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Administrative Energy & Infrastructure Environmental

Cristina Martorana focuses on administrative and environmental law.

She has deep experience in Italian and European administrative law (judicial and out-of-court), particularly in the regulated fields of energy and infrastructure with reference to issues related to the construction, acquisition or financing of plants that produce energy from renewable and conventional sources, environmental law and climate change, network infrastructures, gas, district heating, waste to energy, energy and gas trading contracts, physical and synthetic PPA, PPP and public procurement.

Due to her experience in the sector and the acknowledgment received from the relevant market, she has been invited to numerous conferences and seminars. Cristina is a member of the Agrivoltaica association as an advisor.

Cristina collaborates constantly with industry associations (e.g. Anie and Elettricità Futura) in the drafting of regulatory texts or amendments to the same or to the drafts under approval relating to the relevant market (cf. Simplification Decree Law 2020 and 2021) as well as with ARERA and Terna.

She is also author of articles in both national and international specialised magazines.

Chambers and Partners ranks her in Band 2 and mentions her as follows: "*Cristina Martorana is an extremely reliable, responsive and attentive professional. She has an excellent ability to manage complex situations and propose practical solutions with a commercial vision*" (2026), "*Cristina Martorana is always generous in sharing her remarkable market and regulatory knowledge. She excels at managing the law firm's administrative and transactional teams*", "*Cristina Martorana is proactive, imaginative and can analyse problems and find solutions*", "*I always refer to Cristina Martorana due to her great attitude and competence, as well as her 360-degree knowledge of the whole sector*", "*Cristina Martorana is a reference point in Italy when it comes to administrative law*"(2025), "*Cristina excels in navigating clients through the intricacies of Italian public and regulatory laws. Her unique ability to merge theoretical legal knowledge with practical, real-world insights adds immense value to her work and greatly benefits her clients*" (2024), "*Cristina Martorana is a great problem solver*" (2023), "[Clients appreciate her] *very high level of service in project development [and for] always being available to answer and solve customer problems*" (2022), "[clients appreciate her] *understanding of technical and commercial issues and very high administrative law skills*" (2021), "[she is] *able to combine high-profile technical accuracy with a commercial mindset*" (2020).

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She is also mentioned as Leading Partner in The Legal 500 in the Energy section, quoting testimonials as follows: *"In her respective field of expertise, Cristina Martorana is among the professionals who know the renewable energy market in Italy best and are therefore able to provide comprehensive, high-level support", "Cristina Martorana has an incredible focus on administrative matters" (2026), "Cristina Martorana is very pragmatic and capable of solving critical issues for clients with a professional sense of the regulatory framework and the clients' needs", "Cristina Martorana is reliable, knowledgeable, attentive to customer requests, and punctual in completing her activities", "Cristina Martorana is brilliant and extremely competent", "I must highlight the extraordinary quality of Cristina Martorana for her exceptional administrative skills and in-depth understanding of administrative dynamics in legal processes", "Cristina Martorana is a professional who provides valuable insights and opinions on new trends and topics" (2025), "Cristina Martorana is a real expert in energy regulatory matters and project structuring", "Cristina Martorana is the standout of the firm. A professional recognised by the market as a benchmark in the energy sector. She has extensive experience in the field, undeniable problem-solving skills, and the ability to quickly handle complex issues", "Cristina Martorana has such huge competence that when she explains her advice clients are sure that not one serious problem will come about during construction or operational phases" (2024), "Cristina Martorana is a star in the Italian energy space. She will certainly play leading roles in the southern European energy transition, thanks to her unique expertise" (2023), "Cristina Martorana is always available and leads an excellent team" "Cristina Martorana deserves a special mention" "Cristina Martorana has acquired such expertise in the sector also from a commercial point of view that manages to combine business needs with regulatory prerogatives" "Cristina Martorana has great knowledge of this area and excellent interpersonal skills" (2022), "Cristina Martorana is a point of reference. She's always available and proactive in finding solution" and "Cristina Martorana is a serious and prepared professional. The ten years of experience she has gained in the sector makes her an excellent consultant and the availability and courtesy that distinguish her allow the establishment of an extremely profitable professional relationship. Martorana is able to provide very valuable support in many of the issues brought to her attention", "Martorana is a capable, competent, up-to-date professional, with great sensitivity to energy and infrastructure issues, an excellent network, business oriented, with a solid approach, based on the concrete needs of the customer. To these qualities she combines an empathy rarely encountered in professionals of the same seniority that allows her to create trust relationships over time" (2021), "Cristina Martorana: high professionalism combined with a charismatic personality" (2020). The Legal500 has awarded her as Energy Lawyer of the Year during the Legal500 Italy Awards 2025 with the following citation: *"Cristina Martorana excels in energy and infrastructure matters, advising on renewable energy project financings as well as taking point on high-stakes energy litigation"*.*

Furthermore, Cristina is mentioned in IFLR1000 as a Highly Regarded for Project Development. Moreover, in 2021 Cristina was mentioned as one of the leading lawyers in Italy in the Energy and Natural Resources section of the "Women in business law expert" guide.

Cristina Martorana has been identified by Who's Who Legal's research among the Italian leading lawyers both in the energy and environmental sectors quoting *"Cristina Martorana deserves to be on the list say sources, who admire her deep knowledge of administrative and environmental law as applied to the energy and infrastructure sector"*.

Professional Experience

PARTNER | FROM 2019

Legance – Avvocati Associati, Milan, Italy

PARTNER | 2015 – 2018

Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe (Europe) LLP, Milan, Italy

PARTNER | 2012 – 2015

Watson Farley & Williams, Milan, Italy

PARTNER | 2007 – 2012

Clifford Chance, Milan, Italy

COUNSEL | 2004 – 2007

Clifford Chance, Milan, Italy

SENIOR ASSOCIATE | 2002 – 2004

Clifford Chance, Milan, Italy

SENIOR ASSOCIATE | 2001 – 2002

Macchi di Cellere e Gangemi, Milan, Italy

SENIOR ASSOCIATE | 2000 – 2001

Baker & Mc Kenzie, Milan, Italy

ASSOCIATE | 1994 – 2000

Studio Legale Prof. Avv. Giuseppe Volpe, Pisa, Italy

Education

2012

Admitted to practice before the Supreme Court and Highest Jurisdiction

1994 – 1995

Post-doctoral Degree Civil Law, Scuola Superiore S. Anna, Pisa, Italy

1994

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

1990 – 1993

Ph.D., Civil Law, Università degli Studi di Pisa, Pisa, Italy

1990

Law Degree, *maxima cum laude*, Università degli Studi di Pisa, Pisa, Italy

Academic Experience

2011 – 2013

Professor, Energy and Administrative Law, Il Sole 24 Ore Master, Milan, Italy

2007 – 2010

Professor, Public contracts Training course, organised by ANIE (Associazione Nazionale Imprese Elettriche) and sponsored by Regione Lombardia, Milan, Italy

2009

Professor, Administrative Law course (with Prof. Occhiena), Università Commerciale Luigi Bocconi, Milan, Italy

1994 – 1999

Professor, expert in Private and Civil Law (for Prof. Lina Bigliuzzi Geri Chair), Pisa, Italy

Membership

She is a member of the SIAA (Società Italiana degli Avvocati Amministrativisti).

Seminars

She was a speaker in several seminars, among the most recent:

- "*Agrivoltaico ed ingegneria - pillole di progettazione - l'evoluzione dell'agrivoltaico: quadro normative e prospettive*", Key to Energy, March 2026;
- "*Permitting degli impianti fotovoltaici e aree idonee, alla luce delle novità del TU FER*", Elettricità Futura, March 2026;
- "*Oltre gli incentivi: l'ottimizzazione dei portafogli rinnovabili e modelli di business a confronto*", Key to Energy, March 2026;
- "*Nuova disciplina Aree idonee: cosa cambia dopo la legge 4/2026*", Elettricità Futura, February 2026;
- "*La giornata dell'agrivoltaico 2026: opportunità per innovare il futuro*", Anie, January 2026;
- "*Testo Unico FER un anno dopo*", Elettricità Futura, December 2025;

- *"Tra Legislazione Cauta e Sviluppo Necessario"*, Conferenza Italiana sull'Agrivoltaico, November 2025;
- *"BESS: un'analisi post MACSE"*, Legance and Key to Energy, October 2025;
- *"Investing in the Energy Transition"*, Inspiratia, September 2025;
- *"BESS projects in Europe and UK: comparison with the Italian market"*, Legance and Gowling WLG, May 2025;
- *"Quale sarà il ruolo della Regione Puglia nella sfida della Transizione Energetica?"*, Teksud, May 2025;
- *"RENMAD STORAGE ITALIA 2026"*, RENMAD Storage Italia, April 2025;
- *"Saturazione virtuale della rete - un circolo vizioso tra iter di connessione e di autorizzazione"*, KEY - The Energy Transition Expo, March 2025;
- *"Il finanziamento dei progetti BESS: possibili strutture tra MACSE e mercato"*, KEY - The Energy Transition Expo, March 2025;
- *"Le Rinnovabili in Italia tra MACSE e FER 2"*, DNV, February 2025;
- *"Autonomia energetica e produzioni agroalimentari: agrivoltaico e uso sostenibile del territorio per uno sviluppo integrato"*, Università degli Studi della Tuscia, February 2025;
- *"Aggiornamento normativo in materia di iter autorizzativi"*, ANIE, January 2025;
- *"Testo Unico autorizzazioni FER"*, Elettricità Futura, December 2024;
- *"Ritorni double digit con l'Energy Storage?"*, Key to Energy, December 2024;
- *"La giornata dell'agrivoltaico: l'impatto del DLGS Testo Unico FER e del DL Ambiente"*, ANIE, November 2024;
- *"Come gestire gli ostacoli normativi e anticipare gli scenari futuri della legislazione italiana"*, RENMAD, November 2024;
- *"Le FER e il ruolo delle Regioni nella pianificazione energetica in Italia: tra aree idonee e zone di accelerazione"*, ERG, November 2024;
- *"Investing in the Energy Transition"*, Inspiratia, October 2024;
- *"Rinnovabili, come uscire dal labirinto"*, Elettricità Futura, July 2024;
- *"Navigating the permitting maze for renewable hydrogen in Italy"*, RENMAD H2 Italy 2024, June 2024;
- *"Mercato Italiano dei PPA"*, RE-Source Italy, May 2024;
- *"Le comunità energetiche rinnovabili"*, Università Commerciale Luigi Bocconi, May 2024;
- *"Agrivoltaic: opportunity or obstacle race?"*, Legance, May 2024;
- *"Autorizzazioni amministrative e configurazione di ramo di azienda"*, Legance, May 2024;
- *"Storage Projects between regulation and market"*, Legance, April 2024;
- *"L'agrivoltaico sostenibile tra cultura e colture"*, April 2024;
- *"Permitting of energy storage projects in Italy"*, April 2024;
- *"Key to Energy conference"*, The Energy Transition Expo, February 2024;
- *"Energy storage in Italy-opportunities in the utility scale market"*, RENMAD, December 2023;
- *"Podcast - DL PNRR: svolta nel processo autorizzativo FER?"*, ERGLab, July 2023;

- *"Soluzioni e strategie per lo sviluppo di tecnologie innovative legate alla transizione energetica"*, German Italian Energy Forum, July 2023;
- *"Scoprite le opportunità del DL PNRR per le imprese elettriche"*, Elettricità Futura, May 2023;
- *"Il fotovoltaico in cava: aspetti normativi, opportunità di investimento, case history"*, ANPLA and ANIE Rinnovabili, April 2023;
- *"Il piano energetico ambientale della regione siciliana e il suo stato di attuazione"*, Sicily Region, April 2023;
- *"Sulle macerie degli EXTRA-PROFITTI il mondo delle Rinnovabili è diventato più o meno appealing"*, Italian Renewables Summit, March 2023;
- *"Gli effetti degli iter autorizzativi sulle richieste di connessione"*, ANIE, March 2023;
- *"SOLAR BELT BOOM 2022"*, REA Srl, September 2022;
- *"Dibattito su semplificazioni"*, Elettricità Futura, July 2022;
- *"PNRR: stato dell'arte, misurazione e futuro del PPP"*, Legance, March 2022;
- *"Webinar - Tassonomia come mezzo di transizione – Opportunità per imprese e investitori"*, participant in the round table, Green Building Council Italia, March 2022;
- *"Webinar - Dal DL Semplificazioni all'attuazione della direttiva RED II"*, Legance, December 2021;
- *"Webinar - Servizi e nuove aste capacity market: come sta evolvendo il ruolo dello storage nella transizione energetica"*, Legance, December 2021;
- *"General framework of national and European Hydrogen Strategies"*, Politecnico di Milano, September 2021,
- *"Hydrogen Innovation Report Presentation"*, participant in one of the round tables, Politecnico di Milano, September 2021,
- *"Energy Talk – Transizione Energetica: obiettivi e prospettive"*, Legance, September 2021;
- *"DL Semplificazioni - Analisi delle novità per il settore dell'energia"*, Legance, June 2021;
- *"Championing environmental sustainability in the profession"*, moderator of the webinar with avv. Cecilia Carrara on the occasion of the World Environment Day, June 2021;
- *"La transizione energetica, scenari d'azione e quadro normativo a livello europeo e italiano"*, Legance, May 2021;
- *"The Lawyer...and the Environment"*, ELSA Pavia, April 2021;
- *"ERGLab: Decarbonisation and energy transition, the central role of regions and territories"*, ERGLab, March 2021;
- *"Recent simplification measures for procurement, environment, energy and innovation"*, Unipegaso, November 2020;
- *"DL Semplificazioni: Le novità sugli iter autorizzativi dello storage" at the "Storage: contesto attuale e possibili sviluppi futuri" Conference*, ANIE Federazione, November 2020;
- *"Semplificazioni" seminar*, Cassa Depositi e Prestiti, October 2020;
- *"Decreto Semplificazioni: La novità nel settore energetico: luci ed ombre"*, Legance, October 2020;
- *"Importance of women in law firms"*, Generation Female Global Summit, September 2020;

- *"La competitività delle aste FER e la semplificazione del permitting. Come sbloccare lo sviluppo delle rinnovabili in Italia"*, ERGLab, July 2020;
- *"Traditional and new instruments supporting renewable in the Italian Energy Transition"*, Energy Market Conference, Frankfurt, Germany November 2019;
- *"The Regulatory Framework"* at the Banca Intesa conference *"THE 2030 ITALIAN NATIONAL ENERGY AND CLIMATE PLANS: a significant Investment opportunity for international players"*, with Hon. Undersecretary Crippa London, July 2019;
- *"Energy #TALK6 - Nuove prospettive delle centrali convenzionali attraverso il mercato delle capacità: capacity payments e servizi ancillari"*, Legance, June 2019;
- *"Energy #TALK3 - Rinnovabili e giudice penale: lo stato dell'arte"*, Legance, April 2019.

Publications

Cristina Martorana is the author of numerous publications, including:

- *"The Renewable Energy Law Review"*, Chapter Italy, Fifth Edition, The Law Reviews, 2023;
- *"The Renewable Energy Law Review"*, Chapter Italy, Fifth Edition, The Law Reviews, 2022;
- *"The Renewable Energy Law Review"*, Chapter Italy, Fourth Edition, The Law Reviews, 2021;
- *"Alternative Energy & Power"*, Chambers and Partners, 2018;
- *"Energy and Natural resources Global Guide 2017/18"*, Practical Law, 2017;
- Minutes for the Basilicata Region Convention *"Fonti Energetiche Rinnovabili: quali prospettive?"* in Potenza, 20 July 2012, "Scenari e politiche energetiche";
- Author of the legal comment to art 10 of the 675 Privacy Law, *Le Nuove Leggi Civili Commentate*, Cedam, 1999.

Articles

Cristina Martorana is the author of numerous articles, including:

- *"Agrivoltaico, il nuovo volto del fotovoltaico italiano"*, canalenergia, 23 January 2026;
- *"Sei punti di vista sul Testo Unico FER: le principali novità"*, pv-magazine.it, 9 December 2025;
- *"Occasioni da non perdere per semplificare lo sviluppo delle energie rinnovabili"*, Il Sole 24 Ore, with Monica Colombera, 23 December 2024;
- *"Agrivoltaico in cerca d'autore. Tra DL Agricoltura e testo unico dell'energia"*, Energiamercato.it, 2 October 2024;
- *"Rischio di azioni legali se la norma ha carattere discriminatorio"*, Il Sole 24 Ore, 11 June 2024;
- *"L'agrivoltaico "per rendere competitiva l'Italia su scala globale"*, canaleenergia.com, 24 May 2024;
- *"La PAS vale per impianti fotovoltaici fino a 10MW, incluse le opere di connessione"*, Qualenergia, 15 March 2022;
- *"Extraprofiti, fino a 5 miliardi di minori ricavi per le rinnovabili"*, Il Sole 24 Ore, with Cristina Martorana, 15 February 2022;
- *"Primi segnali di vita per l'energy storage"*, MF, 5 January 2022;

- *"Rinnovabili e autorizzazioni, come accelerare in poche rapide mosse"*, August 2021, with Valeria Viti, 3 August 2021;
- *"Il primo Ppa italiano di un'azienda alimentare, commentato"*, Dealflower.it, with Cristina Martorana, 22 June 2021;
- *"Semplificazioni e transizione, alcuni spunti di riflessione"*, StaffettaQuotidiana.it, 28 May 2021;
- *"Il giorno dell'Idrogeno verde è oggi: servono subito regole chiare"*, Qualenergia.it, with Lucio Di Cicco, 26 February 2021;
- *"Varianti, repowering e revamping: luci e ombre del DL Semplificazioni"*, StaffettaQuotidiana.it, with Valeria Viti, Lucio Di Cicco, 11 September 2020;
- *"Decreto Semplificazioni, sui sistemi di accumulo serve più chiarezza"*, StaffettaQuotidiana.it, with Milly Supino, 6 August 2020;
- *"Sanzioni Gse e voltura delle autorizzazioni (in attesa del Decreto Controlli)"*, StaffettaQuotidiana.it, with Monica Colombera, 5 June 2020;
- *"Golden Power ed "energia""*, e7, 22 April 2020;
- *"Lo storage e il servizio fast reserve di Terna"*, RiEnergia.staffettaonline.it, with Giovanni Simoni, Massimo Andreoni, 14 April 2020.