



## Stefano Bardella

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## OVERVIEW

Stefano Bardella is a partner and a member of the Commercial Disputes practice group. Stefano works with leading international corporations, mid-sized enterprises, and high-growth companies active in various industries, including manufacturing, construction, logistic and transport, and information technology.

His experience extends from assisting clients on an advisory basis, with a specific focus on cross-border distribution and regulatory compliance, to representing clients in any kind of litigation and proceedings, including ADR and special procedures before the national authorities. He regularly assists clients in corporate disputes and insolvency and restructuring procedures. Stefano has accrued significant experience in domestic and international arbitration, also working in cross-border teams.

In addition to the above, Stefano has also gained a strong experience in art law, in particular advising auction houses, art advisors, and private collectors, primarily in dispute resolution, negotiations of sale contracts, and in specific projects.

## PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Stefano practiced at other international law firms in Milan and Rome. He completed an internship at Howard Kennedy Solicitors in London (2003).

## ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recognized by *The Legal 500 EMEA* as a Recommended Lawyer for Dispute resolution in Italy, 2023-2024
- Ranked by *Leaders League* for Dispute resolution - Commercial litigation, 2022

## SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker, "The new Code of the business crisis: responsibilities of directors and auditors," Workshop organized together with Endeavor, 26 January 2023

## EDUCATION

- Law Degree, University of Milan Law School (Italy), 2000

## ADMISSIONS

- Italian Court of Cassation
- Milan Bar

## LANGUAGES

- English
- German
- Italian

## THOUGHT LEADERSHIP POWERED BY HUB

- 8 April 2022, The Italian Reform of Transport and Freight Forwarding Contracts
- 5 November 2021, The Impact of the Law Decree "Decreto Sostegni Bis" (DL n. 73/2021) on Raw Materials Price Contracts and Public Tenders
- 17 April 2020, COVID-19: Possible Consequences on Lease Agreements
- 1 April 2020, COVID-19: COVID-19 and the Cura Italia Decree

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- *"L'abuso di posizione dominante nei contratti di fornitura"* in Affari & Mercati, edited by Il Sole24 Ore;
- Articles published in Nuovo Diritto Societario (NDS) edited by IPSOA:
  - *"controlli e bilanci nelle S.r.l. Accordi tra soci con più trasparenza"*
  - *"assemblee e decisioni nelle S.r.l. I patti parasociali entrano nel codice civile"*
  - *"quote in società di persone. Maggiori garanzie per creditori e fornitori"*
  - *"l'assemblea delle S.p.A. Più spazio alle richieste delle minoranze"*.

## NEWS & EVENTS

- 22 June 2023, Nearly 50 K&L Gates Lawyers Throughout Europe Recognized in 2024 Best Lawyers, Ones to Watch Editions

- August 2020, K&L Gates Lawyers Provide Insights on Impact of COVID-19 Across Various Industries
- 2 March 2018, K&L Gates Names 34 New Partners Across Global Platform

## AREAS OF FOCUS

- Commercial Disputes

## INDUSTRIES

- Transportation and Logistics

## REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Assisted our client, an Italian information technology company, in dispute and potential litigation relating to damages allegedly caused by the malfunctions of a software provided by our client to a fast food company, which is our client's contractual party with reference to software license and maintenance agreements.
- Assisted an Italian information technology company in numbers of disputes against its daughter company as well as in disputes between shareholders.
- Assisted the client, an Italian medical center, in verifying the regulatory requirements for performing medical and cosmetic activities.
- We assisted the clients, an American multinational corporation that designs, manufactures, and distributes engines, filtration, and power generation products, in ADR procedure commenced by the owner of a Yacht purchased by the largest producer of megayachts and our client, the latter as supplier of the engine, for alleged defect of products.
- Assisted the client, an Italian information technology company, in a judicial proceedings commenced by a construction fair against a company active in the biomedical research sector in respect of alleged breach of a contract of supply of technology services.
- Assisted the client, an Italian meat producer, in arbitration proceedings before the Arbitration Chamber of Piedmont (Turin) commenced by a partner for the alleged breach of a joint venture contract and its unlawful termination.
- Assisted an Italian niche law firm in non-adverse corporate legal matters.
- Assisted a primary Italian company active in the small-caliber ammunition sector in the termination of a Framework Agreement for the manufacturing of shell cases and related issues.
- Assisted the client, a European leader in shopping centers, in evaluating a possible claim for defamation against an Italian journalist.
- Assisted our client, an Italian company that operates in the distribution of footwear, in examining the existing distribution agreement and providing with a memo on key-points.

- Assisted our client, an Italy-based manufacturer of cardboard, on implementation of an Antitrust Policy.
- Assisted our client, an Italy-based manufacturer of cardboard, in the evaluation of possible action against an asset management company for recovery of debt.
- Assisted the clients, the former directors of a company operating in the hand tools sector, in judicial proceedings for liability of directors launched by the receiver of the company against directors and auditors before the Milan Court.
- Assisted an Italian manufacturer of fittings for ropes and chains, electric, telephone and railways lines, in a complex dispute against a German manufacturer of chain systems and components for hoisting, pulling, driving, and conveying applications, for unfair competition. The dispute is now pending before the Court of Appeal of Milan but an interim decision has been appealed before the Italian Supreme Court.
- Assisted an Italian manufacturing company in relation to a dispute before the Administrative Courts regarding a challenge of a public tender for the supply of industrial components to the Italian railway infrastructure manager.
- Assisted our client, an Italian engineering company, acting as general contractor, in a long and complex dispute against a construction company, with regard to the construction of a major energy plant based in the South of Italy.
- Assisted an Italian start-up part of the advertising & marketing services Industry, in connection with the execution of a development agreement relating to a website and app, and specifically, in relation to the alleged defects claimed by the society and relevant dispute on due amounts.
- Assisted our client, an international shipping company, in non-adverse commercial corporate law issues, in reviewing and drafting of commercial contracts.
- Assisted the client, an Italian backpack & accessories company, in the drafting and negotiation of a sponsorship agreement.
- Assisted a French facility management services provider in handling various litigation proceedings arising from an early termination of a service contract by our client against two subcontractors.
- Assisting the client, a British asset management company, in a potential dispute against a logistic and supply chain company.