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Over the years, Prof. Niccolò Abriani has built a reputation as one of the foremost experts in the field of corporate law and corporate governance in Italy. Over the course of his long and prestigious career, he has been involved in some of the most important and delicate intra-group transactions. In this context he assists related parties, in relations between corporate bodies, as well in corporate restructuring and turnaround management.

His studies and his most recent publications deal with the financial structure and corporate governance of joint-stock companies, with particular regard to the system of internal controls of listed companies in regulated, banking and insurance markets.

He is also a member of national and international arbitration boards, as well as an independent member of director, internal audit and supervisory board.

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English Italian

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- English
- Italian

Professional Qualifications

- Avvocato admitted to the Florence Bar
- Avvocato admitted to the Rome Bar

Education

- University of Turin, Law degree
- University Bocconi, Milan, PhD in Corporate Law

- Accademic Residency in the Department of Business Law of New South Wales University (Sidney, Australia) and the Department of Business Law Broseta Pont (Valencia, Spagna)
- Accademic Residency in l'Institut Cujas de Droit et Sciences Economiques (Paris, France) and l'Institut Suisse de Droit Comparé (Lausanne-Dorigny, Confederazione Elvetica)

Memberships

Prof. Abriani is chairman of the board of statutory auditors of primary publishing companies and has been an independent member of director, internal audit and Supervisory Bodies pursuant to Legislative Decree 231/2001, of important industrial and banking companies.

Scientific activity

Niccolò Abriani is Professor of Commercial Law at the University of Florence and a PhD professor at the LUISS University of Rome, he has also been professor in Commercial Law and Corporate Governance at the university Bocconi of Milan. Co-editor and co-founder of “*Rivista del Diritto Societario*” and co-editor of “*Rivista di Diritto dell'Impresa*”, he is a member of the Scientific Committee of several other journals in the sector and of the *Committee for Appointments and Promotions* at Università Bocconi.

INSIGHTS

Publications

Health emergency and evidence of virtuous legislative policy: From obligation to nudge

8 July 2020

The health emergency has forced the legislators of the main European legal systems to intervene on some key principles of corporate regulation. As far as the Italian legal system is concerned, the reference rules are represented by Articles 6, 7, 8 of the Liquidity Decree (Legislative Decree no. 23 of April 8, 2020, converted into Law no. 40/2020).

Ultra vires doctrine, corporate purpose and business resilience: Corporate social responsibility beyond the health emergency in Italy

7 July 2020

Among the positive news that illuminated, like sparks in the dark, the most acute phase of the pandemic emergency, there have been extraordinary reactions from some important businesses, which have dedicated production lines to medical products needed to fight the pandemic emergency.

Emergenza sanitaria e prove di politica legislativa virtuosa: dall'obbligo al nudge

24 June 2020

L'emergenza sanitaria ha imposto ai legislatori dei principali ordinamenti europei di intervenire su alcuni principi cardine della disciplina delle società di capitali.

Oggetto sociale, interesse sociale, capitale e continuità aziendale: Resilienza delle imprese e corporate social responsibility oltre l'emergenza sanitaria

24 June 2020

Tra le notizie positive che hanno illuminato, come scintille nel buio, la fase più acuta dell'emergenza pandemica ha fatto spicco la

straordinaria reattività dimostrata da alcune importanti realtà imprenditoriali che hanno immediatamente dedicato linee di produzione a dispositivi medici richiesti per contrastare l'emergenza pandemica.

Rinegoziazione dei contratti e clausole di forza maggiore

15 May 2020

Commercial, banking and M&A contracts in Italy to the force majeure test

1 April 2020

The coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic can be qualified as an event of force majeure which may have an impact on the performance of contracts and in particular make the performance not due (or temporarily not due) and justify a breach of contract. However, the general principle in contract law remains the *pacta sunt servanda* principle, so force majeure does not always justify a breach of contract.

He is author of a number of publications and articles on topics related to his areas of expertise.

Events

Previous

UpAgain | Finance restructuring - What's next?

4 giugno 2020

Webinar

Prof. Abriani regularly organizes and speaks at conferences and seminars on Corporate Law.