

## Andrea Bozza

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Andrea is senior counsel in the corporate team.

Andrea specialises in national and international sports law and his work covers the entire spectrum of sport law activities. Andrea is based in Milan, where he focuses on sports law, having joined the international law firm Withersworldwide as a Senior Counsel in January 2021.

Before joining the firm, Andrea worked for several years for three global law firms in London and Milan, as well as for a football club as General Counsel.

In recent years he has been engaged in a variety of matters, ranging from representation of athletes and clubs within the contest of negotiation and drafting of transfer/employment contracts and commercial contracts, to legal assistance in pre-contentious and contentious disputes involving clubs, FIFA intermediaries and/or athletes.

Andrea is adjunct professor for the LL.M organised by Instituto de Empresa (Madrid), and lectures sports law at various masters in Italy, as well as at the Global Master in International Sport Law organised by Instituto Superior de Derecho y Economía (Madrid and Barcelona).

Andrea is an Italian qualified lawyer, holding a Master of Laws (LL.M.) from the London School of Economics and Political Science, as well as a Global Executive Master in International Sports Law from the Instituto Superior de Derecho y Economía.

He read Law at the Università degli Studi di Roma "La Sapienza", and graduated summa cum laude (2004).

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### TRACK RECORD

Advised a number of foreign investors in relation to various acquisition projects involving professional football clubs (e.g. Genoa, Sampdoria, Parma, Palermo, etc.);

Advised on domestic and international transfers of several footballers, the most recent ones from America to Betis Sevilla (Diego Lainez), from Kasimpasa to Galatasaray (Mbaye Diagne), from Galatasaray to Brugge ([Mbaye Diagne](#)), and from Chelsea to Internazionale Milano FC (Victor Moses);

Advised Suning Sport on several matters including drafting the employment contract and image right license agreement between Jiangsu Suning and the Italian coach Fabio Capello;

Assisted Christian Vieri in the [negotiation of his testimonial deal](#) with a leading conglomerate group;

Advised FIFA on their partner selection process in the context of a major commercial project;

Advised Wasserman Media Group in relation to the transfer of several football players in Italy;

Advised the international football player Romelu Lukaku on his [transfer from Manchester United FC to Internazionale Milano FC](#).

## ADMISSIONS

- Lecce, Italy, 2008

## PUBLICATIONS

“Transfers of football players. A practical approach to implementing FIFA rules” (Sports Law and Policy Centre, 2020);

“Blanket blocking order to stop football streaming denied” (World Sports Law Report, September 2016).

## TALKS

Assemblea nazionale AIAS (21 February 2020) – Sport tra diritto e realtà: esperienze pratiche e sfide del futuro;

AIAS Conference Udine (1 February 2019) – I contratti degli allenatori;

The Edinburgh Sports Conference (2nd edition: 5 & 6 September 2019) – An insight into the ever-changing landscape of the football manager’s role: in conversation with Fabio Capello

Romanian Sports Forum (31 May – 2 June 2018) – Foreign ownerships in football;

AIGA Conference (18 November 2018) – I contratti internazionali: l’allenatore;

AIAS conference on sport infrastructure in Ascoli Piceno (17 February 2017);

Regular guest at TV sport talk-shows (Sky Sport 24 and Sportitalia)

## EDUCATION

Instituto Superior de Derecho y Economía (Madrid, Spain), 2015  
London School of Economics and Political Science (London, UK), 2006  
Università degli Studi di Roma “La Sapienza” (Rome, Italy), 2004

## LANGUAGES

ENGLISH  
ITALIAN  
SPANISH

## DATES

JOINED: 2021

## RECOGNITION

2021 Milano Finanza Legal Award Elite Andrea Bozza

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