

Tommaso Buzzelli

Associate

CONTACT INFORMATION

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PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

- Fietta LLP, associate (2020 onward), intern (2019-2020)
- Lalive (Geneva), intern (2019)
- Darrois Villey Maillot Brochier (Paris), intern (2017-2018)
- ICC International Court of Arbitration (Paris), intern (2017)
- BonelliErede (Rome), intern (2016)

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Tommaso Buzzelli is an Italian-qualified lawyer and Associate at Fietta LLP. He advises on public international law matters, including the law of the sea and rights and obligations under international investment treaties. He also has experience working on international commercial arbitration cases, including construction and gas-pricing disputes.

Tommaso has worked on a number of international investment arbitration disputes, under most of the major arbitral rules (ICSID, UNCITRAL and ICC), acting for both claimants and respondent States. He also has acted in legal proceedings before the Italian courts.

Tommaso holds a Master of Laws (LLM) degree from King's College London, a master's degree from Université Paris II Panthéon-Assas and a master's and undergraduate degree from Sapienza Università of Rome. He was also awarded with the "European Comparative Law Certificate" for attending the triple degree program "European Law School".

Prior to joining Fietta LLP, Tommaso worked at a leading Swiss arbitration firm and in the dispute resolution department of a major French firm. His experience also includes an internship at the ICC International Court of Arbitration.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Highlights of Tommaso's advisory and contentious practice have included:

- Representing the Respondent State in an *ad hoc* arbitration brought by a Canadian investor under a bilateral investment treaty involving issues of state succession with respect to real estate interests
- Representing a UN agency in an UNCITRAL arbitration and settlement negotiations concerning construction works in East Africa (while at a previous firm)
- Representing a state-owned oil and gas trading company in a gas-pricing dispute against a gas company owned by a neighbouring State (while at a previous firm)
- Representing a French investor in an ECT arbitration under the ICSID Rules against a European State in connection with an investment in the waste management sector (while at a previous firm)

- Advising an Asian State on State practice with respect to the classification of islands, rocks and low-tide elevations under UNCLOS

PUBLICATIONS

- “Impartiality in ICSID tribunals as a preventive remedy and a ground for challenging the award”, *Rivista dell’Arbitrato*, 4-2017 (original title in Italian: “L’imparzialità nei Tribunali ICSID fra rimedio preventivo ed impugnazione della decisione”)

PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

Admitted to practise in Italy – Rome Bar (2019)

Master of Laws (LLM) in International Business Law (2016), King’s College London

Master’s and undergraduate degree in Law (2016), Sapienza Università of Rome

Master’s degree in International Law (2015), Université Paris II Panthéon-Assas

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Italian (native), English (fluent), French (fluent), Spanish (fluent)