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THE FIRM

Founded in Rome in 1954 by Mr. Carmelo Tufarelli, in 1996 the Firm became the “Ristuccia & Tufarelli” Professional Association, with Mr. Sergio Ristuccia, Mr. Renzo Ristuccia and Mr. Luca Tufarelli.

In 2003, Fabrizio Cataldo, Marianna Ristuccia and Angelo Petrone joined the Firm, followed in 2010 by Mario Di Carlo, to broaden the team’s professional skills.

“Our basic philosophy is to make sure that law proves functional to the needs of our clients, seeking innovative solutions through a careful understanding of the issues, bearing in mind that knowing how to conduct a legal proceeding often means being able to prevent it”.

The Firm operates in the main fields of law and relies on excellent know-how in particular areas such as the banking and securities markets, public procurement and contracts, e-commerce, IT and telecommunications law, the regulatory frameworks issued by the Independent Administrative Authorities, commercial and corporate law, the privatisation of public services, e-government processes and the protection of personal data.

Our Firm assists leading operators in the telecommunications, information technology, pharmaceutical, healthcare and medical technology, credit and financial intermediation markets, as well as bodies and entities belonging to the public administration sector.

Our professional team is located in Rome and Milan and relies on an extensive network of lawyers with whom we have successfully worked for decades, and is thus able to cover the entire country.

AREAS OF ACTIVITY

Ristuccia Tufarelli & Partners has many years of experience in the main branches of law as well as in particular areas such as securities markets law, public procurement, telecommunications and information technology, privacy and e-government processes.

Banking and Finance

In these sectors, the Firm mainly deals with: corporate disclosure, assistance to banks, Investment Firms (SIMs), asset management companies (SGRs), financial advisors in the field of securities brokerage, admission to listing, asset management, derivative products, establishment of collective investment schemes, administrative and judicial defence in the field of sanctions imposed by the supervisory authorities, actions for damages, contracts, supervisory and regulatory issues; disputes regarding lines of credit, guarantees, bankruptcies, bank contracts, credit instruments; debt restructuring operations; special credit operations; assistance in drawing up anti-money laundering and privacy procedures; leasing; factoring; securitization operations.

TMT and personal data protection

Our professionals acquired specialist skills in the following fields: drafting and negotiation of IT contracts (user licences, outsourcing, turnkey solutions, software development, service contracts); consultancy in the field of B2B and B2C e-commerce activities, with particular regard to compliance with consumer and personal data protection regulations, the security of company processes and procedures, as well as the procedures and forms required to carry out and

launch online activities; implementation of innovative digitisation projects in the public and private sectors; issues related to ICT & IoT systems; institutional relations with the authorities responsible for managing e-government processes in the public and private sectors.

Administrative and regulatory

The Firm has gained a widely recognized experience in the field of public contracts regarding technological and high added value services, assisting companies both in the phase of the procedure and in the settlement of related disputes in court and arbitration. With particular reference to the economic activities supervised and subject to regulation, the Firm gained a particular and ten-year experience in proceedings before Independent Administrative Authorities (such as for example AGCM, AgCom, ANAC and AIFA). In addition to this, there is also particular expertise in digital technologies and in e-government processes, and in particular within the “dematerialization” of public administration processes.

Commercial and corporate

In the field of commercial and corporate law, the Firm deals mainly with: company training, assistance to corporate bodies, M&A operations, assistance in the process of setting up start-ups, corporate secretarial activities, budget appeals, liability actions and other litigation practices, drafting of shareholders’ agreements, corporate accounting law, auditing and certification, takeover bids, corporate governance & compliance. The Firm also collaborates in the construction

of organization and management models, including group models, pursuant to Legislative Decree no. 231/2001.

Industrial and intellectual property

The Firm is engaged in the field of contracts regarding industrial property and know-how; consultancy and litigation on trademarks, patents, models and intellectual property rights; legal protection of software and copyright, with particular attention to the protection of distinctive signs and domain names on Internet.

Litigation, Arbitration and ADR

In the judicial field, the Firm gained wide experience before the Court of Justice of the European Union, the Constitutional Court, the Court of Cassation, the Council of State and the courts of civil and administrative merit throughout the country. Information technology and the internal organization of the Firm also allow to efficiently manage litigation by providing each client with a report tailored to its operational processes, also concerning risk analysis and the management of transactions on serial judgments.

The Firm also provides assistance to its clients in arbitration and before conciliation bodies and alternative dispute resolution services, especially in the areas of financial markets, telecommunications law and public contracts.

PROFESSIONALS

Founding Partners

Renzo Ristuccia, Luca Tufarelli

Partners

Fabrizio Cataldo, Mario Di Carlo, Angelo Petrone, Marianna Ristuccia

Collaborators

Roberto Gabriele Merlino, Mario Di Bernardo, Giuseppe Lo Monaco,
Antonino Castorino, Giulia Fabrizi, Maria Lilia La Porta, Alessio Tomao

Of Counsel

Mario Antonini, Alberto De Rosa, Prof. Antonio Saitta



Avv. LUCA TUFARELLI

Roma / 1961

Role: Partner & Founder

Skills: civil, commercial, administrative, antitrust, TMT

Qualifications: Higher Courts

Languages: Italian, English

SUPPORTING INNOVATION AND NEW INITIATIVES IN BOTH THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS

Luca Tufarelli, Partner and Founder of the firm, has specific knowledge in the fields of civil law, commercial, administrative and IT law, where he assists clients of both the private and public sectors. He has contributed to the implementation of special projects in the fields of innovative technologies, telecommunications, computerization of the Public Administration and e-commerce, also dealing with consumer issues and regulatory compliance (privacy, market protection and surveillance of communications). He also assists companies participating in public tenders for the provision of services and supplies and in the subsequent execution and management of the contractual relationship with the contracting authorities. In judicial matters, he has mainly dealt with proceedings concerning administrative, antitrust, commercial and IT law. He has participated in important arbitration proceedings in the telecommunications industry.

In the M&A area he has handled various acquisitions and financing transactions in both the technological and commercial fields.



Avv. RENZO RISTUCCIA

Roma / 1961

Role: Partner & Founder

Skills: financial, commercial, administrative, antitrust, TLC markets

Qualifications: Higher Courts

Languages: Italian, English, French

BANKING LAW, FINANCIAL MARKETS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Partner and founder of Ristuccia Tufarelli & Partners, since 1994 Renzo Ristuccia has worked as a freelance specialist in the field of corporate, banking and securities law. He mainly assists banks, investment firms, savers, financial advisors, trade associations and auditing firms. He also dealt with issues related to information technology and telecommunications, where he has handled and coordinated the management of important disputes, including in arbitration and before the Independent Authorities (AGCM and AGCom).

He has also gained specific experience in litigation before the Court of Justice of the European Union and the Constitutional Court.



Avv. FABRIZIO CATALDO

Roma / 1963

Role: Partner

Skills: commercial, administrative

Qualifications: Higher Courts

Languages: Italian, English

COMMERCIAL LAW, CORPORATE AND OUT-OF-COURT ISSUES

Fabrizio Cataldo, Partner of Ristuccia Tufarelli & Partners, has been dealing with judicial and extra-judicial issues in civil, commercial and administrative matters, as well as in criminal proceedings, since 1989. He has participated in working groups engaged in the processes of transformation of public bodies into corporations, as well as in the implementation of processes related to new regulations aimed at facilitating the development of new entrepreneurship.

In judicial matters, he mainly deals with proceedings concerning civil and commercial law (contracts, obligations, companies, unfair competition, advertising, precautionary proceedings, leases, debt collection), and administrative law (especially contracts).

He has also followed and still follows criminal proceedings related to financial, corporate and urban planning violations, the violation of regulations on safety at work and on the disposal of toxic and harmful waste.



Avv. MARIANNA RISTUCCIA

Roma / 1967

Role: Partner

Skills: civil, corporate, banking

Qualifications: Higher Courts

Languages: Italian, English, French

LITIGATION AND OUT-OF-COURT SETTLEMENTS FOR THE CORPORATE SECTOR

Marianna Ristuccia has been a Partner of Ristuccia Tufarelli & Partners since 2003. She mainly provides legal advice and assistance in corporate matters (drawing up of contracts, acquisition of shareholdings, incorporation, management and transformation of companies, corporate crisis situations). She deals with litigations concerning civil, banking and commercial law (contracts, bonds, companies, public financing, debt collection, bankruptcy procedures).

She has been contributing for years to the drafting of the chapters focusing on Italy of the Doing Business Report, published annually by the World Bank Group.

Within the Firm, she manages the staff and is also responsible for recruitment, communication and marketing, as well as the organization of conferences and round tables and events dedicated to the subjects of interest to the clients.



Avv. ANGELO PETRONE

Roma / 1974

Role: Partner

Skills: corporate, banking, financial, commercial

Qualifications: Higher Courts

Languages: Italian, English

COMPANY LAW, BANKING LAW AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIATION

Angelo Petrone has been a Partner of Ristuccia Tufarelli & Partners since 2003. Graduated cum laude with a thesis on "individual professional businesses", he has been practising since 2001 as a freelance consultant in the areas of corporate, banking and financial law, in court and in the field of extra-judicial consultancy services (financial intermediation in the strict sense of the term, liability, including criminal liability of officials and financial advisors; disputes regarding derivative financial instruments, structured bonds, online trading, linked insurance contracts and securities).

He also advises the legal offices of leading banks and companies on the prevention and management of litigation risks, including debt collection procedures, and on issues related to debt restructuring.



Avv. MARIO DI CARLO

Conversano (BA) / 1978

Role: Partner

Skills: Administrative, business and commercial law, Telecommunications, IT, public procurement, marketing, negotiation, human rights, sustainability, diversity

Qualifications: Higher Courts

Languages: Italian, English

ADMINISTRATIVE, BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS LAW

Mario Di Carlo, partner of Ristuccia Tufarelli & Partners since 2010, deals with business law and human rights, providing advice and litigation. He assists leading market players in the banking and financial, health and pharmaceutical, telecommunications, information technology and new technologies sectors in matters relating to business development, public contracts, competition, commercial contracts, corporate governance and civil liability.

He gained significant experience in advocacy before the bodies of administrative and civil justice, has participated in the defence of cross-border disputes and in cases before the Constitutional Court, the Court of Justice of the European Union and the European Court of Human Rights.

He provides assistance, including *pro bono*, in fighting against discrimination and for the protection of human rights.

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