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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

University of Nottingham School of Law, Nottingham, United Kingdom.

Associate Professor (2019 – present)

Assistant Professor (2013 – 2018)

Courses Taught: Contract law, Commercial law, Secured Transactions Law, Intellectual Property law, International Business Transactions, International Sale of Goods, Law of the European Union

University of Pennsylvania Law School, Philadelphia, USA.

Visiting Associate Professor (2021 – present)

Lecturer (2019 – 2021)

Courses Taught: Secured Transactions Law, International Business Transactions, Blockchain and the Law

University of Pennsylvania Law School, Philadelphia, USA.

Visiting Research Scholar (September 2018 – May 2019)

University of Chicago Law School, Chicago, USA.

Visiting Research Fellow (July 2017 – September 2017)

King's College London Dickson Poon School of Law, London, United Kingdom.

Visiting Research Fellow (January 2013 – August 2013)

PUBLICATIONS – Law Reviews and Peer-reviewed Journals

Commercial Law Intersections, 72 HASTINGS L.J. 999 (2021) (peer reviewed) (with Giuliano G. Castellano)

- Cited by the World Bank:
 - o *Distributed Ledger Technology and Secured Transactions Frameworks: A Primer* (2020) (<https://bit.ly/DLTNote3>)
 - o *Coordinating Prudential Regulation and Secured Transactions Frameworks: A Primer* (2020) (<https://bit.ly/3kHJx0I>)
- Featured in the Duke University School of Law FinReg Blog, 30 June 2020 (<https://sites.law.duke.edu/thefinregblog/2020/06/30/commercial-law-intersections-coordination-failures-and-the-quest-for-legal-coherence>)

Secured Transactions and IP licenses: comparative observations and reform suggestions, 81 LAW & CONTEMP. PROBS. 155 (2018)

- Cited by the World Bank, *Collateral Registry, Secured Transactions Law and Practice* (2020) (<https://bit.ly/352keSA>)
- Featured in the Oxford Business Law Blog, 13 June 2018 (<https://www.law.ox.ac.uk/business-law-blog/blog/2018/06/secured-transactions-law-twenty-first-century>)

Intellectual Property License Contracts: Reflections on a prospective UNCITRAL Project, 86 U. CIN. L. REV. 1251 (2018)

Commercial agency and the duty to act in good faith, 36 OXFORD JOURNAL OF LEGAL STUDIES 661 (2016) (peer reviewed)

The protection of traditional foods in the EU: Traditional Specialities Guaranteed, 19 EUROPEAN LAW JOURNAL 545 (2013) (peer reviewed)

An exploration of the European dimension of the Commercial Agents Regulations, 39 LLOYD'S MARITIME AND COMMERCIAL LAW QUARTERLY 544 (2013) (peer reviewed)

- Cited by the European Court of Justice, *The Software Incubator (Self-employed commercial agents - Concepts of 'sale' and 'goods' - Supply of computer software) Opinion of Advocate General Tanchev*, [2020] EUECJ C-410/19_O (17 December 2020)

Security interests over intellectual property, 6 JOURNAL OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW & PRACTICE 93 (2011) (peer reviewed)

The UNCITRAL Annex on security rights in IP: a work in progress, 4 JOURNAL OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW & PRACTICE 743 (2009) (peer reviewed)

Garanzie "reali" e diritti IP: per un censimento dei materiali [A historical analysis of statutory provisions regulating the taking of security in IP rights in Italy], IL DIRITTO D'AUTORE 557 (2009) (peer reviewed)

PUBLICATIONS – Book Chapters, Treatises Sections, Essays & Book Reviews

Personal Property Security Law: International Ambitions and National Realities, in INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS LAW 283 (Lucio Ghia ed. 2019) (with Giuliano G. Castellano)

- Featured in the Oxford Business Law Blog, 5 June 2020 (<https://www.law.ox.ac.uk/business-law-blog/blog/2020/06/unlocking-secured-credit-international-ambitions-and-domestic>)

Commentary to Articles 103-106, 111, 167 Italian Copyright law; Articles 138-140 Industrial Property Code, in COMMENTARIO BREVE ALLE LEGGI SU PROPRIETÀ INTELLETTUALE E CONCORRENZA (Luigi C. Ubertazzi, ed. 2019)

Security interests over intellectual property rights in Italy: critical analysis and reform proposals, in INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE SECURED TRANSACTIONS LAW 259 (Spyridon Bazinas and Orkun Akseli eds. 2017)

Joseph McMahon & Michael Cardwell, Research Handbook on EU Agriculture Law: Book Review, 54 Common Market Law Review 969 (2017)

Commentary to Articles 103-106, 111, 167 Italian Copyright law; Articles 138-140 Industrial Property Code, in COMMENTARIO BREVE ALLE LEGGI SU PROPRIETÀ INTELLETTUALE E CONCORRENZA (Luigi C. Ubertazzi ed. 2016)

Jens Hartig Danielsen, EU Agricultural Law: Book Review, 51 Common Market Law Review 1307 (2014)

Commentary to Articles 103-106, 111, 167 Italian Copyright law; Articles 138-140 Industrial Property Code, in COMMENTARIO BREVE ALLE LEGGI SU PROPRIETÀ INTELLETTUALE E CONCORRENZA (Luigi C. Ubertazzi ed. 2012)

Amendments to the Italian Code for Industrial Property, GRUR International 1111 (2010)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Remedies and Smart Contracts (with David A. Hoffman) (mapping the remedial framework for breach of contract in transactions involving smart contracts)

Purchase Money Security Interests and General Intangibles (analysing the UCC-9 regime for purchase money security interests involving general intangibles – such as digital assets and IP rights – as collateral)

Compulsory Licenses of Pharmaceutical Patents under Art 31 TRIPS (with Ezinne Igboqwe) (exploring the legal framework governing compulsory licenses of pharmaceutical patents under Arts 31, 31bis TRIPS)

EDUCATION

University of Pavia, Pavia, Italy.

PhD in Commercial Law – Intellectual Property Law (*April 2010*)

University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK.

LLM in International Commercial Law (Merit) (*June 2008*)

University of Pavia, Pavia, Italy.

Law degree, 110/110 *cum laude* (*April 2006*)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Expert advisor (*2008 – present*)

- Delegate to the United National Commission on Trade Laws (UNCITRAL). Represented Italy during the intergovernmental negotiations for the UNCITRAL Model Law on Secured Transactions: Guide to Enactment (2017); UNCITRAL Model Law on Secured Transactions (2016); UNCITRAL Guide on the Implementation of a Security Rights Registry (2013); UNCITRAL Legislative Guide on Secured Transactions: Supplement on Security Rights in Intellectual Property (2010)

UNIDROIT

Expert advisor (*2020 – present*)

- Observer to the Working Group developing the Unidroit Principles on Digital Assets
- Member of the Working Group developing the Unidroit Model Law on Warehouse Receipts

Uniform Law Commission UCC and Emerging Technologies Committee (Joint Committee with the American Law Institute)

Observer (*2019 – present*)

- Involved in the development of draft UCC Article 12 and amendments to existing UCC Article 9

Kozolchyk National Law Center

Expert advisor (*2019 – present*)

- Content director for International Development Bank funded project to facilitate the use of IP rights as collateral in Jamaica
- Content director for the IFC-World Bank report on the impact of blockchain technology on secured transactions law reform
- Content director for the Unidroit Report on the best practices for electronic collateral registries

AWARDS – SCHOLARSHIPS

University of Nottingham. Nominated for LLM lecturer of the year award (December 2017)

University of Nottingham. Nominated for the University of Nottingham Student Union Teaching Award (February 2017)

University of Nottingham. LLM lecturer of the year award (March 2016)

University of Pavia. Italian Government PhD scholarship (September 2006 – April 2010)

PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

American College of Commercial Finance Lawyers. ‘UCC and Emerging Technologies’ (2021)

University of Wien. Vienna. ‘ULC/ALI Project on Digital Assets: Comparative observations’ (2021)

UNIDROIT. Rome. ‘Model Law on Warehouse Receipts: Contractual Issues’ (2020)

UNIDROIT. Rome. ‘Distributed Ledger Technology and international sales of commodities’ (2019)

Universidad Carlo III Madrid, II Conference on International Coordination of Secured Transactions Law Reforms. ‘Distributed ledger technology as the bridge between general secured transactions registers and assets specific registration systems?’ (2018)

American Bar Association, Business Law Section 2017 Meeting, New Orleans. ‘Making the Intangible Untouchable: Creating, Perfecting and Enforcing Security Interests in Intangibles in Cross-Border Transactions’ (2017)

UNCITRAL, Fourth International Colloquium on Secured Transactions, Vienna. ‘International principles of contract law for IP licences’ (2017)

University of Leeds, Secured Transaction Law Reform Conference. ‘Priority rules for the taking of security over IP rights in English law: the case for reform’ (2017)

Secured Transaction Law Reform Conference, London. ‘Taking security over IP’ (2015)

Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. ‘The Italian legal framework for personal property security: the case for reform’ (2014)

University of Glasgow, Yearly Intellectual Property Conference. ‘Security interests over IP rights under English, Scottish and International Law’ (2011)

International Chamber of Commerce of Istanbul. ‘Taking security over IP rights under the UNCITRAL legislative guide on Security Interests’ (2010)

Yeditepe University, Istanbul. ‘The legal nature of IP rights: past, present and future’ (2010)

LANGUAGES

Italian, English and French. Fluent

Spanish and German. Competent