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— PROFILE —

Attorney-at-Law with extensive expertise in sports law and arbitration, admitted before the High Supreme Courts in Italy since 2020. Over three decades of professional experience as Senior Partner at Taini Gardi Macrì Law Firm, Arbitrator at the Court of Arbitration for Sport (TAS/CAS) since 2016, and former President of the Federal Tribunal for the Italian Badminton Federation. Experienced also in Labour Law and Bankruptcy Law, with appointments as Trustee in bankruptcy before the Tribunal of Piacenza.

— CURRENT POSITION —

- › Senior Partner – Taini Gardi Macrì Law Firm, Piacenza, Italy (since 1995)
- › Lecturer – Masters in International Sports Law, ISDE Madrid

— TITLES & APPOINTMENTS IN SPORT —

- › Arbitrator at the Court of Arbitration for Sport (TAS/CAS) – since 2016
- › Vice-Chair and Member, International School Sport Federation Disciplinary Committee – from 2025
- › Member, Federal Court of Appeal of the Italian Rowing Federation – from 2025
- › Former President, Federal Tribunal for the Italian Badminton Federation – until 2025
- › Past Legal Counsel Italian Football Players' Association – 1993 to 2003 (20 years)

— WORK EXPERIENCE IN SPORT —

Over 350 cases as appointed arbitrator in disputes between clubs and football players in Serie A and Serie B. Legal counsel for football clubs and players at national and international level.

Teaching & Academic Roles

- › Unimercaforum, Rome
- › SUPSI University, Lugano, Switzerland
- › ISDE, Madrid
- › “Lucio Colantuoni” Sports Law Course, University of Milan

— EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS —

1983 Diploma in Classical Studies – Classical High School “Melchiorre Gioia,” Piacenza
1989 Law Degree – University of Parma | Thesis: “Trust and Civil Law”
1993 Registered with the Piacenza Bar Association
2020 Admitted before the High Supreme Courts in Italy

— INTERNATIONAL SEMINARS & CONFERENCES —

Regularly engaged in international seminars and conferences on sports law, arbitration and legal trends since 2006.

- › Conferences across Europe: Bologna, Lausanne, Madrid, Amsterdam, Edinburgh, Geneva
- › Regular attendance at CAS, FIFA and FIFPro seminars
- › Appointed as Arbitrator in sports law moot competitions

— SELECTED PUBLICATIONS —

- › “Procedural practices and arbitration effectiveness in sports contracts” – Giustizia Sportiva n. 1/2020.
- › “Career awards and the role of second teams in Italian football” – Giustizia Sportiva n. 2/2019.
- › “Italian Reform of Sport” – RDES, Rivista di Diritto ed Economia dello Sport.
- › “The Employment Relationship of the Professional Athlete” – RDES, Rivista di Diritto ed Economia dello Sport.
- › “Pre-contracts in football employment relationships: a CAS case”, The Impact Lawyer
<https://theimpactlawyers.com/editors/francesco-macri>

— LANGUAGES —

Italian (Native) **English** (Fluent)

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