



Minutes of the



Held in Milan on Wednesday, 17 February 2021,
at the offices of White & Case ("W&C")

1. Agenda:

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS
Giovanni Carotenuto, <i>Pro Bono Italia</i>
Giuseppe Barra Caracciolo, <i>White & Case</i>
Vinicio Nardo, <i>President of the Council of the Milan Bar</i>
PRESENTATIONS FROM NGOs NEW TO OUR NETWORK
Laura Abet – <i>Centro Antidiscriminazione Franco Bompreszi (Ledha)</i>
Sabrina Liberalato – <i>Associazione Genitori Disturbi Alimentari (A.Gen.DA)</i>
COORDOWN'S CAMPAIGN OF PROTEST AND MOBILIZATION AGAINST THE INTERMINISTERIAL DECREE NO. 182 OF 29 DECEMBER 2020
Martina Fuga, <i>CoorDown</i>
KNOW YOUR RIGHTS PROGRAM – 2021 EDITION
Elena Riva, <i>DLA Piper</i>
PRESENTATION OF PRO BONO ITALIA'S NEW WEBSITE. UPDATE ON PRO BONO ITALIA'S NEW VIRTUAL PLATFORM FOR HANDLING PRO BONO REQUESTS
Giovanni Carotenuto, <i>Pro Bono Italia</i>
Marco Ronchi, <i>Twig</i>

PRESENTATION OF GLOBAL REFUGEE FORUM PLEDGE
Jasmine Simperingham, <i>PILnet</i>
WEBINAR “DISCIPLINA E RECENTI NOVITÀ NORMATIVE IN MATERIA DI SOVRAINDEBITAMENTO” (ADDRESSED TO NON-PROFITS AND INDIVIDUALS IN NEED) - From 2 to 3 pm
Giuseppe Barra Caracciolo, Partner. Iacopo Canino, Partner. Andrea Novarese, Partner, <i>White & Case</i>

2. Attendees: 66 (see attached LoPs).

3. Introduction

G. Carotenuto, Co-founder and President of Pro Bono Italia (“PBI”), welcomed the 66 attendees to the first Italian Pro Bono Roundtable (“RT”) of 2021, held virtually.

G. Barra Caracciolo, Partner of the Milan office of White & Case, joined Giovanni in welcoming the participants and briefly described the firm’s history focusing on pro bono activities, both abroad and Italy projects.

V. Nardo, President of the Council of the Milan Bar, made his opening greetings, remarking the constantly increasing importance of the pro bono legal assistance and the social function of the legal profession.

4. NGOs’ and international organizations’ presentations

Centro Antidiscriminazione Franco Bompreszi - Ledha. Ms. Laura Abet, Director of the Centro Antidiscriminazione Franco Bompreszi (“Anti-Discrimination Center”), presented the NGO. Through the Anti-Discrimination Center, Ledha makes available to people with disabilities and their families a concrete tool for the legal defense of their rights. A possibility to fight and reduce the forms of discrimination that still make life difficult for many people. The Anti-Discrimination Center offers information and free advice to people with disabilities who are victims of discrimination, extrajudicial assistance to combat situations of discrimination based on disability, support for anti-discrimination law suits that may also directly involve Ledha, and carries out training and legal research activities as well as support to the legal initiatives of the associations (see the attached presentation).

Associazione Genitori Disturbi Alimentari (“A.Gen.DA”). Ms. Sabrina Liberalato presented the NGO. A.Gen.DA is an association created to support people who suffer from eating disorders, including and supporting parents, siblings and caregivers, who are considered a key element in the process of treatment and healing. Through an integrated approach that includes taking charge of the person, ad hoc psychological support and orientation to local services, A.Gen.DA proposes itself as a point of reference and information regarding all the possible declinations of eating disorders, maintaining a dual focus on both the person suffering from an eating disorder, in order to identify the most suitable course of action, and his or her family members, in order to provide them with useful tools and diminish their sense of loneliness and abandonment, thanks to the presence of a support network and the sharing of experiences with other parents and caregivers (see the attached presentation).

5. CoorDown’s campaign of protest and mobilization against the Interministerial Decree n.182 of 29 December 2020

M. Fuga spoke about CoorDown’s current campaign of protest and mobilization against the Interministerial Decree no. 182 of 29 December 2020, issued by the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Economy and Finance, which defined the adoption of the new model of IEP (Individualized Educational Plan) and establishes the procedures for the allocation of support measures for pupils with disabilities. A decree that is putting at serious risk the school inclusion, the flagship of the Italian school, which was the first in the world to close special schools and differential classes. Among the various initiatives promoted (as this online petition: <https://www.change.org/p/presidente-della-repubblica-no-all-esonero-dell-alunno-con-disabilit%C3%A0-da-alcune-discipline>), CoorDown is also taking into consideration the possibility of activating judicial initiatives in order to obtain the revocation or correction of those parts of the Decree that CoorDown considers illegitimate under a constitutional point of view.

6. Know Your Rights program – 2021 edition

E. Riva of DLA Piper presented the 2021 edition of the Know Your Rights (“KIR”) program, organized in collaboration with PBI, Coalizione Italiana Libertà e Diritti Civili (CILD) and International Rescue Committee. Also the 2021 edition of the KYR program will be held virtually. The program will start on 7 April 2021 until 11 May 2021, and will include 6 lectures (one per week) on immigration law as well as education, health, and work-related matters. Further details will be published soon on the websites and social network pages of the organizing associations.

7. Presentation of the PBI’s new website. Update on PBI’s new virtual platform for handling pro bono requests

G. Carotenuto and M. Ronchi presented the PBI’s new website (<http://probonoitalia.org/>) and the video explaining the activities and functioning of PBI (https://youtu.be/4GxbEUT_osl).

Furthermore, G. Carotenuto introduced to the audience a project on which PBI’s is putting its best efforts, aimed at creating a virtual platform for enhancing the handling of the requests for pro bono legal assistance. More details to follow.

8. Presentation of Global Refugee Forum Pledge

J. Simperingham of PILnet introduced the Global Refugee Forum Pledge (“GRF Pledge”). Effective legal assistance for refugees is fundamental to refugee response; when refugees have ready access to legal assistance they are more likely to access rights and justice. Recognizing this, at the inaugural Global Refugee Forum (GRF) held in December 2019, 28 law firms, bar associations and corporations came together to pledge support to protect and find solutions for refugees and others forcibly displaced in solidarity with each other and other stakeholders. Among other commitments, the law firms pledged to provide 127,000 pro bono hours to address the unmet legal needs of refugees and others forcibly displaced. 55 legal and community empowerment organizations from around the globe also pledged to collaborate in this initiative. PILnet, is working together with key NGO partners to grow the reach and impact of the GRF pledge, including by supporting the matching of pro bono hours with the unmet legal needs of refugees and others forcibly displaced. If you are a law firm or NGO interested in learning more about the pledge or how you can get involved please see PILnet’s [Forced Displacement](#) page.

9. Webinar “*Disciplina e recenti novità normative in materia di sovraindebitamento*” (addressed to non-profits and individuals in need) ([see the attached video](#))