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## Practices

- Litigation and Arbitration
- Energy transitions and natural resources

## Education

Admitted to Italian bar in 1977. Member of the Milan Bar.

Law Degree at the University of Palermo, Summa cum Laude, in 1973. Admitted to the Institute for International Political Studies - ISPI - Milan, 1976. Academy of American and International Law, Dallas, Texas, 1981.

## Professional experience

He joined the Firm in 2020.

His background is that of a long and distinguished career as in-house Counsel of major international oil companies. He has a profound understanding of the Oil & Gas industry from the negotiation to the management of petroleum agreements and the resolution of disputes, both commercial and investor-state. This also informs his work as arbitrator.

Francesco renders legal advice and assistance to Italian and foreign companies with respect to contractual and investment matters in the Oil & Gas industry. He advises on the legal and strategic direction of the negotiation and drafting of petroleum agreements (production sharing agreements, service contracts, joint operating agreements, farm-out agreements, transport agreements etc.), as well as in relation to any dispute resolution in the Oil & Gas sector.

He also sits as arbitrator/presiding arbitrator in domestic and international disputes and is particularly skilled in negotiating settlements of highly complex disputes.



## **Associations**

Member of the British - Kazakh Society (2011), British - Azeri Law Association (2013), Russian and CIS Arbitration Network (RCAN) (2013), London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA) (2015), London Maritime Arbitrators Association (LMAA) (2017), Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (CRCICA) (2018), Scottish Arbitration Centre (SAC) (2018), Czech Arbitration Court (CAC) (2019), Dubai International Arbitration Centre (DIAC) (2019).of American and International Law of the Southwestern Legal Foundation and the Administrative Lawyers Association (Lombardy Region Section).