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Educational/Professional Memberships

B.A. Sydney University (Australia, 1977); LL.B. Sydney University (1981); Solicitor of New South Wales, Australia (1981); Solicitor, England and Wales (1990); Equivalency law exams, Rome University 1 (1996); *Avvocato*, Italy (1996); Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (1993-); Fellow, Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (2010-); Member, Editorial Board, *Rivista dell'Arbitrato* Italy (2011-)

Current Position

Parter, De Berti Jacchia Franchini Forlani – Studio Legale, Italy

Professional Experience

Andrew holds both common law and civil law qualifications, and is admitted to practice in Italy, Australia and England. For the past 20+ years, he has practised in Rome as counsel and partner of English and Italian international law firms (CMS - Adonnino Ascoli & Cavasola Scamoni (1992 – 2001), Allen & Overy (2001 – 2005) and De Berti Jacchia where he was made a full equity partner in 2009. Andrew has led teams of lawyers on major international projects for information technology companies, and on cross-border acquisitions in the shipping, tobacco, pharmaceutical and white goods industrial sectors. He has also acted in complex international commercial transactions in diverse sectors involving public procurement and financing, joint ventures, technology outsourcing, licensing, distribution and other forms of collaboration, and has acquired in-depth knowledge of cross-cultural corporate business and related arbitration.

Arbitration Experience

Andrew has been appointed arbitrator or counsel in many arbitrations. Some examples include: *An ICC arbitration between an Italian and an Australian company involving the wrongful termination of an exclusive distribution agreement (Value AU\$ 8.5 million); *Several Milan Arbitration Chamber arbitrations involving international distribution, agency, sales of goods and other corporate and commercial disputes involving Spanish, Swiss, Indian, Ukrainian and Italian companies; *An ICC arbitration involving a major building project in Tajikistan (Value US\$ 7 million); *An arbitration between an Egyptian and an Italian company regarding a major Egyptian glass plant project; *An ICC arbitration between an Australian and an Italian company involving a well-known Sydney sky-scraper (value AU\$ 35 million). Andrew has also advised on complex multi-party arbitration clauses for international JVs, on cross-border jurisdictional disputes and on the recognition and enforcement of arbitration awards.

Publications

- *International Arbitration Review*, Italian national report in Kluwer, 2nd and 3rd eds. 2011/12 (co-author)
- *Rivista dell'Arbitrato* Member of editorial board (2011-)
- *Conciliazione e arbitrato nelle controversie societarie*, comment on Italian non-compliance with New York Convention published by *Associazione Italiana per l'arbitrato* (2005)
- Comment on New Arbitration Regulation of the Milan Chamber of Arbitration (2004)
- *Evidence-Taking in Arbitration Proceedings*, Italian national report in Kluwer/AIJA publication of the same title (1994)

Languages

English, Italian and French (working knowledge)