

## Luca Ferrari

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Luca is a partner in our Italian corporate team and heads the sports practice worldwide.

He established his professional practice as an advisor to private companies active in global markets, acting often as trusted advisor in relation to strategies for structuring and growing an international business. Over the years, his practice has spanned the core sectors of the Italian economy, such as fashion, design and especially wine, an industry in which he has gained a reputation as one of the most experienced lawyers acting for Italian household names in foreign markets.

As a business lawyer with an international education and background, from the beginning of his professional career Luca has dedicated himself to sports law and the sport industry. In addition to assisting corporate clients, such as sponsors, manufacturers of sportswear and equipment, sports marketing agencies and media companies, Luca has become a trusted advisor to athletes, coaches, managers and agents.

As the firm's global head of sports, Luca leads a team of lawyers based in Withers' main offices in Europe, the USA and Asia, offering highly specialised sport-related regulatory, legal and tax services in relation to high profile transactions including, sponsorships, international transfers of players, playing contracts, management contracts, direct investments and licensing of audio-visual rights.

He was included in Sport Business International's "World's 20 most influential lawyers" feature and in the top three ranking of the 'top 20' feature of the same directory.

In 2020 Italian legal directory, TopLegal, recognised him as 'Lawyer of the Year – Sports Practice' at the TopLegal Industry Awards.

In 2018 Legal directory, Chambers and Partners (High Net Worth Individuals Practice) describes Luca as follows: 'Luca Ferrari is held in extremely high regard for dedicating his practice to advising clients in the sports industry, including athletes, coaches, managers and agents. Fellow legal professionals report that 'he's very versatile, and he's really able to pull everything together'. Market insiders unanimously agree that he is 'very strong in sport'.

In 2018 and 2015 he received the "Lawyer of the Year – Sports Law" Award at the LegalCommunity Labour Awards.

Luca is a Recommended Lawyer in the international directory Legal500 EMEA.

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### TRACK RECORD

Advises sports personalities and brands in various jurisdictions. He has assisted, amongst others, Wojciech Szczesny, Ilkay Gündogan, Manolo Gabbiadini, Alexandre Pato, Fabio Borini, Mario Gómez, Pavel Nedved, Jürgen Klopp, Roberto Donadoni, Alberto Zaccheroni, Andrea Mandorlini and Roy Hodgson. He acts as global legal counsel to Novak Djokovic.

Amongst his corporate clients, Luca is counsel to Santa Margherita, one of the leading wine producers in Italy; Arena, a major Italian swimwear manufacturer; Gruppo Umana, leader in staff leasing services, Adidas and the Italian maison, Krizia.

### ADMISSIONS

■ Italy, 1997

### PUBLICATIONS

Luca has authored over 50 articles on sports law and sports management, including analysis on sports image rights and football transfer deals and contributes frequently to major Italian newspapers, such as 'Il Sole 24 Ore', 'Corriere della Sera' (including 'Corriere Economia'), 'Milano Finanza', 'Italia Oggi' and online magazines.

Amongst his publications:

'Sports Law Manual' – ('Manuale di Diritto Sportivo') – Chapter on image rights, Giappichelli, 2020'

Sportlervermittlung & sportlermanagement', Stämly - Beck, Mainz, co-author

'Sports Image Rights in Europe, Player's Agents Worldwide - Legal Aspects' and 'TV Rights and Sport - Legal Aspects', T.M.C. Asser Institut, The Hague', co-author

## MEMBERSHIPS

■ Listed in the Qatar Sports Arbitration Foundation list of arbitrators as a lawyer specialised in sport law

■ Milan Bar

## TALKS

Luca is regularly interviewed by sports newspapers and radio programs.

## EDUCATION

University of Padua, Degree in Law, LLB equivalent  
University of Padua, post-graduate program in international trade law  
University of California, full scholarship EAP

## LANGUAGES

ENGLISH  
ITALIAN

## DATES

JOINED: 2014  
PARTNER: 2014

## RECOGNITION

2021 Legal 500 EMEA  
recommended lawyer Luca  
Ferrari

2020 Legal Award Elite

2018 Labour Awards Avvocato dell'Anno  
Diritto dello Sport Luca Ferrari Withers

2018  
Chambers  
HNW Ranked

2016 Legal 500 EMEA  
Recommended Lawyer

2015 Labour Awards Avvocato  
dell'anno Sport e Lavoro Luca  
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