

**Curriculum vitae**  
**Mrs. Stella Riberti**

**Employment Experience**

**2025 – present**      **Clifford Chance (Milan)**

*Counsel – Sports & Entertainment Department*

Co-leading the sports & entertainment practice at the Milan office to provide high-end legal advice on corporate, commercial and contentious sports-related matters.

**2014 – 2024**      **Studio Legale Withers (Milan)**

*Senior Associate – Sports & Entertainment Department*

- Advising and coordinating legal assistance to key stakeholders in the sports sector (such as athletes, coaches, managers, clubs, sports agents, leagues, sports event organizers, worldwide primary sportswear manufacturers and major sports marketing agencies) on the full spectrum of sports law matters including:
  - Sports-related litigation and arbitration disputes before FIFA, CAS, FIBA and Italian sports justice bodies on regulatory (including eligibility rules; training compensation and solidarity mechanism; ITC request; betting; match-fixing; advertising regulations) and contractual matters (including overdue payment and breach of contract);
  - Regulatory matters, including in relation to media rights, tech doping, eligibility, UEFA Financial Sustainability, ambush marketing, and fabric restrictions;
  - International transfer and registration of players and coaches;
  - A wide range of commercial contract matters, including drafting and negotiating multimillion endorsements, brand ambassador, academy setting up, e-commerce, IPRs and media rights licensing, friendly matches and tournament organisation, consultancy, services, rights acquisitions and disposals, distributorship, NDA, general contractor, partnership agreements and the full range of related commercial agreements;
- Assisting and representing key clients in international commercial arbitrations under the ICC, SCC, and CAM rules on disputes relating to image rights licensing agreements, general contractor agreements, bank guarantees, and wine distribution agreements and relevant enforcement proceedings.

**2008 – 2014**      **CBA Studio Legale e Tributario (Padua)**

*Associate – Dispute Resolution, and Sports Law Departments*

- Assisting domestic and international clients on international commercial contracts, intellectual property rights matters, and commercial and residential real estate lease and purchase transactions;
- Representing and advising domestic and international clients (primarily the airline group Ryanair) in cross-border ordinary and arbitration proceedings;
- Advising and assisting clients on sports-related contractual, regulatory and contentious matters.

**2007 – 2008**      **Withers LLP, Italian Desk (London)**

*Trainee lawyer – Corporate Law Department*

Advising clients in cross-border commercial and real estate transactions, particularly on agency, distribution, franchising, licensing and consultancy contracts mainly in the fashion and wine sectors.

## Professional highlight

Providing oral and written expert insight to the Italian Senate (7<sup>th</sup> Commission) on their Reform Project n. 373 '*Envisaged reform of the national football system*'.

## Professional Appointments

2024 – present	Arbitrator at the Court of Arbitration for Sport
2024 – present	Board Member of WomenInSportsLaw (WISLaw)
2021 – 2024	Judge of the Federal Tribunal of the Italian Athletics Federation
2019 – 2023	Judge of the Federal Tribunal of the Italian Ice Sports Federation
2023 – present	Member of the Partnership & Education Committee of WISLaw
2022 – present	Head of the Sport & Business Commission of the Italian Sports Lawyer Association
2018 – present	Member of the <i>Olympialex Review</i> Editorial Board

## Languages

Italian:	mother tongue
French:	mother tongue
English:	full professional proficiency
Portuguese:	basic

## Qualification and education

September 2024	' <i>Certificate in International Commercial and Investment Arbitration – Theory and Practice</i> ' (Roma Tre Università degli Studi, Rome)
October 2010	Admission to the Italian Bar
2002 – 2007	Università Commerciale L. Bocconi, Milan Master's degree in jurisprudence ( <i>summa cum laude</i> )
July 2005 – January 2006	UC Law (former UC Hastings), San Francisco International Exchange Program
August 2003 – January 2004	Université Panthéon Assas, Paris International Exchange Program

## Selected speaking engagements

- Lecturer at the CAS-TAS Pro-bono Arbitration Counsel Programme for the 2026 Olympic Games (Milan and Belluno Bar Associations; Milan, June 2024)
- Since 2020, lecturer at ISDE Law Business School, Madrid (*Sponsorship of athletes, clubs and sports events – key provisions*)
- Since 2016, lecturer at post-graduate course *Corso di Perfezionamento in Diritto sportivo e giustizia sportiva – Lucio Colantuoni*, Statale University of Milan on *Athletes' endorsement agreements*
- *Intelligenza artificiale nel mondo dello sport: normativa ed esperienze* (moderator, joint event of AIAS, ADISE, Milan Bar Association; Milan, June 2024)

- *Current developments impacting players & coaches (The LawInSport Football Law 2024 Conference, LawInSport, London, May 2024)*
- *Betting scandals surrounding Italian football (webinar organised by the International Sports Lawyer Association, November 2023)*
- *It's Her Field – Prospects for Women's Football (conference organiser on behalf of WISLaw, Milan, May 2023)*
- *The new FIFA Agents Regulations (Sports Arbitration Moot conference, Madrid, April 2023)*
- *Lecturer at post-graduate I° Level Master in Sports Law and Labour Relationships in Sport, Bicocca University of Milan, on Image rights in sport and their impact on employment agreements (Milan, October 2017 and 2018)*
- *Sport and arbitration: a marriage for love or of convenience? (Club Español del Arbitraje, VII Annual Cyber Webinar, October 2020)*
- *The amendments to the FIFA RSTP of June 2018 (Albanese Football Federation, Tirana, January 2019)*
- *Derechos de imagen de deportistas de élite (Nuevos Desafíos del Derecho en el Deporte, Universidad Rey Juan Carlos de Madrid, Madrid, July 2016)*
- *Sponsorship of sports events (British Azerbaijani Law Association, Baku, Azerbaijan, June 2015)*

## **Selected publications**

- *Sports and NFTs—Still A Business Opportunity On and Off the Pitch? (International Sports Law Review, Issue 1, March 2024)*
- *Scarpe sotto osservazione: i nuovi limiti sanciti da World Athletics (RunnersWorld review, October 2023)*
- *Sports agents regulations and tax implications for foreign agents (Sports Law and Taxation, December 2022), co-author*
- *What are the requirements for owning and running a professional football club in Italy? (LawInSport, June 2022)*
- *How Football Clubs “Transfer” Coaching Staff - Insights from Spain, France, Italy, UK & USA (LawInSport, March 2022)*
- *How Italy is tackling ambush marketing ahead of UEFA Euro 2021 & 2026 Winter Olympics (LawInSport, April 2020)*
- *Some takeaways from the AC Milan v. UEFA case ([https://www.olympialex.com/olympialex\\_review.php](https://www.olympialex.com/olympialex_review.php), January 2019)*
- *Taxes and support for the sports sector: new contract requirements for professional athletes and clubs (Withers LLP website, February 2021)*
- *The new Italian legal framework for non-Italian sports agents (Withers LLP website, December 2020)*
- *UEFA adopts temporary emergency measures for Financial Fair Play (Withers LLP website, July 2020)*
- *Athletes at the 2020 Olympic Games will now be able to use the image rights for their testimonials (Withers LLP website, July 2019)*
- *What are the obligations on footballers to conduct media activities? Comparing the rules in UK, USA, Spain, Belgium & Italy (LawInSport - September 2018), co-author*
- *Comparing how image rights laws apply to sport in the US, the UK and Europe (LawInSport, December 2015), co-author*
- *Broadcasting: New Lega Serie A guidelines for the sale of TV rights (World Sports Law Report, volume 12, issue 6, June 2014), co-author*

- *Study on sports organisers' rights in the EU* (study organised by the *T.M.C. ASSER Instituut* at the EU Commission's request, published on [http://ec.europa.eu/sport/news/news982\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/sport/news/news982_en.htm), November 2013)
- *Sanzioni dall'Uefa per 23 club: prima applicazione del Fair Play Finanziario?* ([worldsoccerscouting.com](http://worldsoccerscouting.com), May 2012)
- *The collective selling of the sports audio-visual rights under Italian law* (*Global Sports Law and Taxation Reports*, issue 3, September 2011), co-author
- *Study on the equal treatment of non-nationals in individual sports competitions, report on the Italian legislative framework* (study organised by the *T.M.C. ASSER Instituut* at the EU Commission's request, published on [http://ec.europa.eu/sport/news/news982\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/sport/news/news982_en.htm), January 2011)
- *Italy's Labour Agreement For Football Managers* (*World Sports Law Report*, issue 5, May 2010)
- *Italy's fine for doping offences: proportionality* (*World Sports Law Report*, issue 4, April 2010)
- *Focus sul tema dell'ambush marketing* ([www.sporteconomy.it](http://www.sporteconomy.it), November 2009)