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Vania Petrella is a partner resident in the Rome office of Cleary Gottlieb. Her practice focuses on Italian and international tax issues relating to M&A, domestic and cross-border transactions, capital markets, financial products, and executive compensation and incentive plans. She also regularly represents clients in tax controversy matters and advises high net worth individuals and family offices on a wide range of personal income tax and estate tax issues and planning.

In 2019, Ms. Petrella was appointed to sit on the Board of Trustees of the Foundation Academy of European Law. In 2016, she served as an expert on the Committee for Tax Policy established at the Italian Prime Minister's Office.

She taught for many years a course on International Tax Law at the University of Naples Federico II and a course on Ethics and Tax law at the Lateran University. She regularly lectures at various other institutions, including the Universities of Bologna and LUISS. She is widely published and frequently appears on conference panels on topics relating to Italian and international tax law.

Ms. Petrella is recognized as a leading tax lawyer in Italy by *Chambers Europe* (since 2007), *The Legal 500 EMEA (Hall of Fame)*, and *ITR's "World Tax"*. She is also recognized as a Private Wealth Law lawyer in Italy by *Chambers & Partners*.

She was named "Woman of the Year" at the 2024 LegalCommunity Tax Awards.

She joined the firm in 1998 and became a partner in 2006. She has been resident in the Rome office since 1999. Prior to that, she was resident in the Brussels and New York offices. In 1993, she graduated with honors from the University of Naples Federico II where, in 1999, she also completed a Ph.D. program in Italian and EU Tax Law, while in 1997, she obtained an LL.M. with Specialization in Tax Law at the University of London.

Ms. Petrella has been a member of the Bar in Italy since 1997. She is a native Italian speaker, is fluent in English and proficient in French.



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