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PRESS RELEASE

UIA appoints Carlo Mastellone as the new President for 2025



Carlo Mastellone was officially appointed to succeed Jacqueline Scott as UIA President at the closing ceremony of the Association's 68th Annual Congress on November 2 in Paris.

Carlo Mastellone has been a member of UIA since 1997 and is an internationally renowned lawyer. He manages Studio Legale Mastellone, a boutique law firm with a strong international focus, providing consultancy, advice, and assistance in the areas of Corporate and Commercial Law, Contract Law, Compliance, International Business and Trade Law, and Dispute Resolution Services, among others.

Established in 1927 against the background of the creation of the League of Nations, the UIA represents lawyers through its individual and collective members (bars, federations and associations) in more than 110 countries.

The UIA's core objectives are to foster professional development, facilitate the exchange of information and ideas internationally, promote the rule of law, defend the independence and freedom of lawyers worldwide, and encourage friendship, collegiality and networking among members.

In his new role, Mr. Mastellone outlined his vision for the UIA and its members, stating that "the UIA has demonstrated to me the potential to be a source of great learning, strong friendships and powerful emotions, **a forum where it is possible to achieve the unbelievable** and where dreams can come true. This is possible because of our collective efforts and commitment to the common objectives and values in which we all strongly believe."

While speaking about his new responsibilities as UIA President, Mr. Mastellone further explained that "I am very eager to work closely with all the members of the Governing Board to contribute, receive and discuss ideas and suggestions for developing a new vision and an

action plan for UIA. I would also like to introduce a few structural and organisational improvements in our Association. I believe that the changes resulting from the pandemic provide an opportunity to leverage our unique character as a **universal, multi-lingual and multi-cultural Association.**”

Mr. Mastellone also addressed the organisation regarding the Rule of Law: “We should be open to innovation in order to enhance our institutional objectives and our values in promoting the Rule of Law. While supporting our colleagues in need of assistance and protection whenever they are threatened or prevented from carrying out their defence roles through our international missions, we will continue to improve and develop our already excellent standards in the area of continued legal education.”

Additional information on Carlo Mastellone

Mr. Mastellone has previously represented clients before the Italian Supreme Court, and is an accredited professional mediator for civil and commercial disputes since 2007. As an enrolled mediator of the Organismo di Conciliazione di Firenze (OCF), he has successfully mediated nearly 400 cases. Additionally, he serves as the Director of the Scuola di Alta Formazione Specialistica UIA (Comitato italiano), accredited by the Consiglio Nazionale Forense to offer advanced specialization courses for lawyers (at least 200 hours over 24 months) in the sectors of International Law and European Union Law.

Prior to assuming the role of UIA President, Carlo Mastellone was an active member of the UIA and its Executive Committee, successively holding the positions of Deputy Director and Director of Seminars, Director of Legal Training, Director of Publications, and Counsellor to the President. During his terms, Mr. Mastellone spearheaded the redesign and revamping of seminars, launched the UIA International Traineeship Programme, developed the UIA/LexisNexis Collection, which led to the publication of 14 books, and organised the launch of the UIA Course on Business and Human Rights. He subsequently served as Director of the Italian National Committee from 2019 to 2022.

More about the UIA

UIA is the global and multi-cultural organisation for the legal profession, established in 1927 and now with members in 110 countries, which provides professional development and learning, promotes the rule of law, defends the independence and freedom of lawyers worldwide, and emphasizes friendship, collegiality and networking among members.

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