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○ ESG and Impact

Francesco Bernardi has gained experience in international arbitration, commercial law and sustainability, also thanks to a LL.M. obtained in the United States. He now mainly focuses on ESG regulation and its implications for sustainable finance and corporate governance, assisting companies and financial operators. Francesco Bernardi has completed a period of secondment in a leading Italian company, having the opportunity to see up close the changes required by ESG regulations and the impacts on governance and strategy, directors' liability safeguards, internal regulatory tools, procurement and contract law.

Professional Experience

ASSOCIATE | FROM 2023
Legance – Avvocati Associati, Milan, Italy
SECONDMENT | 2022 – 2023
Eni S.p.A., Milan, Italy
ASSOCIATE | 2021 – 2023
Legance – Avvocati Associati, Rome, Italy
TRAINEE | 2021
Bernardi, Bonora, Fiorio, Arco, Italy
INTERN | 2019
BonelliErede, Milan, Italy

Education

2025
Admitted to the Bar. Member of the Milan Bar, Italy
2021
Tutoring in private and commercial law, Università degli Studi di Trento, Trento, Italy
2021
Law Degree, Università degli Studi di Trento, Trento, Italy
2019

Publications

LL.M., Washington University School of Law, St. Louis, U.S.A.

- *"From Disclosure to Governance: The EU's Legal Strategy Against Greenwashing"* (with R. Randazzo, F. Gallo Perozzi), IBA Business Law International journal, 2025;
- *"ESG in Italy"* (with R. Randazzo, F. Gallo Perozzi, F. Longo), Global Practice Guide, Chambers and Partners, 2024;
- *"ESG and Impact Investing – in Italy"* (with R. Randazzo, F. Gallo Perozzi, F. Longo), Lexology, 2024;
- *"Business & Human Rights Report – in Italy"* (with R. Randazzo, F. Gallo Perozzi, F. Longo), Lexology, 2024;
- *"ESG in Italy"* (with R. Randazzo, F. Gallo Perozzi, F. Longo), Global Practice Guide, Chambers and Partners, 2023.