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Expertise

- Civil law and international relations with expertise in banking and finance and focus on:
 - Public international law
 - International trade law
 - Anti-terrorism proceedings
 - Compliance for security in stadiums and large events
 - International sanctions
 - Legal protection of “Made in Italy” in international organizations
- Member of the Africa Committee and the Africa Team
- Member of the Public International Law & Economic Diplomacy Focus Team
- Member of the Corporate Compliance Focus Team
- Consultant for Confindustria for the cooperation development with the countries on the African continent
- Languages: Italian, English

Background

- Joined BonelliErede as Of Counsel in July 2018 after having carried out an important academic and institutional career
- Member of the Chamber from 2001 to 2018
- From 2008 to 2018 he was Minister in three different governments: Minister of Justice, Minister of the Interior and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation. He was Deputy Prime Minister.

In this context, Lawyer Alfano has focused strongly on economic diplomacy, supporting the activities of Italian companies abroad, also pushing the diplomatic corps in this direction, making 2017 the year in which the impact of exports on GDP has been higher in history of our country, also thanks to the strong synergy with all the actors of the public and private system.

In 2017-2018 he was also President of the OSCE (Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe), the largest regional organization on security issues.

He served as Deputy Prime Minister and Ministry of the interior between April 2013 and February 2014.

He chaired on numerous occasions, as a deputy, the Council of Minister of the Italian Republic.

He was Minister of the Interior in the legislature from February 2014 and December 2016.

As Minister of the Interior, he chaired the National Committee for Public Order and Security (2013-2016).

He was member of the Council of the European Union for the Justice and Internal Affairs Sectors and during the 2014 Italian presidency semester he chaired the Council of the European Union for Internal Affairs.

In May 2009, he chaired the G8 Justice Ministers in Rome, in 2013 the G6 Interior Ministers and in 2017 the G7 Foreign Ministers.

In 2017 as well, he chaired the UN (United Nations) Security Council.

Since 2013, he has been the president of the Fondazione De Gasperi.

During his long career as a Minister he was a promoter or speaker of several bills including the laws for harsh imprisonment of the mafia and the ability of the State to seize criminal assets. He created the Codice Antimafia, which unified all related previous legislation into one.

In 2010 he proposed the text that was approved by parliament to reform the code of civil procedure effectively launching the electronic civil trial procedure to be a “filter” for the Supreme Court.

In this context he introduced, in the Italian legal system, the institution of the obligatory attempt at civil mediation. These regulations on civil procedural law have contributed in the last decade to a strong reduction of the civil litigation pending in the Italian courts and have strongly encouraged the development of the "Alternative Dispute Resolution" (ADR) tools in the Italian system.

He proposed the decree converted into law for the prevention and fight against international terrorism.

He is the promoter of the law against stadium violence that has introduced new types of crime and new organizational measures of sports venues.

He proposed and approved the decree that introduced the crime of "Stalking" and strengthened the measures to combat gender violence.

He is the author of scientific articles in specialized magazines, such as *New Commentary Civil Law and European and Private Law*. He has been a speaker at various conferences and seminars at universities and institutions on matters related to his ministerial activity.

Qualification and Academia

- PhD in Corporate Law at the University of Palermo (1998), lecturer in Civil Law at the Università Cattolica (1994) and at the University of Palermo (1996)
- Member of the Italian bar (1996)
- Law degree from the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore in Milan (1993)
- Adjunct Professor of the «Islam in Europa: Migration, integration and security» course at the LUISS University of Rome for the master's degree in political science