

PRO BONO PRACTICE

Macchi di Cellere Gangemi is an European law firm established in 1986 and serving clients worldwide on matters of European, Italian, French, English and international law through its affiliated offices in London, Milan, Paris, Rome, Verona, Bologna and Modena. The firm has over 100 highly qualified lawyers providing legal advice and assistance to multinationals, major companies and public institutions. All lawyers at Macchi di Cellere Gangemi have a solid academic background and the necessary professional skills to face and solve the clients' complex legal issues with a practical interdisciplinary approach.

Macchi di Cellere Gangemi provides legal advice and assistance in a comprehensive array of areas of law, such as Antitrust & Competition, Banking & Financing, Corporate & Commercial, Intellectual Property, Labour & Employment, Litigation & Arbitration, Mergers & Acquisitions, Reorganisation & Restructuring, as well as Tax.

In addition to the above areas, our firm has developed a flourishing **Pro Bono practice**, whose focus is to provide free legal advice and assistance to those in need. Macchi di Cellere Gangemi therefore devotes part of its professional work and resources to such pro bono activities, in favour of non-profit organisations, social cooperatives and communities promoting the public good that are not always able to afford the direct costs for the required legal assistance. In particular, the professionals at Macchi di Cellere Gangemi are personally committed in investing their time and experience in cases where access to justice and legal protection may be impaired or out of reach, due to the actual circumstances of the person demanding them, be it a detainee, a foreigner, a mother or a child.

More generally, our firm supports the promotion of a pro bono culture, that is a culture where human rights are upheld and respected, and lawyers provide their free professional activity relying on their legal skills, according to their personal beliefs, on a non-discriminatory basis, under their personal judgment and responsibility, and in compliance with the applicable laws, regulations and bar rules governing the performance of legal advice. We believe, as business lawyers, that it is our professional duty and ethical responsibility to act also for the most vulnerable and disregarded individuals in our society. Our pro bono mission is to translate that duty and responsibility into facts and results, which may benefit not only the individual case, but have a positive resonance in our community as a whole.

To date, our Pro Bono work consisted of legal assistance and advice offered in specific cases to or through organisations such as, **Save the Children, Tide Global Learning, Antigone, DO&MA.**

SAVE THE CHILDREN is the world's largest independent organization that struggles to

improve the living conditions of children. Our most recent pro bono work in collaboration with the above organisation consisted of legal assistance and advice to a mother of four children who was experiencing a situation of extreme distress, due to her water, gas and other essential utilities being cut off.

TIDE GLOBAL LEARNING is a 'teachers' network' non-profit organisation promoting the idea that young people have an entitlement to learning through engaging with global perspectives, human rights, sustainability and international development. Most recently, Tide Global Learning, lead partner in a EU-funded project, was in dispute with a German institution after the termination of their partnership. We supported Tide's instance in out-of-court litigation, successfully confirming that Tide committed no wrong doing and had the right and obligation to terminate the partnership agreements in light of the German partner's inactivity and default.

ANTIGONE is an Italian NGO whose mission is the monitoring of the Italian criminal and penitentiary system, contrasting and denouncing non-compliant cases of prisoners' detention. In particular, we have provided Antigone with a legal opinion about the legitimate possibility for prisoners to obtain the renewal of their residence permit while detained.

DO&MA Associazione Donna e Madre Onlus, is an Italian non-profit association active since 1893 in providing needy women and children with housing, medical care and social services, including directly supporting and assisting women in connection with domestic violence problems or the like, such as motherhood and the defence of minors. Among the legal assistance provided to DO&MA in the past, we helped them in a case of misuse of DO&MA's image, photographs and name, in a dispute against a marketing firm and a pharmaceutical brand.

