

Curriculum Vitae
PERSONAL INFORMATION

Last name: **SMIRNE**, First name: **Paolo-Maria**

Born 5th July 1980

• **EDUCATION**

- 1) 21st October 2025: **PhD** at Turin's University.
Name of Phd program: "Diritto, Persona e Mercato" ("Law, Person and Market").
PhD field: Corporate Law.
Subject of the dissertation:
"Shareholders' rights in innovative startups in the form of Ltds".
- 2) Date 01/02/2015 **II° level University Master**
Pegaso University (Italy)- Fordham University (New York, USA)
Grade: **30/30 with honours**
Name of Master: *The market for rules: Italy and Anglo-saxon Countries*
Topics: company law and real estate law.
- 3) Date 12/07/2002 **Master Degree in Law**
Law Faculty, University of Turin (Italy)
Grade: **110/110 with honours and with "dignità di stampa"** (i.e. recognized "worthy of being published")
Title of Master Degree Dissertation: "Concentration control and joint ventures in Antitrust law"
Supervisor of Master Degree Thesis: Prof Avv Marco Ricolfi
Subject: Industrial Law

• **OTHER TRAINING**

- 1) Date: August 2017: Oxford University – Oriel College
Name of Courses: 1. European Corporate Law
2. International Taxation
Grades: **A (maximum grade)** for both exams
- 2) Date: July 2010: London School of Economics
Name of course: Introduction to corporate law
Grade: **A (maximum grade)**
- 3) 2002/2008: Specialization Schools in notarial studies (Naples, Rome and Turin), the subjects were: Business Law, Civil Law, inheritance law and voluntary jurisdiction.

4) July 1998: “Maturità classica” (A-levels in classical studies: Latin and ancient Greek)
Grade: **60/60**

5) 8 years of French School: **bilingual in French**

NB: I passed from “Prima Elementare” (first year of primary school) directly into “Terza Elementare” (third year of primary school); the exams were two: one for the Italian State, one for the French one.

- **CURRENT POSITION(S)**

Affiliate Professor of Business Law, Ecole Supérieure de Commerce de Paris (Foreign University recognized in Italy; French “Haute Ecole”):

“Master in International Management” (ranking 6th in the world, according to Financial Times 2020):

1. Catch-up of company law (2016-2020)
2. First year of Master PMY (since 2016)

Lecturer of Business Law and Startup Law:

1. Polytechnics of Turin (since 2019)
2. Department of legal sciences, University of Turin: Innovative Startups (since 2022)
3. Management Department – Piccatti School: Lectures of Business Law (capital decreases)

Since 28/06/2011: **Notary** in Turin

2011-2020: Arbiter, Chamber of Commerce of Torino: civil law and company law

- **PREVIOUS RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS**

- 1) 2021/2022 Management Department, University of Turin “International contracts and corporate law”

- 2) Adjunct Professor of Business Law:

Department of Social, Statistical and Mathematical Sciences, University of Turin “Advanced Commercial Law” (2018-2021), currently frozen because of the PhD commitment.

Supervisor of thesis in both Bachelor and Master Degrees.

- 3) Department of Social, Statistical and Mathematical Sciences, University of Turin (2018-2021): Cross-border mergers and Takeovers (“fusioni transfrontaliere e OPA”).
- 4) 2015-2021: Medical School: topic: “business associations between Dentists”.
- 5) *Post lauream* Specialization School in Juridical Subjects “Bruno Caccia”, Turin:

leasing, rent to buy and “forfeiture agreements” (2013-2021). Supervisor of thesis.

- 6) 2018-9: Lectures of Startups at School of Entrepreneurship and Innovation, Torino.
- 7) 2012-2017: Adjunct Professor Business Law at Management Department.
- 8) 2009-2013: Lectures in Business Law, Management Department.

- 9) 2018: Lecture at Juridical Sciences Department: startup law (Prof Desana).
- 10) 2017: Lecture at Juridical Sciences Department: International Deontology (Prof Ronco).
- 11) 2013-2015: 10 yearly hours of lectures in the MBT campus, Business Law (Prof Buchi).
- 12) 2016: ESCP, Bachelor Degree in Management, Professor of European Contract and Corporate Business Law.
- 13) 2016: ESCP, Master Degree, Advanced Business Law Professor.
- 14) 2015-2016: Accountant School of Cuneo: capital decreases in Company's law.
- 15) 2010-2017: Lectures about civil and corporate law at Notarial School of Turin.
- 16) Occasional lectures at Scandicci National School for Judges in Family Law.
- 17) Occasional conferences for Judges permanent training in Turin.
- 18) 3 years of lectures in fiscal law at the Piccatti School for Accountants in Turin, in cooperation with the Management Department of the University of Turin.

- **PARTICIPATION TO RESEARCH GROUPS**

- 1) 2023: **Study Group on Company Law**, Inter-regional notarial committee of Piemonte and Aosta Valley.
- 2) 2020-2022: Management Department, Turin: **Component of the Research Group 2020** "Aggregation between enterprises: aspects of civil, criminal, bankruptcy and accounting law".
- 3) 2014-2019: **Study Group for transnational aspects, focus: company law**. National Council of Notaries (2014-2019).
- 4) 2020/2021: Data collection on ESGC-related aspects, under the supervision of Prof. S. Scagnelli, Edith Cowan University, Perth, Australia.
2017/2018: Data collection on innovative startups, under the supervision of Prof. S. Scagnelli, Department of Management, University of Turin.

MEMBER OF SCIENTIFIC ORGANIZATIONS

- 1) 2025-present: Academic Member of the **European Corporate Governance Institute**, Brussels.
- 2) 2025-present: Fellow at the **EuroMed Business Academy**.
- 3) 2025-present: **Institute for Corporate Governance**, Paris: member of the Scientific Board.
- 4) 2025-present: 2025–present: Member of the **Interdepartmental Research Center on Business, Over-indebtedness and Insolvency at the University of Turin**.

PARTICIPATION TO FORDHAM LAW EUROPEAN ALUMNI CHAPTER:

1. 2024, with Università Cattolica, Milan, *Legal Considerations Governing the Use of AI in the Arts and Media*.
2. 2019, with Università Suor Ursula Benincasa, Naples, *Disruptive Technologies and the Rule of Law: Blockchain, Robotics and Artificial Intelligence*.
3. 2016, with Università Bocconi, Milan, *Comparative Approaches to Entrepreneurship*.

- **MEMBER OF SCIENTIFIC JOURNALS**

- 1) Il Nuovo Diritto delle Società “**New Company Law Journal**” (since 2020) A-listed Journal
- 2) Giurisprudenza Arbitrale “**Arbitral Jurisprudence**” A listed Journal

REVIEWS FOR JOURNALS:

- 1) 2022: double-blind review for the *Journal of Law, Market and Innovation*; name of the article: “*Big Tech*” *Responsible Business Conduct – Transparency and due diligence obligations for online platforms and safer space for online users’ fundamental rights, now and in the Metaverse.*

• AWARDS AND PRIZES

2003 **Club Optime Award (Turin)** for best University students
2003 **University Senate Award (Turin)** for best thesis of the Law Faculty of Turin,
 with medal of honour

Notarial state exam (2009)

Lawyer bar (2006): 2nd best grades of the session in the written part

• PRESENTATION OF PAPERS, POSTER, GIVEN SPEECHES AT CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

October – November 2025: Corporate Governance Lectures, ESCP – ICG, Paris

September 2025: 18th **Annual EMRBI Conference**, Porto (Portugal): *Exploring New Horizons in Business and Management*, paper presentation;

September 2024: 17th **Annual EMRBI Conference**, Pisa (Italy): *Global Business Transformation in a Turbulent Era*, abstract presentation;

August 2015: **Fordham University of New York, Law School**, presented findings of my research to visiting PhDs and Visiting Professors as well as Vice Dean and Company law Professor.

Title of lecture: *Company law and the golden compass: a comparison between US and EU discipline*

• LANGUAGE SKILLS

Native speaker: (Languages) **Italian and French**

Other language(s): **English** C2 (fluent)

German: A2 (basic level)

A) ENGLISH

Cambridge University: Proficiency, grade A.

TOEFL Exam

B) FRENCH:

Ministère de l’Instruction: **D.E.L.F.** Exam, grade: **maximum**

8 years of School (untill “4th grade”)

C) **GERMAN:**

Goethe Institut: **Zertifikat Deutsch als Fremdsprache**: grade: **maximum**.

• **PAST EXPERIENCES IN STUDY GROUPS**

- 1) 2015-2017: Member of the Joint Commission for Common-law/civil-law relationships between Law Societies and Notarial Societies (Italian Notariat Delegate);
- 2) 2015-2019; 2019-2021: External Member of the CNUE Commission regarding the reports on the juridical professions made by the Council of Europe;
- 3) 2004-2007: Member of International Relations Group of the National Council of Notaries.

• **SOFT SKILLS**

I manage a team of 10 people as well as tens of students every year.

In my work, I focus on Business and Civil Law, making use of my language skills and dealing often with foreign environments, professionals and academics.

MONOGRAPH

- P. M. SMIRNE, *Self and etero financing of innovative startups in the form of Italian Lts. Which impact on shareholders' rights?*, 2025

PAPERS OR BOOK CHAPTERS

- P. M. SMIRNE, *To be or not to be (present): that is the question. How technology impacts shareholders' meetings in a Plc*, in *Global Jurist*, 2025;
- P. M. SMIRNE, *Innovative startups and standard model articles*, in *NDS*, 9/2025;
- P. M. SMIRNE, *The online private limited company incorporated remotely: the Italian path toward European corporate digitalisation*, in *Diritto ed Economia dell'impresa*, 2025;
- P. M. SMIRNE, *The co-ownership of a trademark: the difficult coexistence between co-owners of a licensed trademark*, in *Riv. Dir. Industriale*, n. 4/5 2025;
- P. M. SMIRNE, *Startups, competition, and reconstructive surgery*, in *NDS*, 7/2025;
- P. M. SMIRNE, *Exploring New Horizons in Corporate Management: Remote Meetings as a Tool for Enhancing Efficiency*, 2025 (accepted to EMRBI 18th Conference);
- P.M. SMIRNE, *Electronic Documents and Digital Acts in Presence in Capital Companies*, in *Dir. Commerc. Digitale*, 2025;
- P.M. SMIRNE, *The transformation of professional associations into professional private limited liability companies*, in *Diritto ed Economia dell'impresa*, 2025;
- P.M. SMIRNE, *The Interaction between Partner Exclusion and Withdrawal in Partnerships*, in *Giur. It.*, 2025;
- P.M. SMIRNE, *The digitalisation of the incorporation process of the private limited company*, in *The law of innovation and SMEs*, coordinated by Oreste Cagnasso and Angelo Mambriani, Zanichelli, 2025;
- P.M. SMIRNE, *Coverage of losses exceeding the share capital in the private limited company: between lawfulness and minority abuse*, in *Giur. Comm.*, 2024;
- P.M. SMIRNE, *Remote collegial meetings: the "Capital Decree" as a springboard or a dead end?*, in *Giur. It.*, 2024;

- P.M. SMIRNE, *Apocryphal Nature of a Filing Document and Powers of the Registrar of the Companies Register*, in *Giur. It.*, 2024;
- P.M. SMIRNE, *Corporate governance and remotely held general shareholders' meetings*, in *Studies in honour of Paolo Montalenti*, directed by Mia Callegari, Stefano Cerrato and Eva Desana, Turin, 2022;
- P.M. SMIRNE, *General shareholders' meetings via telecommunication before and after COVID-19*, in *Orizzonti del Diritto Commerciale*, 2022;
- P.M. SMIRNE, *Reflections on the legal nature of the shareholding in the Italian Private Limited Company (S.r.l.): the shareholding as a possible asset for a family trust*, in *Diritto ed Economia dell'impresa*, 2021, 704 ff; (long version);
- P.M. SMIRNE, *Amendments to the articles of association in innovative startups*, in *Innovative startup code*, directed by Oreste Cagnasso ed Angelo Mambriani, Zanichelli, 2020;
- P.M. SMIRNE, *Reflections on the legal nature of the shareholding in the Italian Private Limited Company (S.r.l.): the shareholding as a possible asset for a family trust*, (short version), in *The Limited Liability Company: a transtypical model tested by the crisis and insolvency Code. Studies in honour of Oreste Cagnasso*, coordinated by M. Irrera, Turin, 2020;
- P.M. SMIRNE, *Consequences of bankruptcy for the insolvent debtor*, in *Trattario Cendon*, Volume over Bankruptcy, Milan, 2016;
- P.M. SMIRNE, *Commentary on Art. 2480 of the Italian Civil Code (deed's modifications in Private Limited Companies)*, published in the *Code of Private Limited Companies*, coordinated by O. CAGNASSO – A. MAMBRIANI, Dike Publisher, 2015;
- E. GERMANO CORTESE, P.M. SMIRNE, *Revision and elaboration of the Deeds' formulas concerning partnerships*, in *Taxation and Companies*, on-line formulary by IPSOA, Business law formulas, 2011; (revision and creation of formulas concerning partnerships);
- P.M. SMIRNE, *Exclusion of the general partner of a limited partnership*, in *Le Società*, 2011, 281 ff;
- P.M. SMIRNE, *Comment on the order of the Court of Naples of March 1st 2010*, in *Giur. Comm.*, 2011, no. 5, II, 1233 ff;
- P.M. SMIRNE, *From joint - ownership of firm assets to partnership*, (in English), in *Il Nuovo Diritto delle Società*, 2011, no. 2, 39 ff;
- P.M. SMIRNE, *Comment on the decision of Court of Cassation 11569/2009*, in *Giur. Comm.*, 2010, no. 5, II, 818 ff;
- P.M. SMIRNE, *Comment on the decision of Court of Cassation 29653/2008*, in *Giur. Comm.*, 2010, no. 4, II, 637 ff;
- P.M. SMIRNE, *The transition from joint running of a business to the form of a proper company or partnership*, in *Le Società*, 2010, 1483 ff;
- P.M. SMIRNE, *Comment on the orders of the Court of Rome of 22nd September 2005 and 16th December 2005*, in *Giur. It.*, 2006, pages 987-990;
- P.M. SMIRNE, *Notarial legality control over companies: a first assessment after the reforms*, in *Vita Notarile*, 2004, pages 1794-1816;
- P.M. SMIRNE, *Antitrust and Joint Ventures: the point on the Italian experience and the European Union model*, in *Giur. It.*, 2003, pages 1298-1304.

Abstracts:

- R. DEMARIA – P.M. SMIRNE, *The impact of entrepreneurial Universities on fostering entrepreneurial activities: the case of the University of Turin*, (Abstract) in *Book of proceedings. Global Business Transformation in a Turbulent Era: 17th Annual Conference of the EuroMed Academy of Business*, edited by Euromed Research Business Institute, October 2024, ISSN: 2547-8516; ISBN: 978-9925-628-01-8 (Pisa, 11th-13th September 2024).

Other works:

As an expert delegated by the Italian Notariat, I took part in the drafting of:

- the Italian country sheets (together with a Professor from the University of Florence and another expert) for the report commissioned by the European Commission on the real estate market (coordinated by the University of Bremen – ZERP), *Consumer market study on the functioning of the real estate services for consumers in the European Union*, 2018;
- the reports submitted to the CEPEJ (European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice – Council of Europe) on the notarial profession in Europe: reports for 2017 and 2019.

In 2019: expert consulted for data collection on the elaboration of the “*Doing Business Report*” for Italy of the World Bank.

As a member of the joint commission of the Notarial Council of Turin and the Association of Chartered Accountants and Accounting Experts of Turin, I contributed to the drafting of the local protocol for transfer deeds in *insolvency* proceedings.

I have been a speaker at numerous scientific conferences on legal topics.

Turin, 1st December 2025.

Paolo-Maria Smirne