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Italian Lawyer admitted at the Bar of Bari and Trademark Attorney, after 10 years of experience in IP matters, in 2005 founded the law firm De Tullio Liberatore & Partners, at present De Tullio & Partners IP Tech-Law Firm based in Rome. He speaks fluently English and has working knowledge of Spanish and French.

Managing Partner of De Tullio & Partners, he acts as Trademark Attorney in the strategic implementation of IP protection and in prosecution and opposition processes at domestic and international level. He is also a Litigation Lawyer before the Italian Courts specialized in Intellectual Property.

He is the Deputy Secretary General of the Italian-Argentinian Chamber of Commerce (CaCIA) and until 2011 he acted as the Coordinator of Intellectual Property for the Italian Association of Bilateral Chambers of Commerce (which represents more than 35 Bilateral Chambers). He planned, implemented and coordinated several projects – as Project Manager as well as Team Leader – in connection with Intellectual Property Rights and Anti-Counterfeiting, like, inter alia, the Italian IPR Desks of Bilateral Chambers of Commerce and the Italian Observatories of Counterfeiting and Piracy created in the Italian Bilateral Chambers of Commerce of Argentina, Brazil, Vietnam, Slovakia and India.

He is the Italian member of the Intellectual Property Commission of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), and represents ICC as Observer at the WIPO Standing Committee on the Law of Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications.

He is legal advisor for the Istituto di Economia dei Media of Fondazione Rosselli and member of the Scientific Committee and legal advisor of the Exhibition “Disegno & Design” organized by Fondazione Valore Italia of the Italian Ministry of Economic Development.

He cooperates as an expert with the European Commission, in particular with the DG Enterprise and Industry (between others, he was speaker at Pattinnova 2009) and the DG Enlargement - in the framework of the Taiex Programme – where he was speaker at several events all over Europe.

He also works as an expert for the World Intellectual Property Organization, with the former Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises Division.

From 2007 to 2009 he was a member of the Italian Cultural Heritage Ministry’s Standing Committee on Copyright Matters (Copyright and New Technologies Sub-Committee). In 2007 the Italian Ministry of Economic Development appointed him as the Italian Expert for the Working Group set up at the European Commission on Best practice on IPR enforcement support measures. During this project, he has been appointed as moderator in the final conference held in Bruxelles in 2009 called Making IPR Work for SME’s, with the participation of 600 people, among which the most important European decision makers on this topic.

He is also a teacher in Intellectual Property matters. Among others, he held courses at: Master in Information Technology Law, Theory and Legislative Techniques organized by the University of Rome La Sapienza; Master in Internationalization, Design and Local Development organized by the Alma Mater University of Bologna; Master Idea Cina organized by the University Politecnico of Milan and promoted by the Italian Foreign Commerce Institute (ICE) and Master in IPCM - Intellectual Property, Competition & Market organized by the University of Naples.

He is editor and author of several publications and articles on Intellectual Property and Enforcement of IPR. Among others, he was also editor and main author of the publication “The intangible wealth – Intellectual Property as an acceleration factor in the audiovisual market” published in 2011 by RAIZONE – ERI.

He often acts as rapporteur, speaker and moderator in several national and international conferences, seminars, workshops.

He is member of several international professional associations (INTA, ECTA, AIPPI, ALAI, INSME, ORIGIN, IAEL, ICC). In INTA he is member of the Anti-Counterfeiting Committee and Leader of the EU Observatory Task Force and in ECTA he is member of the Geographical Indications Committee and the Publication Committee.

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