

Iacopo Fontana

PARTNER

Registered with the Solicitors Regulation Authority as a European Lawyer

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** | 2020
Legance – Avvocati Associati, Milan, Italy
- Senior Counsel** | 2018 - 2020
Legance – Avvocati Associati, Milan, Italy
- Senior Counsel** | 2016 - 2018
Legance – Legance – Avvocati Associati, London, United Kingdom
- Counsel** | 2013 - 2016
Legance – Legance – Avvocati Associati, London, United Kingdom
- Associate** | 2007 - 2013
Legance – Avvocati Associati, Rome, Italy
- Associate** | 2007 - 2004
Gianni, Origoni, Grippo e Partners, Rome, Italy
- Associate** | 2003
Chiomenti Studio Legale, London, United Kingdom
- Consulente** | 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



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- 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.



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