

CAROTENUTO STUDIO LEGALE (CSL) is an independent law firm that provides financial institutions and multinational companies with integrated regulatory and transactional legal assistance in the areas of banking and financial services, corporate/M&A, capital markets, and related litigation matters.

Being sensitive to the social function of the legal profession, CSL has been actively promoting the Italian Pro Bono Roundtable, an informal network of lawyers and non-profit associations supported by PILnet (The Global Network for Public Interest Law), which holds regular meetings in Milan and Rome throughout the year. In November 2015, CSL helped organizing the first European Pro Bono Forum ever held in Rome and, in May 2017, setting up Pro Bono Italia, the first association ever launched in Italy for the promotion of a pro bono culture.

Its founder, **Giovanni Carotenuto**, is admitted to plead before the Supreme Court of Cassation and has been practicing law for more than two decades first at global and independent firms in Italy and abroad and, from 2015, as owner of CSL. As Chairman of Pro Bono Italia, Giovanni helps organizing initiatives and projects aimed at having a meaningful impact locally and globally. During his career, Giovanni has *inter alia*:

- participated, in collaboration with UnLtd (a social entrepreneurship incubator), to the production of the Italy chapter of a study on social entrepreneurship for the G8 Social Impact Investment TaskForce, which has earned an Impact Award from TrustLaw (the Thomson Reuters Foundation's global pro bono legal program);
- coordinated the drafting of a report summarizing relevant Italian law provisions on the prevention and punishment of the crime of genocide, as part of a global project carried out by the Cyrus R. Vance Center for International Justice for the U.N. Office on the Prevention of Genocide and the Responsibility to Protect;
- assisted Public International Law & Policy Group (PILPG) (a Nobel Prize-nominated NGO that provides legal counseling to developing states locked in conflict) in the preparation of guidelines for the implementation of a new democratic constitution in Libya;
- participated to a cutting-edge research and policy project to promote microfinance in the European Union for the Association pour le droit à l'initiative économique (ADIE);
- assisted Endeavour Global in the setting up of Endeavour Italia, which promotes global long-term economic growth of high-impact entrepreneurs through mentoring and acceleration of their business activities; and
- assisted several Italian NGOs belonging to CILD, as well as local volunteers' centers belonging to CSVnet, on matters relating to corporate and commercial law.