

CURRICULUM VITAE



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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2013 – present | Founder, Cerotto Franceschini Law Firm – Sports & Labor Law Firm

- Practicing in Sports Law and Labor Law.
- Representing sports stakeholders (players, clubs, coaches, agents) before international and national sports judicial/disciplinary bodies (FIGC, FIP, FIT, FIN) and International Arbitral Tribunals (FIVB, CAS).
- Drafting and negotiating transfer, employment, and image rights agreements.

2025 – present | Co-Founder, CILC, Law Firm, New York;

- Practicing in Sport Law, Antitrust and Intellectual Property
- comparative law analysis and counseling

2010 – 2012 | Young Lawyer, Rossi-Budelli Law Firm, Perugia, Italy

- Practicing in Labor Law and Sport Law.

2009 | Young Lawyer, Persiani-Proia Law Firm, Rome, Italy

- Practicing in Labor Law.

2004 – 2009 | Trainee Lawyer, Sirchi Law Firm, Perugia, Italy

- Practicing in Labor Law and Civil Law.

2007 | Admitted to the Bar of Perugia (PG) as Lawyer – Italy

POSITION HELD ATTESTING TO SPECIFIC EXPERTISE IN SPORTS LAW.

2025 – present | Member, Federal Tribunal, Italian Federation of Dance Sport and Musical Sports (FIDESM)

- [Source](#)

2025 – present | Sports Judge, Italian Athletics Federation (FIDAL)

- [Source](#)

2025 – present | Member, National Executive Board, Italian Sports Lawyers Association (AIAS)

2019 – 2025 | Coordinator, Italian Sports Lawyers Association (AIAS), Umbria, Italy

2024 – present | Member, Arbitration Panel, Italian Football Federation (FIGC)

- Appointed for the Collective Agreement between AIAC and LND. [Source](#)

2021 – 2024 | Member, Legal Tech & E-sport Commission, Italian Sports Lawyers Association (AIAS)

2021 – 2023 | President, National Sport Department, Italian Lawyer Association (Movimento Forense)

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

2025 – present | Lecturer, University of Macerata, Department of Law

- Course: “The professional role of the sporting director in clubs,” specializing in international legal regulation (FIFA / CAS).

2024 – 2025 | Lecturer on Sports Law, University of Bologna

- Course: Advanced training in Football team administration.

2023 – 2025 | Lecturer on Sports Law, University of Udine

- Course: Master Program on Sports Law and Management.

2020 – 2025 | Member of Scientific Committee, Law University of Perugia, Italy

- Course: “Advanced training course in Law, Management and Sport Communication.”

EDUCATION

2025 | International Football Law Summer Campus, University of Miami – FIFA

2019 | Executive Programme in Sports Law and Justice, Rome, Consiglio Nazionale Forense

2018 | Executive Master in Sport Management 4.0, Milan, Sole 24 ore Business School

2007 – 2009 | Post-graduate Specialization in Labor Law, University of Macerata, Italy

2004 | Law Degree (Laurea Magistrale in Giurisprudenza), University of Perugia, Italy

PUBLICATIONS

2025 | Book Chapter (Pending)

- Chapter V – “Sports Employment Contracts: Types, Procedures, and Obligations,” in *Sports Employment: Reforms, Current Issues, and New Dynamics.* (Sport Law Policy Center)

2025 | Journal Article

- Essay entitled “Public Order and Freedom of the Press as Limits to the Domestic Recognition of Judgments Issued by the Court of Another European Union Member State,” *Journal of Sports Law and Economics (Reds)*. (Sport Law Policy Center)

2024 | Book Chapter

- Contributions on *Il Contratto Co.Co.Co. Sportivo* and *The Unrecognized Associations model in Amateur Sport*, in *The Italian Sport Reform.* (University of Siena)

2023 | Journal Article

- Title Article: “E-Mail Spoofing: Football Clubs Targeted by Computer Fraudsters,” *Rivista Di Diritto Ed Economia Dello Sport (Reds)*.

2021 | Journal Article

- Title Article: “Sports worker or sports collaborator Current problems and prospects for change,” *Sole 24 ore, rivista Norme e Tributi plus*.

MAIN CONFERENCES AND LECTURES (SELECTED, REVERSE-CHRONOLOGICAL)

- **Bar Association of Prato**
Continuing Legal Education (CLE) course: “*The Reform of Sports Employment: Updates on the Management of Employment Relationships*” — 14 April 2025.
- **University of Perugia, Department of Law (Perugia)**
Seminar series: “*New Frontiers of Sport: Legal and Social Profiles*” — February–September 2025.
- **Bar Association of Macerata**
CLE course: “*Sports Law Seminars 2024: Sports Contracting – Practical Case Studies*” — 12 March 2025.
- **CONI Marche, Regional School (Ancona)**
Seminar: “*The Reform of Sports Employment: Operational Implications*” — 26 September 2023.
- **Bar Association of Macerata**
Lecture, “*Seminar on Sports Law 2023–2024*” — 1 December 2023.

- **University of Perugia, Department of Law (Perugia)**
Seminar: “*Sport in Law: From Sports Reporting to Judicial Reporting*” — 14 September 2023.
- **Bar Association of Spoleto–Foligno**
Lecture, “*The New Frontiers of Sports Justice*” — 30 June 2023.
- **CONI Toscana, Regional School (Livorno)**
Lecture, “*Social Responsibility and Sport: Rights, Rules and Responsibilities in the Era of Sports Reform*” — 27 April 2023.
- **University of Udine, Department of Economics**
Lecture, “*Development Trends of the Esports Phenomenon: Emerging Professions in the Gaming Generation*” — 8 February 2023.
- **University of Bologna, Department of Business Development (Bologna)**
Lecture, “*Artificial Intelligence and New Technologies in Sport Management and Marketing*” — 13 December 2023.
- **University of Perugia, Department of Law (Perugia)**
Lecture, Advanced Training Programme in *Law, Management and Communication of Sport* — 12 June 2023.
- **Italian Football Lega Pro (Florence)**
Seminar for professional football clubs: “*Esports and New Opportunities*” — 10 June 2022.
- **University of Perugia, Department of Law (Perugia)**
Lecture, “*New Professions in the Sports Sector: Multidisciplinarity and Specialisation*” — 12 March 2021.
- **University Niccolò Cusano & Bar Association of Milan (Courmayeur)**
Lecture, “*Reflections on Sports Law*” — 3 June 2022.
- **Italian Football Coaches Association, “The Coach Experience” (Rimini)**
Seminar: “*The Role of the Coach in Esports*” — 26 May 2022.
- **University of Messina, Department of Law (Messina)**
Lecture, “*Laboratory of Football Law*” — 27 May 2021.
- **Municipality of Perugia**
Lecture: “*Disability and Sport: Legal and Social Aspects*” — 11 July 2019

Language Skills

- **Italian:** Mother tongue
- **English:** Fluent
- **Spanish:** Intermediate
- **French:** Basic

Other Skills

- International expert in questioned document examination.

Perugia, 27 March 2026

Avv. Francesco Cerotto

