

Francesca Rolla

Partner

Milan

Biography

With almost 30 years' experience, Francesca Rolla's activity spans almost all areas of contentious work (product liability litigation, mass torts and white collar crimes, commercial litigation) across industry sectors as diverse as consumers goods, automotive, insurance and life sciences. She is head of the Investigations, White Collar & Fraud group in Italy. Francesca is one of the Litigation practice's primary liaisons to the firm's global Aerospace & Defense sector team.

Be it a corporate dispute, a class action or a complex commercial litigation, domestic or cross border, before State courts of Arbitral tribunals, Francesca is at the forefront of Italian litigators, with the ability to "translate the obscure Italian proceedings into easily understandable language". Drawing on her extensive experience in product liability and mass tort litigation, Francesca assists clients in conducting internal investigations and provides coordinated defence strategies in the context of investigations by criminal or other public authorities, often with cross border relevance (for example, in investigations commenced by the US Department of Justice). She helps clients constructing robust, tailor-made, compliance and risk mitigation solutions. As technology influences all areas of law and may disrupt any industry, Francesca works with clients to help them understand their shifting risk landscape as to ensure they're maximizing the use of technology to mitigate those risks, whether in compliance programs or through the use of AI in litigation.



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Languages

English

Italian

French

Practices

Corporate and Securities Litigation

International Arbitration

Investigations, White Collar, and
Fraud

Litigation Services

Commercial Litigation

Products Law

Technology Litigation

Insurance Litigation

Africa Regional Practice

She is ranked as Leading Individual in *Chambers, Legal 500*, and *Who'sWho Legal* for Dispute Resolution, Life sciences and Product Liability. She won the 2019 TopLegal Award as best in Litigation, the 2015 Euromoney LGM European Woman in Business Law Award as best in Product Liability and the 2014 ILO Client Choice Award for Product Liability. She is listed as Life Science Star by LGM Life Sciences.

Representative experience

Product litigation and compliance assistance for major U.S. and European life sciences companies, including advice on criminal investigations and proceedings.

Defending companies in a range of industries in individual and multi-party product liability claims.

Successfully assisting a leading tobacco manufacturer in the first product-related class action filed in Italy.

Defending a University in a landmark litigation over ownership of an estate in Italy, bequeathed to our client.

Assisting a American multinational technology company with internal investigations and defence in pending criminal investigations for alleged tax crimes and corruption.

Defending a Fortune 500 multinational in product compliance criminal investigations and in the parallel proceedings before the Italian Regulatory Safety Authority.

Assisting clients in different industries (automotive; chemical; consumer, life sciences, luxury) in contractual litigations and in supply chain disputes.

Assisting a beverage corporation in a complex commercial dispute in Italy and abuse of dominance, breach of contract and millionaire debt recovery.

Assisting an international manufacturing company in two follow on actions brought before the Courts of Bologna and Genoa by more than 70 companies claiming damages.

Industries

Aerospace and Defense

Manufacturing and Industrials

Education

Automotive and Mobility

Consumer

Energy and Natural Resources

Insurance

Life Sciences and Health Care

Transportation and Logistics

Areas of focus

Alternative Dispute Resolution

Bribery and Corruption

Class Actions and Group Litigation

Pharmaceuticals and Biotechnology

Product Compliance

Product Litigation

Real Estate Litigation and Disputes

Education and admissions

Education

Law Degree magna cum laude, Università Statale di Milano, Milano, 1988

Visiting student at the Department of Economics and Political Science, University College London, 1985

Memberships

International Association of Defence Counsel ("IADC")

Awards and rankings

- Healthcare and life sciences, Italy, *Legal500 EMEA*, 2018-2022
- Dispute Resolution, Italy, Hall of Fame, *Legal500 EMEA*, 2020-2022
- Life sciences, Italy, *Chambers Europe*, 2012-2022
- Compliance, Italy, Recommended, *Legal 500 EMEA*, 2018-2022
- Dispute Resolution, Italy, *Chambers Global*, 2018-2022
- Acritas Star, *Acritas Stars Independently Rated Lawyers*, 2017-2020
- Dispute Resolution, Italy, Leading Individual, *Legal500 EMEA*, 2014-2019
- Dispute Resolution, Leading Individual, *Legal500 EMEA*, 2014-2019
- Product Liability, *Woman in Business Law Award*, 2015
- Best lawyer for Product Liability in Italy, *ILO Client Choice Award*, 2014

Latest thinking and events

- News
 - Italy-Africa Conference, Mattei Plan: over €5 bln to enhance collaboration with African countries
- Insights and Analysis
 - Getting The Deal Through: Automotive and Mobility 2023
- Insights and Analysis
 - Doing business in Italy 2023
- News
 - Italy implements EU Whistleblower Directive: the new obligations for companies
- Awards & rankings
 - Hogan Lovells lawyers named in Euromoney's Women in Business Law Expert Guide 2022
- Insights and Analysis

International Bar Association (IBA)

Accolades

A client enthuses: "Francesca Rolla is a strategic thinker who is organised and proactive. She is very precise and detail-oriented. She's also very passionate about her job and takes good care of her clients."

Chambers Global and Europe, 2022

Francesca Rolla "is a very efficient and client-oriented lawyer," a source says. She is well known for advising on product liability matters and internal investigations for a variety of pharmaceutical and medical device companies.

Chambers Global and Europe, 2022

Francesca Rolla is very client friendly, practical and available. I like her balanced approach, which sets out clear choices when proceeding with cases.

Legal500 EMEA, 2022

■ Getting The Deal Through: Automotive 2022