



Lorenza Mel

Personal Summary:

I am an Italian versatile lawyer, and my firm is based in Martellago, near Venice. Although criminal law is my main area of practice, over the years I have acquired expertise in several additional emerging and highly specialized areas of the law.

As I live by the sea, I have developed a passion for all legal matters relating to maritime and transportation law, including vessel acquisitions and import, and the yacht business generally.

My career in sports (especially in Karate where I was an athlete of the Italian national team in 1995/1996) also led me to practice sports law, with specific focus on matters of antidoping and abuse of drugs.

During the Olympic four-year periods (2004-2008) I counselled for the Italian Equestrian Federation for doping matters.

During the Olympic Games 2004 in Athens, I was the Legal Counsel for the Italian Equestrian Sport Federation (to support the Italian Team);

In 2013, my passion for animals and horses led me to set up the project FEALU (www.fealu.com), with the clear aim of establishing a solid network of professionals engaged in a broad range of services, including legal advice and assistance in case of mistreatment of animals, accidents, injury, and death.

Academic qualification:

Classic Studies.

First degree in Law at University of Ferrara (Italy) with a final dissertation in criminal procedure on "*Early release in Italian sentencing law*".

Postgraduate education in legal & business English for Italian graduates, lawyers, and accountants.

Specialized at the Italian school of high training for criminal lawyers organized by La Sapienza University in Rome and Italian Union of Penal Chambers.

Professional qualification:

From 1994 to 2005 appointed as Vice Auxiliary Prosecutor (VPO) at the Prosecutor Office in Venice (Procura della Repubblica di Venezia).

Admitted to practice as a Lawyer in Italy since 2002.

Senior lawyer admitted to practice before Highest Courts.

Since 2005, my Law Firm has offered legal assistance to suspects and defendants in criminal proceedings, appellate proceedings and at the sentencing stage.

The law firm also offers advice for the drafting of contracts concerning the manufacturing, sales and import/export of yachts and vessels. It also gives assistance and advice for company formation, maritime law, sports law, and the sales of racehorses.

The firm has an established and carefully selected network of consultants to meet the needs of each client and case in all the practice areas mentioned above (the network includes vets, toxicologists, psychologists, accountants, insurance agents and experts in customs and maritime affairs).

In 2005 appointed as Honorary Consul of the Republic of San Marino (territorial jurisdiction in Venetian Region, including Trentino Alto Adige and Friuli Venezia Regions).

Member of the International Association Woman in Sport Law (WISL)

Member of the AIAS (Italian Sports Lawyers Association)

SPORTS APPOINTMENTS:

- **2012:**

- Member of the Anti-Doping Hearing Panel at World Curling Federation.
- Member of the Anti-Doping Hearing Panels at Sport Accord.

- **2013:**

- Chair of the Anti-Doping Hearing Panel for World Minigolf Federation.

- **2016:**

- Chair of NADOs San Marino Judicial Antidoping Committee.
- Vice President of the Venetian Region Committee of the Italian Equestrian Sport Federation (until February 2019).

- **2018:**

- Member of the World Taekwondo Independent Hearing Panel.
- Vice- Chair of the World Taekwondo Independent Hearing Panel.

- **2019:**

- Deputy Prosecutor at the Italian Gymnastic Federation.
- Chair of the World Taekwondo Juridical Committee.
- Member of the Medical & Prevention Commission (M&PC) of the World Bridge Federation.
- Representative of the M&PC in the World Bridge Federation Anti-Doping Hearing Panel.

- **2020:**

- Chairman of the WBF Anti-Doping Hearing Panel.
- Member of the Anti-Doping Hearing Panel of the International Wushu Federation.

- **2021:** Since February 2021, she is Chair of the World Baseball Softball Confederations Anti-Doping Tribunal (WBSC)

- **2022:**
- Since February 2022, she is a member of the Independent Investigative Chamber of the IWF (World Weightlifting Federation).
- **2023:**
- - Since August 2023, she is serving as vice chair of the World Taekwondo Juridical Committee.
- Reconfirmed in 2023 as Deputy Prosecutor at the Italian Gymnastic Federation.
- **2024:**
- Appointed on January 2024 as member of the UIM (Union International Motonautique) Anti-Doping Hearing Panel.

Publications/ Seminars:

- Column "*Legge e cavalli*" (Law and Horses).
- Speaker at the Veterinary Convention in Rome and Milan on 2003 on the issue: "*Sport Horse, public health and legislative updating*".
- Speaker in 2009 at the Convention for lawyers organized by the Study Centre of Law, Economy and Ethic of the Sport in Rome at the Study Centre of the Rome Bar Association.
- Column "*Laws and Regulations*" on the veterinary magazine "Progetto Veterinario" (Veterinary Project).
- Co- author of the book "*Awareness and Ride Fair*" presented in Verona (Italy) in November 2009.
- Guest Speaker in 2011 in Rome at a Veterinary Convention "*The medication uses in sport horses*" organized by Lazio Committee of Italian Equestrian Sport with a speech: "*Legal concerns associated with medication in sport horses: implications in ordinary and sport justice*".
- Speaker with Prof. Riccardo Fenici (European Director of the Society for Police and Criminal Psychology, Vice President of the International Law Enforcement and Criminalistics Academy) and Mr. Marco Buschini (retired Policeman and Chief Instructor of the Krav Maga self-defence school) in three DVD on the self-defence for women, basic and advanced level.
- Speaker in June 2016 in Padova at the Convention of the Venetian Region Committee of the Italian Equestrian Sport with the speech: "*The anti-doping controls on horse and rider athletes: which implications in the Ordinary and Sport Justice?*".
- Speaker in June 22nd 2017 at the Convention of the Venetian Region Committee of the Italian Equestrian Sport (Ethic and Respect of the rules in the equestrian sport) with the speech: "*The Sport Fair Play as a life model*".
- Speaker on February 21, 2018, at the meeting organized by ANF (National Forensic Association) with the speech: "*The role of the lawyer of the athlete resulted positive at the anti-doping test in the sport disciplinary proceeding.*"
- Speaker on June 20, 2018, at Panathlon Club San Marino with the speech: "*The female – athlete and the gender discriminations in the sport world*".
- Speaker in April 2022 in Arezzo at the conference organized by the Equestrian Centre of Arezzo and ASD Generali Endurance with the speech: "Anti-doping controls (on human athletes and horses) and the implications in Sports and Ordinary Justice".

- - Speaker in December 2023 at the conference organized by Libertas of Venice with the speech: "Anti-doping controls and the implications in Sports and Ordinary Justice."

Volunteering Experience:

- For four-year (1990-1994) embarked during the summer seasons onboard of the vessels of the Italian Finance (Customs) Police to monitor and oversight the presence of dolphins, which is a protected species, in the North Adriatic Sea.

Sport career and results:

- Member of ANAAI (National Association of Olympics and Italian Athletes (for Karate));
- Gold medal (Kumitè individual) at the European Karate Championship W.K.O. 1995 in Venice (Italy).
- 2 Bronze Medals (team Kumitè) and a 4th place (team Kata) at the World Karate Championship W.K.O. 1996 in Toronto (Canada).
- Karate Trainer in 1994.
- Horse jumping rider and dressage rider since 1972, competing in national jumping competition until 1989.
- Western disciplines amateur rider since 1999 and still in activity competing at national and international level.

Foreign languages spoken:

- English.
- French (basic skill).

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