

Dr. Prof. Fabiola Massa

Present position:

Assistant Professor at “Tor Vergata” University of Rome, Department of “Management and Law”, where she teaches in the areas of Commercial Law and Intellectual Property, with particular attention to the topics of consumer protection and new forms of companies more adapted to pursue ONU Sustainability Goals.

Research:

- From March 1st 2018 to August 31st 2019 - Principal Investigator of the Research Project “SustainCO - Sustainability measures at Company level: a national survey for better implementation” financed by “Tor Vergata” University.
- From January to September 2019 - researcher for the Horizon 2020 Research Project “OLTRE (Oltre l’orizzonte, Contro-narrazioni dai margini al centro)” funded by the European Commission.
- From March 2022 to September 2023 - researcher for the Project entitled “Impact REporting Sustainability” (IRES) coordinated by prof. Carlo Felice Giampaolino and supported by Department of “Management and Law” of “Tor Vergata” University.
- From September 2022 to October 2023 - Principal Investigator of the Research Project on “Agromafies are around the corner: people’s rights, community interests and prevention and contrast tools” sponsored by Italian Ministry of the University.

Education:

- 1999 - Degree cum laude in Economics and Trade, at the “Tor Vergata” Faculty of Economics, Rome - Italy;
- 2005 - Ph.D. in Industrial Law, at the Faculty of Law of Pavia University - Italy.

Additional education:

- 1999/2000 - Course in IPRs funded by the European Commission and managed by “Tor Vergata” University, lasting around 480 hours;
- 2000 - Post-Graduate Specialization Course on Intellectual Property, at Turin University with the sponsorship of WIPO Academy, Genève - Switzerland;
- 2004 - Cycle of seminars on “Towards new rules of Intellectual Property”, Perugia University;

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- 2014/2015 - Specialization Course on “Industrial Property and Trademarks”, organized by Milan Polytechnic Foundation of 129 hours.
 - 2017 - Distance learning courses on "Technology Commercialization" organized by European Patent Office Academy;
 - 2010 - Specialization Course on Development and Management of Intellectual Property, organized by the Italian General Direction Against Counterfeiting of the Ministry of Economic Development (duration 40 hours).

Teaching activities:

- from 2012 to 2016 - Teacher of “Commercial Law” at the Faculty of Law of “Tor Vergata” University for the degree in "Legal Science of Security";
- from 2003 to 2016 and from 2017 to now - Teacher of “Legislation and Patents” at the Medicine Faculty of “Tor Vergata” University;
- from 2011 to 2016 - Teacher of “Legal and Bioethical Aspects of the Inventions” at the Natural Sciences Faculty of “Tor Vergata” University;
- from 2012 to 2017 - Teacher of “Italian and European Pharmaceutical Legislation and Commercial Law” at the Medicine Faculty of “Tor Vergata” University;
- from 2007 to 2011 - Teacher of “Discipline of Biotechnology Patents” as an adjunct professor at the Faculty of Medicine of Teramo University;
- from 2016 to 2017, and from 2021 to now - Teacher of Industrial Law at the Faculty of Economics, “Tor Vergata” University;
- from 2017 to now - Teacher of “Markets Law and Protection of Innovation” at the Economics Faculty of “Tor Vergata” University.

Awards, grants and fellowships:

- 2008 - Fellow Researcher at the McGill University and Sherbrooke University with a fellowship of the International Council for Canadian studies;
- 2002 - Distinguished Visiting Researcher at the European Court of Justice which by a Ministry of Culture, Higher Education and Research Luxembourg Research Grant;
- 1996/1997 - ERASMUS Fellowship, at IPAG, Paris;
- 1994/1995 - ADISU Fellowship for academic merits.

Member of Ph.D. Scientific Boards:

- 2013/2014 - Member of Scientific Board of Ph.D. in “Diritto e Tutela: esperienza contemporanea, comparazione, sistema giuridico-romanistico” cycle XXIX, Faculty of Law - “Tor Vergata” University;
- from 2017 to now - Member of Scientific Board of Ph.D. in "Teoria dei contratti, dei servizi e dei mercati", Faculty of Economics - “Tor Vergata” University.

Institutional involvements:

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- 2016 - Member of technical panel nominated by the Italian Parliamentarian Dr. Anna Ascani with the scope to write a proposal law concerning the reform of professor's privilege on the academic inventions. The text of the proposal has been illustrated with a press conference at the Italian Parliament;
 - July 13th 2016 and July 3th 2019 - Advisor during two Agricultural Committee of Italian Senate's hearings, as expert of patentability of new techniques called cisgenesis and genome editing;
 - from December 4th 2018 to November 15th 2019 - Member of V^o Sub-committee for the lawyer's national exams appointed by the Italian Ministry of Justice.

Peer review and referee services:

- Reviewer from on February 28th 2020 to now for the "Giustizia" scientific journal;
- Referee from September to October 2012 for a PRIN Project and in December 2014 for a SIR Project;
- Referee from June to September 2016 for the VQR 2011-2014 national assessment;
- Referee from September to November 2021 for the VQR 2015-2019 national assessment;
- Referee from September to October 2018 for a Project of Insubria University.

Collaboration with scientific journals or Encyclopedias:

- from 2002 to 2009 - reviewer for the Commercial Law at the Juridical Encyclopedia Treccani;
- from January 2017 to now - member of the editorial staff, section Commercial Law, of the scientific journal "Nuovo diritto civile";
- from 2020 to now - member of the Scientific Direction of "Diritto e giurisprudenza agraria, alimentare e dell'ambiente" scientific journal;
- from December 7th 2018 to now - member of the editorial staff, section of Rome, of "I battelli del Reno" online scientific journal.

Affiliation:

- from 2011 to now - member of the Italian group of ALAI (International Literary and Artistic Association) founded in 1878 on the initiative of Victor Hugo;
- from February 10th 2017 to now - fellow of the Italian Academy of the Internet Code;
- from March 30th 2018 to now - fellow of the Center for Economic and International Studies (CEIS) of "Tor Vergata" University;
- from 2019 to now - member of the Faculty of the Specialization Course in "Law and Management of Intellectual Property" at the LUISS University of Rome;
- from July 17th 2018 to now - member of Italian Group of AIPPI (International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property);
- from May 2014 to now - member of Conference of Italian University Deans (CRUI) Joint Committee with the duty to manage a fund fed by taxes on the photocopies made inside the academic libraries;
- from September 1st 2007 to now - member of the Academic Patent Commission of "Tor Vergata" University;
- from September 2017 - member of the Scientific Board of the CeSIntES (Center of studies on Economic intelligence and security management) of "Tor Vergata" University;

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- from 2013 to 2014 - member of Working Group on Biotech, Chemical and Farma, of the Patent Attorneys Association;
 - from 2013 to 2015 - member of the Joint Commission of the Department in “Sciences and Technologies of Education” of “Tor Vergata” University;
 - from October 2016 to June 2019 - member of the Joint Commission of the Department of “Management and Law” and of the Economics Faculty of “Tor Vergata” University;
 - from September 2021, member of the Scientific Technical Committee of the Center of Excellence DTC Lazio.

Participation with speech to conferences or workshops:

- Training course on “Gli Spin-off della ricerca pubblica”, on November 28th 2007, at Engineering Faculty of “Tor Vergata” University;
- Congress on “Il futuro della comunicazione scientifica tra E-science e Open-access”, on October 27th 2011, Economics Faculty of “Tor Vergata” University;
- Workshop on “La tutela delle invenzioni: proteggere e valorizzare la ricerca universitaria”, on April 2nd 2007 at “Tor Vergata” University;
- XXI National Congress of Società polispecialistica italiana chirurghi, on June 16th 2008 at Faculty of Agriculture of Perugia University;
- XIV Annual Conference Ordine dei Dottori Commercialisti e degli Esperti Contabili di Roma, on November 28th 2014, at Economics Faculty of “Tor Vergata” University;
- Conference on the “Deontological inventions”, on March 13th 2015, at Ordine degli architetti di Roma;
- Conference on “I nuovi diritti dei consumatori”, on June 5th 2015, Mantova;
- Training course on “Sanità e brevetti: inventare in medicina”, on October 23rd 2015, at the Ordine provinciale di Roma dei medici-chirurghi e degli odontoiatri;
- National Congress on “La difesa della proprietà intellettuale, marchi e brevetti”, on 27th October 2017, Camera dei Deputati, Roma;
- Seminar on “*The Intellectual Property Rights derived by a patent, and in particular the rules concerning the employee inventions*”, on January 29th 2018, Department of Electronic Engineering “Tor Vergata” University;
- Conference on “La forza del cambiamento: le donne nell’innovazione e nella creatività”, on May 3rd 2018, organized by Ufficio Italiano Brevetti e Marchi;
- Seminar on “Il trasferimento tecnologico ed i suoi esiti economici e sociali”, on November 9th 2018, organized by the Ordine dei consulenti in proprietà industriale at the Sapienza University;
- Conference on “Creatività, impresa e territorio”, on October 18th 2019, Camerino University.

Conferences organization:

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- Conference on “SustainCo. Stato dell’arte ed evoluzione della sostenibilità nelle PMI italiane”, on October 10th 2019, Roma;
 - Workshop on the Protection of Intellectual Property, on November 30th 2019, Amandola;
 - Seminar on Intellectual Property, and in particular on Copyright, Trademark, Trade Secret and Privacy, - on April 1st 2020, Master in Foreign Trade and Internationalization of the company (CEIDIM), “Tor Vergata” University;
 - Seminar on “Requirements for access to patent protection, scope of protection and areas of free use. Jurisprudential guidelines” and “Biotechnological inventions and new plant varieties. Controversial issues and jurisprudential guidelines”, on April 3rd and 4th 2020, Master in Competition and Innovation Law, Luiss University of Rome;
 - Workshop on “Copyright, information, antitrust and privacy. Theory and practical cases”, May 2nd 2020, Master in Economics and Management of Communication and Media, “Tor Vergata” University;
 - Symposium on “University Technology Transfer between Intellectual Property Law and Competition Law”, on June 25th 2021, Bari University;
 - Webinar on “New Deal Directive and the Green Advertising”, on July 7th 2021 organised by the Italian Group of International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property (AIPPI);
 - Participation to the NanoInnovation Conference & Exhibition, with a speech on “Technology transfer public research institutions and the consequences of the obligations contracted by researchers and institutions”, on September 24th 2021, “La Sapienza” University.
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Areas of Interest:

- Company law, consumer protection, intellectual property rights, unfair commercial practices, technology transfer, trade secrets, biotechnology, and finally pharmaceutical inventions.

Publications

Journal articles

- *La tutela a cascata delle varietà vegetali e le conseguenze del rilascio della privativa*, in *Contratto e impresa*, 2021, n. 3, pp. 863-884;
- *Spigolature sulla normativa in tema di protezione giuridica delle varietà vegetali derivate*, in *Diritto agroalimentare*, 2018, fasc. No. 2, pp. 393-423;
- *Considerazioni dall'angolo visuale dei diritti di proprietà industriale sulla cisgenesi e sul genome editing applicati agli organismi vegetali*, in *Diritto agroalimentare*, 2016, n. 2, pp. 293- 313;
- *Introduzione di drag-along e consenso del socio forzabile*, in *Il corriere del merito*, No. 7, 2011, pp. 692-698;
- *Creazioni del lavoratore dipendente e Codice della proprietà industriale*, in *Studium iuris*, 2007, p. 23 ss.;
- *La normalizzazione dei trasporti e l'interferenza della proprietà intellettuale*, in *Trasporti e globalizzazione: materiali per una ricerca*, (a cura di A. Xerri), Cagliari, 2004, p. 209 ss.;

Articles/chapters in books and monographs

- *La (nuova) responsabilità del provider*, in *E-commerce. Regole, applicazioni, insidie, opportunità* (a cura di F. Fimmanò - B. Tassone - E.M.Tripodi), Milano, 2022, pp. 463-485;
- *Il principio di unitarietà dei segni distintivi in Internet*, in *Diritto industriale e diritto d'autore nell'era digitale* (a cura di Cassano G.-Tassone B.), Milano, 2022, pp. 389-399;
- *Pubblicità comparativa in Internet*, in *Diritto industriale e diritto d'autore nell'era digitale* (a cura di G. Cassano - B.Tassone), Milano, 2022, pp. 587- 605;
- *Società benefit ed esternazione della vocazione alla sostenibilità*, in (a cura di F.Massa) *SustainCO. Stato dell'arte ed evoluzione della sostenibilità nelle PMI italiane*, Torino, 2019, pp. 107-122;
- *Comment to art. 19 d. lgs. n. 206/2005*, in *Codice del consumo*, a cura di V. Cuffaro, V ed., Milano, 2019, pp. 132-155;
- *Comment to art. 20 d. lgs. n. 206/2005*, in *Codice del consumo*, a cura di V. Cuffaro, V ed., Milano, 2019, pp. 155-173;

- *Comment to art. 21 d. lgs. n. 206/2005*, in *Codice del consumo*, a cura di V. Cuffaro, V ed., Milano, 2019, pp. 173-203;
- *Comment to art. 22 d. lgs. n. 206/2005*, in *Codice del consumo*, a cura di V. Cuffaro, V ed., Milano, 2019, pp. 203-215;
- *Comment to art. 22 bis d. lgs. n. 206/2005*, in *Codice del consumo*, a cura di V. Cuffaro, IV ed., Milano, 2019, pp. 215-218;
- *Comment to art. 23 d. lgs. n. 206/2005*, in *Codice del consumo*, a cura di V. Cuffaro, V ed., Milano, 2019, pp. 218-224;
- *La nozione di invenzione brevettabile*, in *Trattario di diritto civile* (a cura di Paolo Cendon), Milano, 2017, pp. 1-10;
- *Comment to Art. 10 Directive No. 2014/17/UE*, in *I mutui ipotecari nel diritto comparato ed europeo. Commentario alla direttiva 2014/17/UE*, (a cura di Pietro Sirena), Milano, 2016, pp. 247-251;
- *Comment to Art. 11 Directive No. 2014/17/UE*, in *I mutui ipotecari nel diritto comparato ed europeo. Commentario alla direttiva 2014/17/UE* (a cura di Pietro Sirena), Milano, 2016, pp. 261-267;
- *Comment to Art. 19 d. lgs. n. 206/2005*, in *Codice del consumo*, a cura di V. Cuffaro, IV ed., Milano, 2015, pp. 119-138;
- *Comment to Art. 20 d. lgs. n. 206/2005*, in *Codice del consumo*, a cura di V. Cuffaro, IV ed., Milano, 2015, pp. 138-158;
- *Comment to Art. 21 d. lgs. n. 206/2005*, in *Codice del consumo*, a cura di V. Cuffaro, IV ed., Milano, 2015, pp. 158-183;
- *Comment to Art. 22 d. lgs. n. 206/2005*, in *Codice del consumo*, a cura di V. Cuffaro, IV ed., Milano, 2015, pp. 183-193;
- *Comment to Art. 22 bis d. lgs. n. 206/2005*, in *Codice del consumo*, a cura di V. Cuffaro, IV ed., Milano, 2015, pp. 193-194;
- *Comment to Art. 23 d. lgs. n. 206/2005*, in *Codice del consumo*, a cura di V. Cuffaro, IV ed., Milano, 2015, pp. 194-198;
- *Comment to Art. 46 d. lgs. n. 21/2014*, in *I nuovi diritti dei consumatori. Commentario al d. lgs. n. 21/2014*, Torino, 2014, pp. 35-45;

- Comment to Artt. 22-23 d. lgs. n. 206/2005, in *Codice del consumo*, a cura di V. Cuffaro, III ed., Milano, 2012, pp. 165-177;
- Comment to Art. 19 d. lgs. n. 206/2005, in *Codice del consumo*, a cura di V. Cuffaro, III ed., Milano, 2012, pp. 112-125;
- Comment to Art. 21 d. lgs. n. 206/2005, parr. 1-4, in *Codice del consumo*, a cura di V. Cuffaro, III ed., Milano, 2012, pp. 143-150;
- Comment to Art. 21 d. lgs. n. 206/2005, parr. 10-11, in *Codice del consumo*, a cura di V. Cuffaro, III ed., Milano, 2012, pp. 157-161;
- *Invenzioni biotecnologiche*, in *Enciclopedia giuridica Treccani*, XVIII vol. di aggiornamento, Roma, 2009;
- Comment to Art. 19 d. lgs. n. 206/2005, in *Codice del consumo*, a cura di V. Cuffaro, II ed., Milano, 2008, pp. 93-20;
- Comment to Art. 21 d. lgs. n. 206/2005, §§ 1-4, 11 and 13, in *Codice del consumo*, a cura di V. Cuffaro, II ed., Milano, 2008, pp. 116-120, 127-128, 130;
- Comment to Art. 22 d. lgs. n. 206/2005, in *Codice del consumo*, a cura di V. Cuffaro, II ed., Milano, 2008, pp. 131-136;
- Comment to Art. 23 d. lgs. n. 206/2005, in *Codice del consumo*, a cura di V. Cuffaro, II ed., Milano, 2008, pp. 136-139;
- *Pratiche commerciali scorrette*, in *Enciclopedia giuridica Treccani*, volume di aggiornamento XVI, Roma, 2007;
- *Modelli industriali e disegni ornamentali (Postilla di aggiornamento)*, in *Enciclopedia giuridica Treccani*, XX, Roma, 2006;
- Comment to Artt. 18 d. lgs. n. 206/2005, in *Codice del consumo*, a cura di V. Cuffaro, I ed., Milano, 2006, pp. 69-73;
- Comment to Artt. 19 d. lgs. n. 206/2005, in *Codice del consumo*, a cura di V. Cuffaro, I ed., Milano, 2006, pp. 73-76;
- Comment to Artt. 21 d. lgs. n. 206/2005, in *Codice del consumo*, a cura di V. Cuffaro, I ed., Milano, 2006, pp. 88-99;
- Comment to Art. 24-bis legge invenzioni, in Marchetti, P.-Ubertazzi, L.C., *Commentario breve al diritto della concorrenza*, ed. 3rd Padova, 2003, pp. 794-797;

- *Ritrovati vegetali*, in *Enciclopedia giuridica Treccani*, XXVII, Roma, 2002;
- *I nuovi beni - l'innovazione nei settori della creazione intellettuale, della comunicazione e nel trasferimento di tecnologie*, (a cura di P. Masi), Il Sole-24 ore, Milano, 2002, in which prof. Massa is author of the following paragraphs:

§ 2.4 Il rapporto nella creazione tra idea e contributo dell'impresa, e la creazione del dipendente;

§ 2.4.1 ...(segue) l'invenzione universitaria e nella Pubblica Amministrazione;

§ 4.1 Il trasferimento con contratti di diritto comune e il trasferimento mediante cessione o licenza di brevetto o di marchio;

§ 4.1.1 ...(segue) la circolazione del brevetto;

§ 4.1.2 ...(segue) la circolazione del marchio;

§ 4.2 La diffusione di contratti "nuovi";

§ 4.3 Il trasferimento con contratti specificamente previsti e l'esempio del contratto di edizione;

§ 4.4 Il trasferimento con contratti di know how;

§ 4.5 I contratti di ricerca,

§ 5.5 Il sistema dei parchi scientifici.

- *Novelty and Non-Obviousness of Biotechnological inventions under EU and US law*, written in collaboration with Valeria Pignata and Dominic Metlae, in Post-Graduate Specialization Course on Intellectual Property, WIPO, 2001, 111-143.

Media articles

- *Tribunale ad hoc per il brevetto Ue*, in *Italia Oggi*, del 10 gennaio 2001, p. 37;
- *Il contratto nell'E-commerce*, in *Summa*, 2000, n. 157, p. 10

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