

## Christian Di Mauro

Partner

Milan

### Biography

Product crises have gotten bigger, more expensive, and more complex. They are the subject of media attention, regulatory scrutiny, and of course lawsuits. Clients need to react as promptly and efficiently as possible to minimize potential negative impact on their brand and business. Christian works on helping international and Italian clients responding to product crisis arising out of safety and quality issues, defending product liability claims, liaising with market surveillance authorities, and handling product related regulatory and criminal investigations.

Christian is member of the Crisis Leadership Team. His experience spans over 16 years and involves products including pharmaceuticals, vaccines, medical devices, New Tech products and automotive. Whether it is a product related litigation, including domestic and cross border commercial litigation, or a product safety and compliance issue, Christian helps clients in identifying the best strategies to manage and reduce the risk.

Thanks to the work done for life sciences companies over the last decade and to his in-depth knowledge of the industry, Christian 'is noted for his experience in the area of life sciences' and has assisted life sciences clients also in respect of compliance and anti-corruption law, white collar crimes and investigations.



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### Languages

English  
Italian  
French

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### Practices

Investigations, White Collar Crime,  
and Fraud

Litigation Services

Commercial Litigation

Products Law

Crisis Leadership Team

Technology Litigation

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As a qualified French lawyer, Christian leverages his knowledge of the French legal system and culture to help French clients with operations in Italy and vice versa. Christian is member of the International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC) and has been named as Acritas Star in the 2017 report.

## Representative experience

Assisting a multinational pharma company on tens product liability claims brought by individuals for alleged health damages by drug voluntarily withdrawn from the market.

Assisting a manufacturer of orthopedic products and devices on pre-contentious and contentious claims for alleged defects in prosthesis manufactured and distributed.

Assisting a pharma company on a number of product liability court claims related to alleged wrongful death or health injuries allegedly due to treatments during trials.

Defending the Italian subsidiary of one of the leading medical devices companies against claims for damages allegedly caused by contaminated contact lenses.

Defending a designer and manufacturer of automotive safety components and systems, in several court claims over alleged defective air bags and safety belts.

Assisting a multinational technology company in investigations carried out by Italian authorities in relation to the malfunctioning of a personal protection equipment.

Assisting a multinational electronic and technology company on preliminary criminal investigations related to the offence of marketing of dangerous products.

## Awards and rankings

■ Dispute Resolution – Italy (Foreign Expertise in

## Industries

Automotive and Mobility

Consumer

Life Sciences and Health Care

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## Areas of focus

Bribery and Corruption

Class Actions and Group Litigation

IERP Dispute Resolution

Fashion and Luxury Brands

Food and Beverages

Medical Devices

Pharmaceuticals and Biotechnology

Product Compliance

Product Litigation

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## Education and admissions

### Education

Masters in French Business Law, University of Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne, 2013

Summer Course on Private International Law, The Hague Academy, 2002

Master on International Law, University of Milan and Geneva, 2001

Law Degree, University of Catania, 2000

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France): Utilising his dual-qualification, Christian Di Mauro is well placed to advise on Italian-French product liability and commercial dispute matters. Clients value his "excellent preparation and availability"., *Chambers*, 2019

- Dispute Resolution – France (Expertise Based Abroad in France): Christian Di Mauro is well versed in product liability litigation. He is qualified to practise in Italy and France and regularly acts on cross-border disputes from his Milan base., *Chambers*, 2019
- Dispute Resolution - Christian Di Mauro is qualified in Italy and France and is reputed for representing clients in cross-border product liability and commercial dispute matters. One of his clients observes: "He is very skilled and responsive, with an excellent approach to the case.", *Chambers Global*, 2018
- Christian di Mauro been named as Acritas Star by the 2017 report and has been in the top 10 globally, in terms of the highest number of independent nominations., 2017
- Leading Individual by the Who's Who Legal, *Product Liability Defence*, 2016
- Christian Di Mauro is recommended as a 'Product liability expert', *Legal 500*, 2015
- Christian Di Mauro is singled out for his non-aggressive stance in pleadings and his approachable nature. Qualified in France, he handles bilateral operations between the two jurisdictions and heads the firm's French desk., *Chambers Global*, 2014

## Latest thinking and events

- Hogan Lovells Publications
  - Data class actions guide
- Analysis
  - International Products Law Review 2019: Issue 75
- Events
  - Boston Compliance Forum 2019

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*Product Liability Defence 2016*  
research

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*Legal 500 EMEA 2015*

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'Qualified to practise in both France and Italy, Milan-based Christian Di Mauro assists clients with cross-border contentious matters. He is noted for his expertise in the area of life sciences'.

*Chambers Global 2015*

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- Hogan Lovells Publications
  - European Product Liability Directive: Stay tuned, guidance is around the corner
- Blog Post
  - Medical Devices. Failed or delayed designation: what liability for notified bodies?
- Hogan Lovells Engage
  - Data Class Actions: the era of mass data litigation