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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE | ECONOMIC CRIMINAL LAW

• COMPLIANCE • CRISIS MANAGEMENT

## 1. PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Admitted to practise before the Supreme Courts, he has practised law since 1993 and has been a member of the Rome Bar Association since then. Founder of ANDREANO STUDIO LEGALE Società tra Avvocati, he leads a firm operating in Rome, Milan, Naples and Ancona, focusing on economic criminal law, commercial and corporate criminal law, tax compliance and civil matters with potential criminal implications, with a view to preventing criminal risk. His work combines international experience, assistance to Italian companies abroad and foreign companies in Italy, and the handling of highly complex, multidisciplinary defences and transactions. His approach combines courtroom leadership, the use of verified AI systems and the rigour of traditional legal practice, ethical sensitivity and the ability to coordinate specialist expertise in critical situations, complex investigations and dealings with institutions.

## 2. AREAS OF EXCELLENCE. SOME EXAMPLES

- Corporate and tax offences; commercial criminal law
- Corruption, extortion by a public official, embezzlement and fraud against the State and the European Union.
- Tax fraud, bankruptcy offences, money laundering and self-laundering
- Obstruction of supervisory authorities, smuggling and organised crime
- Corporate liability under Legislative Decree No. 231/2001: organisational models and delegated functions; Compliance and due diligence
- Anti-mafia prevention, predicate offences and matters connected with the Anti-Mafia Code
- Trusts, holding companies, funds, equity, corporate governance and tax compliance

## 3. METHOD AND TEAMWORK

The working method adopts a cutting-edge approach: agile task forces, clear allocation of responsibilities, coordination of activities and monitoring of progress indicators, integrated with the mindset of traditional legal practice and the care devoted to defence strategy. The stages are: analysis and study; strategy and client approval; formation of the team; commencement of services and monitoring through to closure of the matter. Teams operate, including in so-called test cases, with in-house professionals and external specialists, according to a multidisciplinary model tailored to the specific case.

- Criminologists, psychologists, psychiatrists, experts in ballistics, fingerprint analysis and genetics; interpreters and translators
- Electronic engineers and specialists in the analysis of data traffic, IT media and geolocation, cyber security and privacy
- Auditors, certification companies, engineers, environmental designers, investigators and IT security professionals in the privacy and data-centre sectors
- Integration of legal, technical and investigative expertise for a unified reading of data and of criminal, corporate, tax and reputational risk, seizures and confiscations

## 4. CRISIS & MAJOR CASES

Experience includes the management of crisis units for multinational companies and assistance in highly complex cases, including criminal proceedings of national and international significance and defences in serious matters: financial collapses, large-scale electronic fraud, industrial espionage and sabotage, offences against the person or the community (terrorism, massacres). Intervention is geared towards rapid response, preservation and assessment of evidence, coordination with consultants and the competent authorities, and legal review of sensitive communications, while respecting confidentiality and business-continuity requirements.

## 5. SELECTED EXPERIENCE, WITHOUT IDENTIFYING CLIENTS, IN COMPLIANCE WITH PROFESSIONAL CONFIDENTIALITY.

- Assistance before the ECHR (European Court of Human Rights), including collaboration on a matter of international significance before the ICJ (International Court of Justice) in The Hague
- Cross-border litigation coordinated with foreign colleagues; coordination, monitoring and oversight for corporate management; recognition abroad of interim measures, and vice versa in Italy
- Ongoing assistance and advice for the prevention of criminal risk in joint-venture, distribution and production projects in the EU, Ethiopia, Madagascar, Sri Lanka, Egypt, Tunisia, the UAE, the UK, Libya, Russia and the Middle East
- Assistance to industrial businesses in the engineering, construction, logistics, real-estate project-finance, energy, IT and cyber-security sectors, addressing the prevention of criminal risks, from insider trading and market manipulation to corruption and money laundering, and corporate offences generally, including those involving holding, affiliated and controlled companies; safeguarding corporate reputation, preventing labour-exploitation offences, ensuring supply-chain transparency and integrity, and organising crisis units in the event of an accident or material incident
- Collaboration with audit firms, international certification companies and energy-sector operators; assistance to funds and private investors, information reports, risk assessments, asset management, risk management, monitoring and simulation stress testing with sector experts, and delegated functions
- Criminal-law protection of authors' rights, software, copyright and know-how; assistance to internationally renowned actors, music and film producers, footballers and inventors
- Collaboration with investigators, including international investigators

## 6. SELECTED APPOINTMENTS, TEACHING AND RECOGNITION

- Member of the ASLA Milan executive committee and regional head until 2015
- Member of the EURISPES Rome Scientific Committee, to date
- Teaching and training activities at the Universities of Macerata (2004), Ancona (2009) and Pescara (2014); in 2026, lecturer on the "Corporate Offences" module of the Master's programme at Università Cusano, Rome
- Scientific director, chair and speaker at conferences on trusts, anti-money laundering, anti-mafia asset-prevention measures, business crises, corporate criminal law, internationalisation, and foreign investment abroad and in Italy
- Fourth place in the 2009 Top Legal Awards, "Law Firm of the Year – Central Italy" category.
- "Marchigiano of the Year" recognition, 2005
- Santagatesi nel mondo Award, 2016
- Speaker, "States General of the Mediterranean – International Corruption" Conference, Naples, 2022
- Speaker, "The Business Beyond its Founder" Conference, Senate of the Republic, 2026
- Speaker, "Legality and Prevention of Offences" Conference, Chamber of Deputies, 2025
- Speaker at the Ministry of Economy and Finance: "Liability of Executives in the Management of Public Assets", 2026

## 7. SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- Trademarks and Patents. Licences and Assignments (2001); Investments in the Balkans – Law and Taxation (co-author, 2002)
- The New Face of False Accounting (2006)
- Corporate Law in Poland (2004) and Corporate Law in Croatia (2004)
- Organisational Models under Legislative Decree No. 231/2001 – Some Suggestions for SMEs (2013);
- Compliance & Best Practices – The Procedure in Practice (2023)
- Numerous publications to date on l'Eurispes.it concerning criminal law

## 8. OPERATIONS AND NETWORK

The Firm assists Italian companies and individuals abroad and, conversely, in Italy, as well as certain foreign diplomatic missions in Rome. It operates through its professionals in Rome, Milan, Naples and Ancona and an extensive worldwide network of correspondents, university lecturers and professionals able to support source research, interpretation of local systems and cross-border requirements.

## 9. INDUSTRY SECTORS

Energy • infrastructure • manufacturing • healthcare and environmental • logistics • footwear • packaging • engineering • banking and finance • IT and information security • real estate and project finance.

## 10. EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

- Law degree, Alma Mater Studiorum – University of Bologna. Thesis in bankruptcy law: "The Bankruptcy of the Undisclosed Partner", supervisor Professor G. Poggeschi
- Has practised law since 1993 and is a member of the Rome Bar Association; admitted to practise before the Supreme Courts
- Advanced course in international banking and corporate law, Lancaster (UK) and Lausanne (Switzerland)
- Master's degree in International Taxation at EUROAMERICA University
- Several teaching appointments, as mentioned above

## 11. PAST AND PRESENT ASSOCIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS. PHILOSOPHY

- Rome Criminal Bar Association
- ASLA Milan
- IC Group and Udine network
- Nexia – Audirevi Milan
- EURISPES Rome Scientific Committee
- **Philosophy: "Your rights are our passion"**

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