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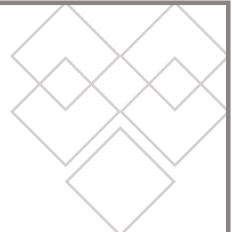
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### PERSONAL BIOGRAPHY

A key member of the litigation & arbitration group, as well as of the economic sanctions group, **Edoardo Zucchelli** has worked for more than 12 years in close connection with the management and senior staff members of sovereign wealth funds, energy companies and state legal authorities. He has extensive experience in representing states and state-owned entities in complex high-profile cases and is the lead counsel in these numerous matters. He frequently advises sovereign wealth funds, with particular regard to cases involving international sanctions by the United Nations, the European Union, the UK and the US.

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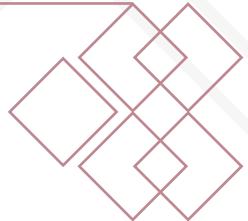


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## Q&A WITH EDOARDO ZUCCHELLI



**Could you describe your approach to tackling complex legal challenges?**

**What principles or philosophies guide your work?**

◆ My approach is to first cut through complexity by identifying the underlying legal, regulatory and geopolitical forces at play. I start by isolating the precise legal risks, then map those risks onto the client's commercial realities and operational footprint. I am guided by some key principles. First, I believe clarity is a form of strategic leverage. Sanctions advice often has to travel, be it across jurisdictions, up to boards or into enforcement agencies. So, I make sure my guidance is not only legally sound, but also operationally clear and globally coherent. Second, I take a first-principles approach when navigating grey areas, which allows me to build tailored, defensible positions grounded in logic, statute and policy intent.

**What challenges have you faced in your career, and how have you overcome them? What lessons did you learn from these experiences?**

◆ One of the key challenges I have faced is navigating multijurisdictional regulatory requirements. This is often done under significant time pressures and across divergent legal frameworks. Coordinating with authorities in different countries while managing different cultural and institutional approaches requires precision, diplomacy and persistence. Success in this field is not just about knowing the law; it is about building trust across borders, anticipating regulatory friction and communicating clearly with both clients and regulators. Those experiences reinforced the value of strategic thinking and cultural fluency in high-stakes, cross-border matters.



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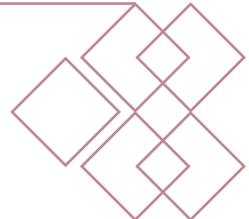
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**Looking ahead, what are your predictions for this area of the market?**

**What key developments are on the horizon?**

◆ Economic and financial sanctions will remain a core tool of foreign policy, but we are entering a phase of greater complexity rather than sheer volume. The key trends I see are increasing divergence between major sanctions regimes, more aggressive enforcement, especially around circumvention, and a growing focus on intermediaries and supply chains. Technology will also become central, both as a risk vector such as cryptocurrency and shadow finance, and as a compliance tool. Meanwhile, sanctions are expanding into environmental, social and governance and human rights spaces, linking them to broader reputational and regulatory pressures. Looking ahead, clients will need to navigate a fragmented, fast-moving landscape with proactive risk mapping, cross-border alignment and tech-enabled compliance frameworks. ■

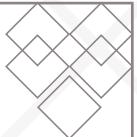


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### REPRESENTATIVE ENGAGEMENTS

- ◆ Advising sovereign wealth funds on the potential appointment of new custodian banks for their assets, subject to asset freeze measures.
- ◆ Advising sovereign wealth funds on the reinvestment of part of their frozen assets in line with UN and EU sanctions measures.
- ◆ Representing investment vehicles in a multijurisdictional dispute concerning the management of their assets, including advising on the UN, US, UK and EU sanctions measures.
- ◆ Advising a European national competent authority on the implementation of EU sanctions.
- ◆ Advising an investment fund on the necessary authorisations to receive loyalty bonus dividends in line with UN and EU sanctions measures.
- ◆ Advising a major financial institution on its intended divestment from Russia in light of the applicable US, UK and EU sanctions measures.
- ◆ Advising a Russian national on the successful lifting of the seizure imposed by a European national competent authority on assets held through a trust structure.

