

Marina Tavassi



In July 2016 she was appointed as President of the Court of Appeal of Milan (retired from the end of August 2020). The Court of Milan is the biggest Court of Appeal of Italy and is also the head of the District including 9 courts (3/4 of the Lombardy Region) for a total of 850 judges. Since February 2020 she is in charge of the organisation of the entire District during the Covid-19 pandemic, including the organization of the judicial activity, administrative staff and the provision of protective equipment.

She has assumed also the role of co-president of the Specialized Court of Enterprises of the second degree (specialized in Competition law, Patents, Intellectual Property law, Arbitration).

In March 2018 she was appointed as Professor (contract professor) of the University of the Studies of Pavia for the course on Patents and Competition Law, starting from the academic year 2018/2019.

In September 2017 she was confirmed (second mandate) as Italian Member of the Enlarged Board of Appeal of the European Patent Office.

Since June 2014 she has been a member of the European Expert panel for the drafting of the Rules of Procedure of the Unitary Patent Courts.

These Courts will have jurisdiction over the area that includes 26 European countries. Tavassi is one of the eligible judges of these Courts.

2009 to 2016 she was president of the Specialized Section of Enterprises (antitrust, company law, IP) at the Milan Court of first instance.

Since 2014 for 5 years she was Counsellor judge of the Supreme Court (at the First Civil Division, specialized in Competition law, Patents, Intellectual Property law, Arbitration, Company law).

Joining the judiciary since 1978, she has always been involved in commercial law, European law, antitrust law and intellectual property, as judge of the court of first instance, then Counsellor of the Court of Appeals and Supreme Court.

She is president of the AECJ - Association of European Competition Law Judges, and vice president of IPJA, Intellectual Property Judges Association.

She has taken part in several seminars, as speaker and chairperson, in the field of competition law, arbitration, company law, IP, publishing numerous articles and monographs. She is responsible for drawing up the section Private Enforcement of 'Competition and Market' Journal.