# Lecturers



# Saleh Alobeidli

Saleh is the managing partner of "Saleh Alobeidli Advocates & Legal Consultants" the first sports law firm in the Middle East. He is a UAE national with an LLM degree in International Commercial Law from Deakin University, Australia. He has another LLM in International Sports Law at ISDE, Madrid. Previously Saleh had the experience of working with the biggest two law firms in the region where he has gained his international experience. He is an advocate licensed to appear before all courts of the UAE including the High Court and before all sports dispute resolution bodies. He has experience in handling disputes in the areas of football and Horse Racing; he is representing National Sporting Bodies, Clubs and

athletes. He provided assistance in drafting the Technical Regulations of the UAE Football Association and other sports laws in the country. Saleh has written several research papers and articles in relation to sports law. Recently, he has contributed the chapter about the sports Justice in the UAE as one of the author of the book International & Comparative Sports Justice published by the Sports Law & Policy Centre, Rome.



#### **Ornella Desiree Bellia**

Attorney-at-Law, LL.M. International Sports Law Legal Affairs Manager at the Association of European Professional Football Leagues (EPFL).

Ornella is a lawyer specialized in Sports Law, having worked in the football industry as in-house lawyer for a football club in the Italian top division as well as in some of the most renowned law firms worldwide and sports institutions.

Switzerland. She speaks Italian, English, Spanish and Portuguese.

Ornella is visiting lecturer at Sports Law Masters in Italy and Spain, she is author of several publications in sports law reviews as well as co-author of the book "Direito do Trabalho e Desporto Vol. II" (published in Brazil) and "The FIFA Régulations on Working with Intermediaries. Implementation at National Level". She has been guest speaker at conferences and seminars in Europe and the US.

She is currently Legal Affairs Manager at the EPFL, an association of 32 leagues, including the "top 5" leagues, i.e. the English Premier League, the Spanish LaLiga, the Italian Serie A, the German Bundesliga and the French Ligue1. As Legal Affairs Manager, she is in charge of all legal issues involving the common interests of the European leagues at international level.

# Marc Cavaliero



Marc has been working within the Legal Affairs Division of FIFA for the past 7 years and a half.

Marc is Head of Disciplinary & Regulatory focusing on all disciplinary-related aspects, regulatory and compliance issues as well as disciplinary and appeal proceedings. Marc is in charge of the defense of the decisions of FIFA judicial bodies (Disciplinary and Appeal Committee) challenged before CAS.

Marc became Head of Disciplinary & Governance, in charge of all disciplinary and ethics proceedings in April

2011. As such, Marc led, supervised and provided all the legal and administrative support to the three FIFA judicial bodies (in relation to investigations into breaches of all FIFA Regulations, compliance issues, Good Governance, elaboration of regulations), in particular in the fields of enforcement of FIFA decisions, TMS- and international transfer-related infringements, doping, match manipulation, international transfer of minor players, issues related to matches and competitions and TPO. Marc is in charge of the coordination of the regular guidance and advice provided to Member associations, confederations, clubs and other stakeholders. Marc is in charge of the defense of all decisions of FIFA judicial bodies challenged before CAS.

Prior to 2011, Marc was a member of the Players' Status and Governance Department, where he became Senior Group Leader in July 2010. A such, he obtained extensive knowledge in contractual dispute resolution by supervising the submission of all employment-related disputes, disputes related to solidarity contribution and training compensation to the Dispute Resolution Chamber.

Marc has a Master Degree (LL.M) in Sports Law - ISDE (Instituto Superior de Derecho y Economia) obtained in 2008 and was admitted to the Swiss Bar in December 2006.



# Salvatore Civale

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# Michele Colucci

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# Juan De Dios Crespo

Sports Lawyer, Director of Ruiz-Huerta & Crespo Sports Lawyers in Valencia (Spain). He is professor and codirector of the Master on Sports Law of the Law Faculty of the University of Valencia., as well as partner and head of the Sports Law Department of the law firm Ruiz Huerta & Crespo. He is arbitrator of the Valencia Chamber of Commerce as well as in proceedings at the ICC of Paris. He is the president of the Sports Law Section of the Valencia Bar, speaker in seminars and masters of sport law. He is professor of International Contracts.



# Lucas Ferrer

He joined the Mercantile and Sports Department of Pintó Ruiz & Del Valle in 2004, where he worked for three years advising national and foreign companies and sports clubs, players and institutions. He began a new stage in his career in 2007 as Legal Counsel with the Tribunal Arbitral du Sport - Court of Arbitration for Sport (TAS-CAS), based in Lausanne (Switzerland), where he stayed until 2011. During this time, he played an active part in over 400 sports arbitrations as advisor to the Court, drafting arbitration orders and rulings in all areas of sport (football, doping, swimming, tennis, etc.). In 2010, he took part as

Counsel of the Ad Hoc Division of the TAS-CAS in Vancouver during the Winter Olympics held there. He returned to Pintó Ruiz del Valle in September 2011 as Partner and Head of the Sports Law Department, where he currently advises a number of operators in the sports market (clubs, players, leagues, associations, etc.) in contractual and statutory matters and where he acts in lawsuits and arbitrations with FIFA, TAS-CAS and other international and national institutions relating to sports or commercial sports matters. In 2012 he was appointed as arbitrator of the Spanish Sports Arbitration Court (TEAD) and in 2015 he was appointed as member of the Arbitration Panel for the 35th Edition of the America's Cup of sailing.



# Mario Gallavotti

Mario Gallavotti specialises in Media and Sport law and within the Sport Law he matured a large professional experience practising before all the Sport Courts and Arbitration Panels, both domestic and international, mainly dealing with professional football. He served as Director of an Italian professional club of Serie A and he also served as a member part of the Chamber of Arbitration of

Italian Football League, and represented the Italian Professional League in several technical panels, both domestic and international. In 2001 he was part of the FIFA/UEFA task force who negotiated and drafted with European Commission the FIFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players and since then he has been a member of theFIFA Dispute Resolution Chamber as Club's representative. Former member of FIFA Legal Committee, and former member of the Club Licensing panel of UEFA and of UEFA Legal Committee,

since 2011 he is a member of the Appeal Body of UEFA. Mr. Gallavotti is Legal Counsel to the Italian Football Association (FIGC) and he regularly advises other national associations, as well as national and international Leagues and professional clubs.



# **Dennis Koolard**

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Legal Manager of the European Club Association (ECA) where he is the contact person for all ECA members clubs who seek legal advice on legal issues relating to FIFA, CAS and UEFA jurisprudence and procedural rules. Besides he is responsible for the ECA Mediation and the ECA Legal Advisory Panel. He is a speaker at seminars and has published several articles.



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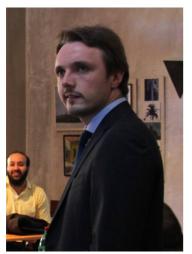
Paolo Lombardi is Managing Director and founder of Lombardi Associates, a UK-based football advisory business as well as a consultant for London-based leading boutique sports law firm Couchmans LLP. Paolo offers advice on international football regulations to football stakeholders worldwide including clubs, players, intermediaries, associations, leagues, regulators and investors. Paolo previously worked for FIFA from 2002 to 2010, gaining significant experience in disputes arising from transfers of players and serving as Deputy Head of the FIFA Players' Status

department. Paolo then became Head of FIFA Disciplinary and Governance, holding responsibility for disciplinary, doping, football governance and ethics-related issues. He was actively involved in drafting FIFA regulations including the Statutes, the Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players, the Players' Agents Regulations, the Disciplinary Code, the Code of Ethics and the Anti-Doping Regulations, and sat in all FIFA Committee meetings relevant to his positions. Paolo has dealt with numerous high-profile international football disputes and disciplinary cases and regularly represents clients at FIFA, UEFA and the Court of Arbitration for Sport. Paolo is involved as a lecturer in a number of education and professional development programmes worldwide, and has contributed to various publications in his area of expertise.



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Qualified lawyer specialized in sports law registered by the Bar Association of Bari (Italy) as well as an European Lawyer registered by the SRA of England and Wales.

Among others, he has been working as Legal Advisor for the Qatar Football Association since 2005.



#### Carlo Romano

Carlo joined PwC as Partner in 2012. He is a tax lawyer with 20 years of experience qualified to the Supreme Court cases and Doctor in International and Comparative Tax Law (PhD cum laude University of Groningen). He is Member of the Rome Bar, former treasurer of IFA Italy - International Fiscal Association, board member of the International Tax Committee of the Business Consultants Association and of the Tax Lawyers' Association; he is the worldwide co-founder of the Young IFA network (YIN) and of the IBFD Alumni Association. He is author of various publications in International Tax Law and speaker at several post-graduate courses and conferences. His areas of specialization include domestic, European and international business taxation and transfer pricing. He has been involved in several national and international cases and has a broad experience in dealing with tax litigations and pre-litigation settlements. He writes for various Italian and international tax journals and he is author of various publications in International Tax Law. In addition, he regularly speaks at several national and international conferences. He has been professor of Tax Law in various Italian Universities and at the "Scuola Nazionale dell'Amministrazione" SNA where he was scientific director of the LLN in international law. He teaches in several courses for the officials of the Ministry of Economy and of the Revenue Agency as well as at LUISS and Bocconi Universities.



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Qualified lawyer in Italy and in Switzerland. After having worked for a leading sports law firm he founded LT Sports Law, an independent sports law boutique firm which represents international clients before national and international federations as well as CAS and provides a various range of services and consultancy in the sport world. He has also been General Director of Football Club Lugano dealing with licensing, management and daily "on the field" activities of the club. He is lecturer at various international sports law programs".



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Progetti Speciali and UEFA Football Law Programme. Expert of EACEA in the framework of the Erasmus + sport programme. He has recently obtained a grant in the UEFA grant research programme on this topic: "FOOTBALL FOR HUMAN RIGHTS: Embedding human rights promotion and protection through and within European football"



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