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Legal assistance for the Chemical, Cosmetic and Food Industry

Michela is a lawyer specialised in the assistance to the chemical, cosmetic and food industry.

She is Resident Counsel in Brussels for the Italian law firm Cintioli & Associati.

She is a member of the Brussels and Rome Bar.

She monitors and updates the Legal section of TKS Publisher journals (Agro FOOD Industry Hi Tech, Chemistry Today, H&PC Today and Pharma Horizon).

She has acquired an in depth knowledge of the legislation on chemicals, cosmetics and food, having worked as Senior Advisor in the Competition and EU regulatory Department of the British law firm Field Fisher where she has dealt with several files in the interest of the industry.

She has represented chemical companies, Member states and Authorities before the European Institutions.

She has been involved in the first case of data sharing arbitration in Italy and in a case of alleged abuse of dominant position on pesticides markets as well as in a litigation at national level on a patent on pesticides, all of which positively resolved.

She has worked on the first case successfully brought before the Board of Appeal of ECHA.

Michela has worked on case T-95/09R, one of the rare cases of interim relief proceeding with

a positive outcome for the Applicant, a company producing Napropopamide.

She has represented a Spanish company in a ruling for preliminary reference on important issues related to another active substance.

She has a considerable experience in litigation having pleaded at present 140 cases before the Court of Justice, the General Court and the Civil Service Tribunal of the European Union.

Michela has also a strong knowledge of the decision-making procedures in the institutions at National and European level, having been official in Italian ministries and, later, agent for the legal service of the Commission.

She publishes articles on International law journals and speaks in conferences. Namely she has lectured for the seminar organized by the Italian Council for Judiciary (Consiglio Superiore della Magistratura), in the framework of professional training of judges and prosecutors.

She has also given lectures at the University of Bologna, Labour Law Department, Master of second level.

She regularly pleads in French, English and Italian, her mother tongue.

Michela holds a degree in law from the University of Rome "La Sapienza" and a Master in Italian Administrative Law from the "Scuola Nazionale di Amministrazione".

