



THE FLORIDA BAR
INTERNATIONAL LAW SECTION



ORDINE DEGLI
AVVOCATI DI MILANO



COOPERATION AGREEMENT

by and between

THE FLORIDA BAR INTERNATIONAL LAW SECTION

represented by

its Chair, Jacqueline Villalba, Esq.,

ORDINE DEGLI AVVOCATI DI MILANO

represented by

its delegate, Avv. Cinzia Calabrese,

on behalf of its President, Avv. Vinicio S. Nardo,

and

ORDINE DEGLI AVVOCATI DI BERGAMO

represented by

its delegate, Avv. Omar Massimo Hegazi,

on behalf of its President, Avv. Francesca Pierantoni

WHEREAS:

The Florida Bar International Law Section, the Ordine degli Avvocati di Milano, and the Ordine degli Avvocati di Bergamo (hereinafter the "Bars" or "Institutions"), wishing, as they do, to build up a special relationship, and moved by a common concern over the future of the legal profession, deem it desirable to establish close links between the Bars in response to certain common needs, and specifically:

- a) To enable members of the Bars to enjoy ideal arrangements for becoming acquainted with the ever more complex and varied legal relationships arising through the economic, cultural, and legal bonds between the United States, the State of Florida, the Italian Republic, and the Cities of Milano and Bergamo, and the social relationships arising between their respective citizens; and

- b) To improve the service provided for legal-service users under American law and Italian law through enhanced reciprocal acquaintance with the legal and court systems of the relevant jurisdictions.

This common stance is also to respond to the following professional needs:

- i) To facilitate the exercise of the profession between the relevant jurisdictions, enabling exchanges and meetings to be arranged, particularly in the area of professional training and exchanges between young or aspiring lawyers;
- ii) To facilitate relationships between the Bars, particularly through the reciprocal provision of information on matters relating to ethics, professional deontology, the fundamental rules of the profession and professional training;
- iii) To foster personal and professional contact between members of the Bars on a long-term basis, through the organization of events regarding legal issues of common interest, which may be hosted in Bergamo, Milan, Miami, or online; and
- iv) To enable common stances or initiatives to be formed in matters relating to the defense of the common interests of the profession, or to any other matter requiring such an approach.

NOW THEREFORE, ALL INSTITUTIONS AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1. THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

- 1.1 The Florida Bar International Law Section, the Ordine degli Avvocati di Milano, and the Ordine degli Avvocati di Bergamo each agree to organize meetings from time to time between delegations of members to exchange points of view and information relating to the legal practice, the professional rights of lawyers, and their professional organizations.

These Institutions, through their representatives, shall jointly decide how often these meetings are to be held and what fundamental topics are to be dealt with therein.

- 1.2 The Florida Bar International Law Section, the Ordine degli Avvocati di Milano, and the Ordine degli Avvocati di Bergamo each agree to keep the others informed of relevant developments in legal and court systems pertaining to the practice of the legal profession, including but not limited to new provisions coming into force in their respective jurisdictions.
- 1.3 The Florida Bar International Law Section, the Ordine degli Avvocati di Milano, and the Ordine degli Avvocati di Bergamo each agree to exchange information on trends, systems, and developments in provisions for entry into the profession and for initial and continuous training for the profession.

Article 2. COURSES ON THEORY AND PRACTICE AND RECIPROCAL PROMOTION

- 2.1 The Florida Bar International Law Section, the Ordine degli Avvocati di Milano, and the Ordine degli Avvocati di Bergamo each agree to share information relating to courses on theory and practice that they may sponsor, provide or otherwise make available to their members and agree, to the extent practicable, to open those courses on theory and practice to members of the other Institutions on similar conditions and terms as those offered to their own members or other members of the Bar in the relevant jurisdictions.
- 2.2 The Florida Bar International Law Section, the Ordine degli Avvocati di Milano, and the Ordine degli Avvocati di Bergamo each agree, to the extent practicable, to promote each other's courses on theory and practice and other programming through their websites, publications, and social media channels to bring them to the attention of their members.
- 2.3 The Florida Bar International Law Section, the Ordine degli Avvocati di Milano, and the Ordine degli Avvocati di Bergamo each agree, to the extent practicable, to invite

members of the other Institutions as presenters or speakers at events and programming on topics related to the law and legal developments in the relevant jurisdictions.

- 2.4 The Florida Bar International Law Section, the Ordine degli Avvocati di Milano, and the Ordine degli Avvocati di Bergamo each agree, to the extent practicable, to open sponsored events, seminars, and courses on theory and practice to law students and other aspiring lawyers, and also members of academic institutions, on similar conditions and terms as those offered to their own members or other members of the Bar in the relevant jurisdictions.
- 2.5 The Florida Bar International Law Section, the Ordine degli Avvocati di Milano, and the Ordine degli Avvocati di Bergamo each agree, to the extent practicable, to support the involvement of law students and other aspiring lawyers in activities, projects, and events promoted or organized by the Institutions, and to encourage the exchange of ideas, knowledge, and skills among law students and other aspiring lawyers to foster the development of experienced and versatile professionals.

Article 3. AMENDMENT OF THE AGREEMENT

- 3.1 This Agreement may be amended by joint written agreement between the parties hereto by means of an appendix. Any request involving such amendment put forward by one of the Institutions shall be submitted in writing at least six months in advance to the other for consideration.

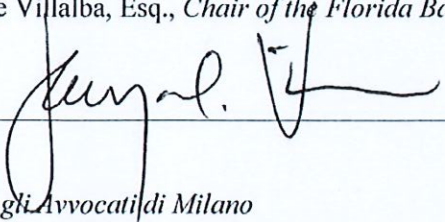
Article 4. EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AGREEMENT

- 4.1 This Agreement is drawn up in the English language and will be translated into Italian for execution by the Ordine degli Avvocati di Milano and Ordine degli Avvocati di Bergamo, the two versions having equal validity and dignity.
- 4.2 This Agreement shall become effective upon ratification by the Institutions that are parties hereto through their respective authorized persons or bodies.

SIGNED AND ENTERED INTO ON THIS 28TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2022, BY:

The Florida Bar International Law Section

Jacqueline Villalba, Esq., *Chair of the Florida Bar International Law Section*



Ordine degli Avvocati di Milano

Avv. Cinzia Calabrese, *Delegate of Consiglio dell'Ordine degli Avvocati di Milano*



Ordine degli Avvocati di Bergamo

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