

Monica Colombera

SENIOR PARTNER

Monica Colombera coordinates Legance's Energy & Infrastructure department and is mentioned by the major league tables and legal directories. Monica is involved in the main transactions followed by the Firm. Monica assists lenders and sponsors in financing transactions and in the structuring of projects, and investors in acquisition and joint venture deals, both in infrastructure and energy sectors on a regular basis.

Monica is mentioned by many legal directories. The Legal 500 ranked her in the Hall of Fame in the Banking and Finance (both lender, arranger and borrower sides) and in the Energy sections quoting testimonials as follows "Monica Colombera has great knowledge of this area and excellent interpersonal skills" "Monica Colombera is a brilliant professional, who is highly competent and client oriented" (2022), "Monica Colombera is a very solid professional, always available, reactive and flexible and above all always available for the client and the counterpart" (2021).

Moreover IFLR1000 ranked her as a Market Leader for Project Finance and as a Woman Leader and Chambers and Partners describes her as follows: "Monica Colombera is a star lawyer" (2024), "She has great commercial and negotiation abilities. She is always present on matters and is very proactive" (2023), "She is one of the top players in the market" (2022), "top M&A and project finance lawyer in the infrastructure space in Italy, always available and on the case", "leading in the negotiations with the counterparty and finding satisfying and innovative solutions to the most complex problems" (2021), "She is a leader with undisputed experience in the energy sector and her force of persuasion and negotiation skills are some of her main strengths in M&A and financing activities", "very precise and understands the needs of the client", "she has a solution-oriented approach and she never gives up" (2020), "very knowledgeable, pragmatic and solution-oriented", "a clever and dynamic lawyer with an excellent reputation", "is always looking for the best solution for both parties" (2019), "she is very strong in negotiation, with an excellent commercial approach. She is a very talented lawyer" (2018), "clients appreciate her competence and excellent reaction skills. She was instrumental to success. She is absolutely one of the first choices for project finance" (2017), "clients respect her for her wealth of experience and her strong organisational skills" (2016), "an absolutely outstanding project finance lawyer with a broad and international reach" (2015), "she provides an in-depth service and is always very flexible and adaptive" (2014), "very smart and provides high-quality advice" (2013), "a leader in project finance, praised for her client-focused approach and pragmatism", "undoubtedly one of the leading energy specialists" (2012) and praised for her "commercial nature and strength in negotiations" (2011). Moreover, in 2021 Monica was mentioned in the "Women in business law expert" guide as one of the leading lawyers in Italy in the Energy and Natural Resources sector.

Monica has been awarded as "Project Finance Lawyer of the Year" in 2017, 2020, 2021 and 2023, "Finance Lawyer of the Year" in 2018 and 2021, and "Energy Lawyer of the Year" in 2019 by Legalcommunity. Moreover Monica has been awarded "Infrastructure Lawyer of the Year" in 2020 and "Energy Renewables Lawyer of the Year" in 2021 by TopLegal.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **Senior Partner** | 2007
Legance – Avvocati Associati, Milan, Italy
- **Partner** | 2005 - 2007
Gianni, Origoni, Grippo & Partners, Milan, Italy
- **Senior Associate** | 2002 - 2005
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- **Associate** | 1993 - 2001
Simmons & Simmons Grippo, Milan, Italy
- **Associate** | 1994

EDUCATION

- **2001**
Postgraduate Diploma, Competition Law, King's College, London, United Kingdom
- **1996**
Admitted to the Bar. Member of the Milan Bar, Italy
- **1993**
Law Degree, *maxima cum laude*, Università degli Studi di Milano, Milan, Italy

PUBLICATIONS

Monica Colombera is the author of articles published in legal reviews. Among others:

- > *"Sanzioni Gse e voltura delle autorizzazioni (in attesa del Decreto Controlli)"*, Staffetta Quotidiana, 5 June 2020;
- > *"I nodi dei contratti Ppa per il finanziamento di progetti in grid parity"*, Staffetta Quotidiana, 14 June 2019;
- > *"Project finance in Italy: overview"*, Practical Law, 2018;
- > *"Infrastrutture, luci all'orizzonte"*, ItaliaOggi, 23 May 2016;
- > *"Nuovo codice/2. Concessioni e Ppp, distinzione labile: rischio operativo sempre o no?"*, Il Sole 24 Ore, 7 April 2016;
- > *"Confine poco chiaro fra concessione e Ppp"*, Il Sole 24 Ore, 7 April 2016;
- > *"Recent developments in the Italian Energy sector"*, The European Energy Handbook, February 2015;
- > *"I project Bond: evoluzione e prospettive"*, Strumenti Finanziari e Fiscalità, February 2015;
- > *"Split-payment e project financing: prime osservazioni su un impatto dirompente"*, Diritto Bancario, it, February 2015;
- > *"Overview of Natural Gas Sector"*, Oil & Gas Regulation 2014, The International Comparative Legal Guide, January 2014;
- > *"From Strada dei Parchi to BreBeMi and beyond"*, PFI Project Finance International – Global Infrastructure Report, June 2013;
- > *"Energy Law in Italy"*, The European Energy Handbook, February 2013;
- > *"Società di infrastrutture abilitate ai project bond"*, Il Sole 24 Ore, 10 April 2012;
- > *"Bene liberalizzare i project bond, ma il regime fiscale è ancora sfavorevole"*, Milano Finanza, 21 March 2012;
- > *"The growing Italian energy market: impact of the regulatory framework"*, American Lawyer, January 2010;
- > *"Third Energy Package and the Climate Change Package in Italy"*, European Energy Review, 2010;
- > *"The Malpensa case"*, European Counsel, 1999;
- > *"The rules of Corporate Governance in the United Kingdom: the Cadbury Report and the Greenbury Report"*, Rivista delle Società, 1996;
- > Several research and publications relating to international conventions on procedural law as assistant to Prof. Fausto Pocar at Institute of International Private Law of the Università degli Studi di Milano, 1993-1996.



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