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Banking Restructuring and Insolvency Shipping, Aviation and Transportation

Iacopo Fontana has an extensive experience in distressed M&A, debt restructuring and insolvency procedures. He advises Italian and foreign companies, banks and financial institutions on debt restructuring transactions (both in-court and out-of-court transactions) and on default situations in general. Iacopo also assists his clients in banking transactions, structured finance, real estate financing, project financing and other capital market operations, and has developed a significant experience in the shipping sector.

Iacopo is ranked in Chambers and Partners and mentioned as follows: *"Iacopo is an incredible adviser who I would go to for many matters", "His rigorousness, combined with the willingness to understand, allows him to face and manage complex situations that require going beyond the strictly technical legal aspects of matters" and "Iacopo Fontana builds excellent relationships, is quick when carrying out activities, and has an aptitude for problem solving"* (2025), *"Quick, precise and solution oriented"* (2019).

Professional Experience

PARTNER | FROM 2020

Legance – Avvocati Associati, Milan, Italy

SENIOR COUNSEL | 2018 – 2020

Legance – Avvocati Associati, Milan, Italy

SENIOR COUNSEL | 2016 – 2018

Legance – Avvocati Associati, London, United Kingdom

COUNSEL | 2013 – 2016

Legance – Avvocati Associati, London, United Kingdom

ASSOCIATE | 2007 – 2013

Legance – Avvocati Associati, Rome, Italy

ASSOCIATE | 2004 – 2007

Gianni, Origoni, Grippo e Partners, Rome, Italy

ASSOCIATE | 2003

Chiomenti Studio Legale, London, United Kingdom

CONSULTANT | 2001 – 2002

Ristuccia Advisors, Rome, Italy

Education

2005

Admitted to the Bar. Member of the Rome Bar

2003

LL.M., Banking and Finance, University College London, United Kingdom

2002

Master in Italian and EU banking, finance and insurance law, Università degli Studi di Roma "La Sapienza", Rome, Italy

2001

Law Degree, *maxima cum laude*, Università degli Studi di Roma "La Sapienza", Rome, Italy

Publications and Academic Experiences

Iacopo Fontana is the author of several articles published in legal magazines and internet sites regarding commercial, finance law issues in particular on venture capital.

Iacopo is a regular lecturer or speaker at several conferences, work-shop and seminars at professional associations, and academic institutions including, among others:

- 2024 Member of the Board of Directors of K.R.I.N.O. (*Crisi d'Impresa Nell'Ordinamento*) Italian association of restructuring lawyers
- 2022 – 2023, Lecturer, "*Esperto in Crisi d'Impresa*", AFGE | Alta Formazione Giuridico-Economica
- 2021 Promoter of K.R.I.N.O. (*Crisi d'Impresa Nell'Ordinamento*) Italian association of restructuring lawyers
- 2006 – 2007 – 2008, Lecturer, - Private Equity Course, MBA, Università "LUISS – Guido Carli", Rome, Italy
- 2001 – 2003 Assistant to Prof.ssa Avv. Fiorella D'Angeli and Prof. Avv. Gianfrancesco Vecchio in the Private Law Department of the Università degli studi di Cassino e del Lazio Meridionale, Cassino, Italy

Membership

In February 2017 Iacopo Fontana has been appointed as member of Ria Grant Thornton Scientific Committee.