



FRANCESCO GIANNI

He was born in Ravenna in 1951, he is a lawyer, with a law degree from the University “La Sapienza” of Rome. After a Master at the University of London - King’s College in 1976, and a Master at the University of Michigan Law School in 1977, he became assistant at the department of Communitarian Law at the University of Michigan Law School. During the period 1977-1979 he worked for some important law firms such as Sidley & Austin of Chicago and Roger & Wells of New York.

In 1988 he founded the law firm with his name, having seats in Rome, Milan and New York, giving it a strong international imprinting, which was maintained and developed.

He is considered among the most important Italian (MF estimated him among the first ten business lawyers of the last fifteen years) and European (Merger Market, “Deal Drivers 2003”) experts of M&A and structured finance. Mr. Francesco Gianni dealt with the most important operations in Italy in the last few years, such as – for example – the reorganisation of Telecom-Olivetti, the selling of Pagine Gialle, and Fiat Avio.

Mr. Francesco Gianni is speaker at several important conferences, and at national and international courses on business, commercial and international private law, and wrote several articles on those issues. He received also a teaching assignment at the University of Cassino.

He is a member of the Law Society of Rome, and is registered in the New York Bar.

He is currently director of Cassa di Risparmio di Ravenna S.p.A., Cassa dei Risparmi di Milano e della Lombradia S.p.A. and Finanza & Futuro Banca S.p.A..