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**Occupation** *Lawyer (Italian Avvocato and UK Solicitor)*

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## Professional Experience

### 1987 (from)

#### Lawyer and Arbitrator

Member and president of panels of arbitrators, in administrated and “ad hoc” proceedings, even as the third arbitrator appointed by the Courts and Arbitration Chamber for Public Contracts in Rome, on the advice of public institutions and public companies.

Negotiator and main drafter of contracts (EPC, construction, contractors and sub-contractors) and dispute resolver relating to industrial plants and energy sources for public authorities and private companies.

Appointed as lawyer and advisor to over 2000 cases before the Italian Courts.

Liquidator and trustee at the Court of Justice of Taranto – Italy.

Official receiver in liquidation and bankruptcy proceedings at the Court of Justice of Taranto – Italy.

Since **2013** appointed as lawyer for in&out-of-court matters in the United Kingdom, with a focus on M&A, due diligence, cross border litigation, international trade, draft and review of agreements.

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## Arbitration Experience

### MAIN ARBITRATION CASES in the last years

**Of counsel** (instruction in progress tbc) (on behalf of a Lebanese companies group) in institutional international arbitration (London Court of International Arbitration-LCIA and International Chamber of Commerce-ICC); value \$15M; claim(s) on Supply and Distribution Agreement(s)

**Of counsel** (on behalf of SICS INGEGNERIA S.r.l. vs/ SOIL S.r.l.) in institutional arbitration (Italian Chamber of Commerce of Taranto-Italy); value €5mln; claims on engineering contract and payments

**Lawyer** (appointed by the Municipality of Taranto vs/ Mattioli S.p.a.) in ad-hoc arbitration (panel of 3 arbitrators seated in Lecce-Italy); value €10mln; claims on public procurement construction contract and payments

**Lawyer** (appointed by Cemit S.r.l. vs/ Sidermontaggi in liq. S.p.a.) in ad-hoc arbitration (sole arbitrator seated in Taranto-Italy); value €1mln; claims on business lease agreement

**Lawyer** (appointed by the Municipality of Taranto vs/ Impresa Falcicchio S.s.s.) in institutional arbitration (Arbitration Chamber for Public Contracts in Rome - Italy); value €20mln; claims on public procurement construction contract and payments

**Arbitrator** (appointed by the Municipality of Martina Franca vs/ Di Battista Costruzioni s.r.l. as member of panel of 3 arbitrators at Arbitration Chamber for Public Contracts in Rome - Italy) in institutional arbitration between a local authority and a company; value €10mln; claims on public procurement construction contract and payments

**Arbitrator** (president of panel of 3 arbitrators seated in Taranto-Italy) in ad-hoc arbitration between two companies; value 200K; claims on corporate matters and negligence of board of management

**Arbitrator** (president of panel of 3 arbitrators seated in Cosenza-Italy) in ad-hoc arbitration between two companies (LIGI S.p.A. vs/ Casa di Cura Santa Lucia S.r.l.); value €3mln; claims on sale of good (medical equipment); breach of contract and payments

**Of counsel** (panel of 3 arbitrators seated in Florence-Italy) in ad-hoc arbitration between two companies (Nuovo Pignone S.p.A.-GE Oil&Gas Group vs/ I.M.S. S.p.A.); value €2,5mln; claims on oil&gas and construction contract

**Of counsel** (panel of 3 arbitrators seated in Bologna-Italy) in ad-hoc arbitration between two companies (Nuovo Pignone S.p.A.-GE Oil&Gas Group vs/ Sidermontaggi S.p.A.); value €6mln; claims on oil&gas and construction contract

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## Education Background

**1987** (December, 2<sup>nd</sup>) Degree in Law 'Università degli Studi di Bari – Aldo Moro' (Italy);  
**1982** (July, 15<sup>th</sup>) Diploma di Stato 'Liceo Scientifico Statale di Taranto - Galileo Ferraris' (Italy)

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## Expertise

**International business and trade law**

**Litigation**

**Construction**

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## Practice Location/ Jurisdiction

**Italy – civil law (Italian Bar 1993 – right of hearing before the Supreme Courts 2005)**

**England – common law (SRA 2013 – Solicitor 2017)**

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## Working Languages

**Italian (native) and English (fluent)**

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## Other Relevant Experience

**2023**

Appointed, in November (10<sup>th</sup>), as Member (Independent External non-executive Director) of the Audit and Risk Committee at Istituto Marangoni Limited – London (Galileo Global Education group)

**2022**

Member of FOSTREN, an EU funded group of research on coercion in psychiatry in the European countries

**2022**

**2022** included, in December (21<sup>st</sup>), in the Arbitrator Database of the International Chamber of Commerce – United Kingdom National Office (London)

**2022** (April 28<sup>th</sup>) member of the executive board of the International Chamber of Commerce – Italian National Committee (Rome)

**2022** (May 23<sup>rd</sup>) member of the International Chamber of Commerce Task Force Disability Inclusion in International Arbitration (Paris)

**2021** admitted, in January (18<sup>th</sup>), in the Arbitration Network of Delos Dispute Resolution in Paris (France)

**2021** Attendant at advanced study course Chief Value Officer, Go4Benefit-Bureau Veritas (CEPAS)

**2020** included, in July (27<sup>th</sup>), in the list of Solicitors at the Embassy of Canada in Italy

**2019** admitted, in February (18<sup>th</sup>), to the International Arbitration Database of the Russian arbitration Center at the Russian Institute of Modern Arbitration (Moscow, Russian Federation)

**2019** Founder of FREEBLY Law Firm, Società Benefit tra Avvocati a responsabilità limitata – Milan (Italy)

**2018** listed, in August (29<sup>th</sup>), as Fellow of the Asian Institute of Alternative Dispute Resolution (AiADR) (Malaysia)

**2018** admitted, in July (1<sup>st</sup>), to the Panel of International Arbitrators (2018-2021) of the Korean Commercial Arbitration Board (South Korea)

**2018** admitted, in June (29<sup>th</sup>), to the Panel of Arbitrators (2018-2021) of the Thailand Arbitration Center (Thailand)

**2018** Consultant of TECNOPOLIS Science & Technology Park of the University of Bari (Italy)

**2017** admitted, in October (19<sup>th</sup>), to the Panel of International Arbitrators of the Bangladesh International Arbitration Centre (Bangladesh)

**2017** Tutelage on Corporate Social Responsibility, Intellectual Property and Research and Innovation at the Medical Technology Research Unit of the Science & Technology Park Tecnopolis University of Bari (Italy)

**2015**

Lecturer in Business Law at the European School of Economics - London

Benefactor Member of the Italian Chamber of Commerce and Industry for the United Kingdom

Tutor and teacher of short courses 'International Business Law' and 'Introduction to International Commercial Dispute resolution' at the European School of Economics - London

**2014**

Admitted to the International Division of Law Society of England and Wales as Member (membership n° 780)

Appointed by CATAX Solutions Ltd as introducer for the promotion and supply of services for a claim to Capital Allowances

**2013**

Admitted to the Italian Chamber of Commerce and Industry for the United Kingdom as Supporting Member (Assocamerestero membership n° 130034)

Appointed by 'Assonautica Italiana – UNIONCAMERE Camere di Commercio d'Italia' to develop relationships with the Italian Chamber of Commerce and Industry for the UK in London

## **2012**

Teacher at the Italian Military School of 'Guardia di Finanza – Centro di Cooperazione Aereonavale' in monthly courses on <Protection of natural, economical and environmental resources in national and international seas>

Teacher at the School of Construction – Taranto in monthly courses on <Arbitration and litigation in Public Works and PPC>

Teacher at University of Bari – Faculty of Law in Master Course on <Environmental Law>

## **2010**

Speaker at the conference Mid Med Forum IV / Mediterranean & European Council Arbitration Court of Arbitration - Tunis November 5 to 6 - Title of report: <Arbitration of Disputes Arising from government procurement in the Mediterranean>

Speaker and chairman at the conference <The organizational models evolution according to Legislative Decree 231/2001 and the management of health and work's safety>, Taranto 22th April Chamber of Commerce and RINA SpA in partnership with the magazine "www.231.it" - title of the report: <General profiles of systems of compliance and governance for the institutions and companies>

## **2010 - 2009**

Coordinator and rapporteur on the environment interdisciplinary series of seminars organized by the University of Bari (Faculty of Economics, Faculty of Law, Faculty of Mathematical, Physical and Natural Sciences based in Taranto) - and the Polytechnic of Bari (Faculty of Engineering based in Taranto) and with the support of the Italian Presidency of the Council of Ministers

## **2008**

Qualified DNV (Det Norske Veritas) Italy / CEPAS techniques for auditing ISO 19011:2003.

## **2007**

Speaker at the Conference The Mid-Med Forum / European Court of Arbitration - Rome 7th - 9th September - Title of report: <A case history of a construction contract in oil & gas business>

## **2006**

Scientific coordinator of the training project <The news on public Services>, Il Sole 24 Ore Formazione, Taranto 4th March

## **2005 (from)**

Legal advisor of the Municipality of Taranto on the subject of dispute arbitration in the field of public contracts and environmental issues

## **2001 (from)**

Co-founder and name partner of professional association 'Buonfrate, Leogrande & Partners' - Law Firm (based in Taranto and Rome);

Teacher of civil procedure and arbitration at the School of Lawyers at the Bar of Taranto;

Coordinator of the weekly newspaper on Environment and Territory of Taranto (Corriere del Giorno), in collaboration with the Faculty of Environmental Engineering and Environmental Sciences in Taranto and Ionian University Consortium;

Scientific coordinator of the conference Environment & Enterprise (companies and public institutions, environmental law, certification and funding) in Taranto 9th February, 2001 in collaboration with the Municipality and the Province of Taranto.

## **1995-1992**

Shareholder of 'Prime Management Consultants S.r.l.', a company of services to enterprises (management consulting and training)

## **1994-1992**

Partner of ARCHEO S.p.A. - Finpuglia Group / Olivetti Elea - Bari, in the provision of management consulting services to SME as part of Puglia Region Community / Sub-Industry / Size 2

## **1987**

Start of legal practice at "Studio Legale Avv. Giuseppe Leogrande", Taranto (Italy) in civil law and commercial matters, drafting of opinions concerning corporate and commercial law and contracts in construction, oil&gas, refinery, real estate.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- Leogrande A. and Leogrande C., *Avant-gardism of the blockchain and AI impacts on arbitration. A jump forward in the tribal age*, in *Arbitraje y Nuevas Tecnologias*, Chipana Catalàn J. e Duarte M., Themis Editorial Juridica, Lima, 2021 ISBN 9786124808777
- Leogrande A., *Diritto dell'energia*, in *Codice dell'Ambiente e normativa collegata*, UTET, Turin, edited by Buonfrate A., 2008, ISBN 9788859802457
- Leogrande A., *Arbitrato e accordo bonario nelle controversie dell'Amministrazione della difesa e del Genio Militare*, in *Codice degli arbitrati delle conciliazioni e di altre ADR*, UTET, Turin, edited by Buonfrate A. and Giovannucci Orlandi C., 2006, ISBN 9788859800569
- Leogrande A. and Buonfrate A., *L'arbitrato negli appalti pubblici*, Giuffrè, Milan, 2000, ISBN 978884089725

- Leogrande A. and Buonfrate A. *L'arbitrato amministrato dalle Camere di Commercio*, Giuffrè, Milan, 1998, ISBN 9788814068225

#### Articles and case notes:

- Leogrande A., *SDG 16 Pace, Giustizia e Istituzioni Forti*, in *La Blockchain e gli Obiettivi di Sviluppo Sostenibile (SDGs)*, Freebly and Futura Law Firm, International Chamber of Commerce – Italian Committee, Rome, July, 2023
- Leogrande A. and Garg S., *A Brave New World for ADR? "Kleros" claims to dispense online "justice" using collective trans-border principles of conscience. A reckless disregard of the law? Or an inspired return to the Lex Mercatoria of the Middle Ages?*, in *ADR Centurion, Volume 1 Issue 7*, Asian Institute of ADR Bimonthly Newsletter, Kuala Lumpur, August, 2020
- Leogrande A., *Arbitration of Disputes Arising from Public Procurement: A Proposal of some Guidelines for Arbitral Institutions*, in *Doing Business Index: ADR in Effective Enforcement of Contracts - 6th Anniversary Special Publication of Bangladesh International Arbitration Centre*, Dhaka, 2017
- Leogrande A. and Buonfrate A., *L'arbitrato nei lavori pubblici: dubbi di legittimità e altre questioni aperte*, in *Rivista Trimestrale degli appalti*, 1/2002, Maggioli, Bologna, 2002, ISSN 0394-8374
- Leogrande A. and Buonfrate A., *La giustizia alternativa in Italia tra ADR e conciliazione*, in *Rivista dell'Arbitrato*, 2/1999, Giuffrè, Milan, 1999, ISSN 1122-0147
- Leogrande A. and Buonfrate A., *I regolamenti ordinari e semplificati di conciliazione e arbitrato*, in *I Contratti*, IPSOA, Milan, 1998, ISSN 1123-5047

#### Main speeches

- 2021 SCLA 21<sup>st</sup> Global Forum - *Is there a role for Conciliation in International Commercial Disputes?* Swiss Chinese Law Association and Geneva International Dispute Resolution Institute, Geneva (Switzerland), online event, August 27 – Title of the speech: *Comparison of Conciliation between the civil and the common law systems*
- 2018 Conference: *International arbitration in Pakistan: Past, Present and Future*, Lahore (Pakistan), May 5, Center for International Investment and Commercial Arbitration (CIICA) – Title of the report: *Arbitration of Disputes arising from Public Procurement Contracts (PPCs). A proposal of some guidelines for arbitral institutions and few insights in the Pakistan and the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC)*
- 2010 Mid-Med Forum of Mediterranean & European Council Arbitration Court of Arbitration – Tunis (Tunisia), November 5 to 6 - Title of report: *Arbitration of Disputes Arising from government procurement in the Mediterranean*
- 2010 Conference: *L'evoluzione dei modelli organizzativi secondo il decreto legislativo 231/2001 e la gestione della salute e della sicurezza sul lavoro*, Taranto (Italy), April 22, Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture of Taranto and RINA SpA in partnership with the magazine "www.231.it" - Title of the report: *General profiles of systems of compliance and governance for the institutions and companies*
- 2007 Mid-Med Forum of European Court of Arbitration – Rome (Italy), September 6 to 7- Title of report: *A case history of a construction contract in oil & gas business*