 102/2023',* at the conference *'The Reform of the Intellectual Property Code*', Paradigma S.r.l., Milan, 27 November 2023.

Presentation: *'Dual protection of the same invention under Italian and European patents: implications and prospects following the reform of Article 59 of the Intellectual Property Code*', organised by Bird & Bird and accredited by the National Bar Council for professional training, Milan, 26 January 2024.

Presentation: '*The Draft EU SEP Regulation*', at the *Young EPLaw* Annual Conference, Brussels, 29 April 2024.

Presentation: *'FRAND licences and ecodesign in the agri-food sector*', at the conference *'Food Law and Sustainability: Between Innovation and* Communication', University of Parma, Parma, 25 October 2024 (minute 4:07:30, *https://www.youtube.com/live/2pGvpA0ljoE*).

Presentation: *'Scope of patent protection and business competitiveness*', at the conference *'European Competitiveness and Intellectual Property in an Era of Global Uncertainty: Artificial Intelligence, Protection of Innovation and Cybersecurity, between the Draghi Agenda and the Stargate Project*', University of Parma, Parma, 31 October 2025 (minute 7:16:00, *https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4dje9xS7T3M*).

Presentation on *'SEPs Licensing and Comparative Judicial Approaches*', at the conference *'Between Withdrawn Legislation and Ongoing Legal Battles – Which Future for SEPs Licensing?*', CEDIDAC, University of Lausanne, Switzerland, 2 March 2026 (*https://www.unil.ch/files/live/sites/ecolededroit/files/02-centres/cedidac/manifestations-2025/Round%20Table_du%2002.03.26.pdf*).

Introductory presentation and moderation of the AIPPI event, *Standards and Patents Committee Webinar – Conduct as a Sword vs. Shield: Willingness in SEP Litigation in Brazil, China and India,* online, 22 June 2026 (*https://www.aippi.org/event/standards-patents-committee-webinar/*).

Lectures and Seminars

Lecture*: Introduction to Artificial Intelligence and Intellectual Property*, as part of the PhD programme at the University of Parma in partnership with the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, 30 May 2025.

Lecture: *Module 5 – Information Engineering*, as part of *the training course on the protection of industrial and intellectual property*, University of Macerata, 5 December 2025.

Lecture *on 'Intellectual Property: European Sources and the National Legal* System', as part of the *'European Sources and the National Legal System'* module of the PhD programme at the University of Parma, in partnership with the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, 20 March 2026.

Participation in Research Groups and Collaborations

(2026 – present) Participation in the "Farm & IP Law" research group as part of the *Food For Future* project (*https://www.foodforfuture.unipr.it/ricerca/farm-ip-law*)

(October 2025 – present) Appointment as *an External Expert* for WIPO – the World Intellectual Property Organisation – to develop *the Advanced IP eLearning Course 'Mastering Trade Secrets and* Innovation', in collaboration with the IP eLearning Section of the WIPO Academy and the Patent and Technology Law Division (PTLD), available on the WIPO eLearning Centre (https://welc.wipo.int/).

Periods of Study abroad

(January – May 2016)

Maurice A. Deane School of Law

Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY, USA
EACLE Scholarship Winner
Exams taken in English:
- Intellectual Property Survey (grade A-)
- Controversies in Corporate Law (grade A)
- Drafting and Negotiating Contracts and Statutes (grade A)
- Legal Methods (grade A)
- Independent Study: Patents (grade A+)

(June 2023)

Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition

Munich, Germany

Visiting Researcher

Certifications

(October 2022)

European University Institute

Badia Fiesolana (Florence)
Patent Licensing Academy
Advanced course in English on the law, economics and practice of patent licensing

ASSOCIATIONS

AIPPI (International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property)

Member (2024 – present)
Member of the *Patents & Standards* Committee (2025 – present)

LES Licensing Executives Society

Member (2024 – present)
Member of the Editorial Committee (2025 – present)

LANGUAGE SKILLS

English

Excellent (written and spoken)

27 July 2014: Cambridge English – **Certificate in Advanced English, Level C1**

International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE Cambridge): Biology, Physics, Mathematics

German

Basic (written and spoken)

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