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Laura heads our Milan office and co-heads our European Life Sciences sector team.

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## BACKGROUND

Laura graduated with honours from the University of Pavia and the Rijksuniversiteit Groningen and holds a doctorate in Contentious Law from the University of Bologna.

She is admitted to the Italian Supreme Court (Corte di Cassazione).

## KEY SERVICES

[Intellectual Property](#)  
[Patents](#)

## KEY SECTORS

[Pharmaceuticals and Healthcare](#)  
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## EXPERIENCE

Specialising in contentious and non-contentious intellectual property, Laura has a focus on patent and regulatory law in the life sciences sector. She has acted in some of the highest profile multi-jurisdictional patent cases, including in the context of the SPC Regulation, and has assisted major pharmaceutical companies in connection with patent expiry of top selling drugs. She also advises on a range of regulatory issues including product life cycle management, routes for obtaining marketing authorisations, data exclusivity provisions, supplementary protection certificates, orphan designations, good manufacturing practice compliance certificates, pricing and reimbursement.

In addition to life sciences, Laura has experience in a broad cross-section of industries, notably food, chemicals, consumer products, TMT and electronics, fashion and industrial design.

She is the Executive Secretary of the Life Sciences Committee at the American Chamber of Commerce in Italy.

Laura's experience includes:

- assisting Gilead on the Europe-wide dispute concerning the SPC for the HIV drug Truvada including the implementation of the CJEU decision on combination SPCs
- assisting Eli Lilly on a number of patent and regulatory matters, including most recently advising in relation to a blockbuster migraine drug
- assisting leading Italian vaccine-developer AchilleS Vaccines on IP and regulatory aspects relating to a new platform for streamlining the research and development of new vaccines and a research project for the development of human monoclonal antibodies against COVID-19
- assisting the US Government, Millennium (Takeda) and Janssen (Johnson&Johnson) in a patent validity and infringement lawsuit at the Court of Milan against a German manufacturer in relation to a leading anti-cancer pharmaceutical product
- assisting JC Bamford Excavators Limited on a multi-jurisdictional patent validity and infringement case concerning telescopic handlers
- advising Lundbeck on a variety of patent and regulatory law matters in relation to medicinal products for the central nervous system

## **ACCOLADES**

"Life Sciences Lawyer of the Year (Pharmaceuticals)" at the Italian TopLegal Industry Awards 2021

"IP Lawyer of the Year (medical devices)" at the LMG European Life Sciences Awards 2020

"Life Sciences Lawyer of the Year" at the Italian IP LegalCommunity Awards 2020

"Life Sciences Lawyer of the Year (Biomedical)" at the Italian TopLegal Industry Awards 2020

Ranked as one of Italy's 50 top lawyers in LegalCommunity's Lawyers of the Year 2020, 2019, 2018

"IP Lawyer of the Year" at the Italian IP LegalCommunity Awards 2019

"Food Lawyer of the Year" at the Italian TopLegal Industry Awards 2019

"IP Star" in Patent litigation and Patent Strategy & Counselling (Managing Intellectual Property - IP Stars)

Recognised as one of the 300 World's Leading IP Strategists by IAM Strategy 300 (2021, 2019)

Winner of the ILO International Client Choice Awards (Intellectual Property: Patents) 2018

"Life Sciences Lawyer of the Year" at the Italian IP LegalCommunity Awards 2018

"Life Sciences Lawyer of the Year (Biomedical)" at the Italian TopLegal Industry Awards 2018

Winner of the ILO International Client Choice Awards (Healthcare & Life Sciences) 2015

Ranked in Chambers & Partners for Intellectual Property and Life Sciences

Ranked in Legal500 as a Leading Individual in Healthcare and Life Sciences

Recommended as a leading IP lawyer by international and Italian directories including MIP's Expert Guide to the World's Leading Patent Law Practitioners, IAM Patent 1000, WTR 1000, Who's Who Legal

*"She has knowledge of IP, but also of the related regulatory issues, and is capable of handling the most complex litigation"* (Chambers, 2021)

*"Outstanding litigator" - "She is extremely knowledgeable, understands the technical issues and defends the rights of clients to the end - Laura is one of the best lawyers to assign a life sciences lawsuit to."* (IAM Patent 1000, 2021)

*"Among the best IP lawyers in Italy" - "Laura is super pragmatic and business oriented. She has outstanding technical knowledge and can be relied upon to provide the best legal solutions."* (WTR 1000 2019)

*"Laura has an encyclopaedic knowledge of the healthcare sector in Italy from a regulatory, as well as a pure IP, angle. Immensely responsive, she is always on hand to explain the Byzantine complexity of Italian law to outsiders. She is also great with clients and excels in cross-border instructions."* (IAM Patent 1000 2019)

*"Pragmatic and business oriented"* (Chambers Europe 2019)

*"Playing an important role in the IP sector in Italy"* (Chambers Europe 2017)

*"Intelligent," "proactive" and "an excellent professional."* (Chambers Europe 2016)

*"Formidable"* (MIP Handbook 2015)

*"A shrewd litigator of many years' standing"* (IAM Patent 1000 2015)