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Paolo Guaragnella advises Italian and foreign funds and companies in all stages of their investments, i.e. from the early-stage start-up phase to the exit, through M&A or IPO; in particular, he advises clients on corporate law issues, domestic and cross-border mergers and acquisitions. He has also gained extensive experience in advising listed companies in connection with extraordinary transactions and public offerings, as well as corporate governance and regulatory issues, handling relations with the relevant supervisory authorities. He is part of the Venture Capital and Equity Capital Markets teams.

Paolo worked at Legance's office in New York since its opening in 2018.

He graduated from Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore of Milan in 2004 (B.A.) and 2006 (LL.B.) with the highest grade and summa cum laude. Afterwards, he was ranked among the top applicants to the Ph.D. program in Business and Commerce Law at Università Commerciale Luigi Bocconi in Milan and granted with a fellowship, discussing a thesis on "Cross-border mergers and protection of minority shareholders" in 2011.

He was admitted to the Bar in 2009.

He also spent a year at Harvard Law School and Columbia Law School and in 2020 he obtained a LL.M. at Fordham University. He is author of numerous articles published in tier-one Italian legal journals concerning corporate and business law and is lecturer of master courses on Venture Capital and Private Equity, Corporate Law and Financial Markets Law at Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan.

Professional Experience

SENIOR COUNSEL | FROM 2026

Legance – Avvocati Associati, Milan, Italy

COUNSEL | 2022 – 2026

Legance – Avvocati Associati, Milan, Italy

SECONDMENT | 2021 – 2022

DWS, Milan, Italy - London, United Kingdom

COUNSEL | 2021

Legance – Avvocati Associati, Milan, Italy

COUNSEL | 2019 – 2021

Legance LLP, New York, U.S.A.

MANAGING ASSOCIATE | 2018 – 2019

Legance LLP, New York, U.S.A.

MANAGING ASSOCIATE | 2017 – 2018

Legance – Avvocati Associati, Milan, Italy

SENIOR ASSOCIATE | 2015 – 2017

Legance – Avvocati Associati, Milan, Italy

ASSOCIATE | 2011 – 2014

Clifford Chance, Milan, Italy

ASSOCIATE | 2008 – 2011

D'Urso Gatti e Bianchi, Milan, Italy

TRAINEE | 2006 – 2008

Bonelli Erede Pappalardo, Milan, Italy

Education

2020

LL.M., Fordham University, New York, U.S.A.

2011

Ph.D., Università Commerciale Luigi Bocconi, Milan, Italy

2010

Visiting Researcher, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts, U.S.A.

2010

Visiting Researcher, Columbia Law School, New York, U.S.A.

2009

Admitted to the Bar. Member of the Milan Bar, Italy

2006

Law Degree, *maxima cum laude*, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan, Italy