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Claudio d'Agostino is Of Counsel in the Corporate practice, leading the "Asia Connect" project, helping Italian and European clients access DLA Piper's expertise in Asian jurisdictions.

Before moving to Milan, Claudio spent more than twenty years in Asia, assisting European and American companies in the manufacturing and commercial / retail space with development strategies in the area.

Claudio's main activities focus on consumer (products as well as services) and industrials sectors. As one of the first foreign lawyers in China, he has led the way for various international players in fashion, food, hospitality, industrials and chemicals sectors, implementing innovative solutions in jurisdictions characterized by complex and ever-evolving legislation.

His technical skills, pragmatic approach and expertise in facilitating the relationships between different cultures is recognised by clients and industry associations. Claudio regularly contributes to specialist or general interest magazines.

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- Italian
- English
- Chinese (Mandarin)

- Corporate
- Finance
- Trademark and Copyright
- Real Estate

- Consumer Goods, Food and Retail
- Life Sciences
- Industrials

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(Mandarin)

Claudio has assisted many major fashion brands in their entry strategy and further development in China either as greenfield projects or through distribution / joint venture agreements with local partners.

Ensuring compliance with safety, quality and labelling standards as well competition and privacy laws for retailers of consumer goods constitute a key area of expertise.

Professional Qualifications

- Avvocato admitted to the Milan Bar

Recognitions

In 2014 *Milano Finanza* has indicated Claudio as one of the 100 most influential person in the China-Italy trade relations.

Education

- Milan University, Law degree, 1995
- Beijing Language and Culture University, Chinese Language, 1997

Memberships

- Claudio is admitted as a qualified foreign lawyer in the People's Republic of China
- Arbitrator of the Shanghai International Arbitration Commission (SHIAC)

Additional qualifications/positions

Claudio has been a licensed foreign lawyer in China and Vietnam and an arbitrator for several commissions, currently the Shanghai International Arbitration Commission (SHIAC).

Publications

- Author, "Global Legal Insights to: Corporate Tax 2019 "(China Chapter), August 2019
- Contributing author, "Getting the Deal Through - Franchise 2018 (China Chapter)", September 2017
- Contributing author, "Global Legal Insights to: Corporate Tax 2017 (China Chapter)", August 2017
- Contributing author, "Getting the Deal Through - Franchise 2017 (China Chapter)", September
- Contributing author, "Global Legal Insights to: Corporate Tax 2016 (China Chapter)", August 2016