



## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

### **AVV. LIFANG DONG (ANNA)**

Lifang Dong, first Italian lawyer of Chinese heritage, member of Rome Bar Association, founder and Managing Partner of Dong & Partners International Law Firm since 2010.

**Practice areas:** International trade, M&A, Corporate, Civil, I.T. & IP, Antitrust, Competition, Banking, Finance, Compliance, Governance, Privacy, Data protection, Private Equity, Capital Markets, Environment, Administrative, Insolvency, Restructuring, Bankruptcy, Real Estate, Criminal, Immigration, Arbitration, Civil/Criminal/Administrative Litigation, Tax, Customs, Labor, Social Security, Accounting, Payroll, Executive Search, Business Plan and Asset Evaluation.

#### **Former professional experiences in Italy and China:**

Consultant at the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Asia-Oceania General Department, China Office (Rome, 2001); Manager at China-Italy Chamber of Commerce (Beijing, 2004); Consultant at Italian Embassy in the People's Republic of China, Visa office (Beijing, 2004-2005); Lawyer at international and Italian law firms (i.e. Baker & McKenzie, Jacobacci & Partners, Traverso & Associati) (Rome, Milan, Turin, 2005-2010).

#### **Institutional roles in Italy:**

President of Silk Council, the 1<sup>st</sup> Chinese origin Member of the Task Force China of the Italian Ministry of Economic Development (International Relations macro-area and One Belt One Road macro-area), Arbitrator at the Chinese European Arbitration Centre (CEAC); Judicial guardian at the Italian Civil Court of Rome; Member of the European and International law Commission of the President Bureau of the Rome Bar Association; Member of Institutional Relations Committee of the Rome Bar Association; Member of International Relations Committee of the Rome Bar Association; Member of the Corporate and Intellectual Property Commission of the Rome Bar Association; Intellectual Property Consultant at the UIBM (Italian Patent and Trademark Office) of Ministry of Economic Development of Italy for assisting companies and individuals, who wish to expand their businesses in China; the 1<sup>st</sup> Chinese origin Member of Canova Club; Member of the founding board of the Fulbright Alumni Think Tank (current Fulbright Alumni Meetings) as head of Italy-China Chapter; Legal

Counsel of F.AGR.I (Italian Association of Food & Beverage Producers) for Internationalization Affairs.

**Institutional roles in China and Italy:**

Legal counsel of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Italy; Member of the 5<sup>th</sup> World Conference of Chinese Overseas Friendship Association; Legal counsel of the Legal Advisory Committee of All-China Federation of Returned Overseas Chinese (ACFROC); selected on a global scale as legal counsel of China State Council's Chinese Overseas Office for Italy in Europe; Member of Chinese Judicial Studies Association (CJSA), founded by the China Supreme People's Court, selected as representative for Italy; Chief Representative of Wenzhou International Arbitration Center in Rome; Member of the Mediation of Civil and Commercial Disputes Commission in Italy (an entity under the People's Court of Zhejiang Province, Wencheng county); Legal consultant of the Legal Advisory Committee of All-China Federation of Returned Overseas Chinese in Zhejiang Province; Foreign Legal counsel of All-China Federation of Returned Overseas Chinese in Yun Nan Province; Member of China Overseas Friendship Association of Yun Nan Province; Executive Member of Cultural Exchange Association in Jiangxi Province; Member of the Chinese Overseas Friendship Association in Shanghai; Member of the First Overseas Chinese Lawyers' Delegation; Member of the 9<sup>th</sup> and the 10<sup>th</sup> Trip To China For Eminent Young Overseas Chinese; Member of the Zhejiang Province Association for Eminent Chinese Overseas Women; Foreign legal counsel to Wenzhou Consular Protection Coordination Center; Member of the Wenzhou City Talented Foreign Lawyers Committee (Zhejiang Province); Legal counsel of Italy Chinese Help Center in Rome, recognized by China State Council's Chinese Overseas Office; Foreign Legal counsel of All-China Federation of Returned Overseas Chinese in Wencheng County of Zhejiang Province; Legal counsel of various Chinese Associations of different sectors in Italy.

**Institutional roles in Asia:**

Honorary advisor and legal counsel of the Singapore Huayuan Association, as well as the representative in Italy of the Global Collaborative Network of the Singapore Huayuan Association in Singapore; Italian law Expert of the Malaysia-China Legal Cooperation Society; Member of the Silk Road Culture Society of Taiwan.

**Member of Research Centres in Italy:**

Member of Observatory of Intellectual Property Competition and Communications (OPICC) of LUISS Guido Carli University of Rome; Member of the Scientific Committee of the Observatory on the Use of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) systems; Member of the Editorial Board of the Journal "Law Market Technology" (DIMT).

**Guest speaker, lecturer and opinion maker:**

Guest speaker at many national and international conferences, training seminars, workshop; Lecturer for Italian and foreign universities in comparative law, intellectual property, arbitration, geopolitics and international economy: Luiss Guido Carli University of Rome, University of Milan, La Sapienza University of

Rome, University of L'Aquila, Polytechnic of Milan, Roma Tre University, University of Tor Vergata, Italian Chamber of Deputies, Rome Bar Association, ICE (Italian Trade & Investment Agency), Italian-Chinese Chamber of Commerce in Milan, Observatory of Intellectual Property Competition and Communications (OPICC) of LUISS Guido Carli of Rome, Migros Club School in Lugano (Switzerland), St. John's University in Rome, Shanghai University of Political Science and Law, Nanyang Technological University of Singapore, China Council for the Promotion of International Trade Milan office, Italian Police Advanced Training School in Italy at the Minister of Internal Affairs, Bank of Italy, Crédit Agricole Bank, IDOS Study and Research Centre and other business and cultural associations in Italy.

Opinion maker for national and international media on legal, economical, cultural, geopolitical, social, integration and religious issues (i.e. Xinhua News Agency, People's Daily, CCTV4, Huangqiu, Il Sole 24 Ore, Ansa, Rai 1, Rai 2, Rai 3, Rainews 24, Radio News 24, Canale 5 mediaset, Il Messaggero, La Repubblica, La Gazzetta dello Sport, Avvenire, TV2000, Sky TV, LA7, Corriere Immigrazione, Babel TV, Vanity Fair, Rete Oro, Rete Quattro, Più Culture, Expreso Latino, AUCN TV (Australia), Vogue USA, Press TV (Iran), Missioni e Popoli, Labor TV etc.

**Publications in Italian, Chinese and English:**

Author/Co-author of many publications in comparative law, intellectual property, arbitration, geopolitics and international economy, amongst which:

1. Co-author of Italian and English article on: "Covid-19: Social, Economic and Geopolitical Impact", Eastwest International Geopolitics Magazine, April 23 and 27, 2020, Italy.
2. "Deep State in China", Master of Intelligence, University of Calabria, April 18, 2020, Italy.
3. "The role of China in the international geopolitics", Police Advanced Training School at the Italian Ministry of Internal Affairs, April 9, 2019, Italy.
4. "One Belt one Road: economic cooperation and international security", Police Advanced Training School at the Italian Ministry of Internal Affairs, Review n. 3/2018, Italy.
5. Legal Theory and Ethics of Business: "Face": the importance of Reputation in Chinese Business, Tor Vergata University of Rome, Master degree in Economy, Economics Department, May 2, 2018, Italy.
6. "The legal protection of One Belt One Road Strategy", Second Summit of Annual Conference of the Chinese Judicial Studies Association (CJSA), September 9-10, 2016, Chongqing, China.
7. "China-Italy (2000 – 2016): the recent developments of cultural and economic exchange", International conference of Italy – China studies of May 24-25, 2016, University of Catania, Political Science Department, Prospero Intorcetta Cultura Aperta Foundation, March 2018, Italy.
8. "The Methods of Alternative Dispute Resolution in International trade between Italy and China: Mediation, Arbitration, E-commerce", CAOS scientific magazine for social innovation, review n.1/2016, a special edition for III National Congress on "Alternative Justice", Il Memorial Domenico Bruni, Italy.
9. "The current situation and perspectives of judicial cooperation and exchange between China, Hong

Kong and Macao”, First Summit of the Inaugural Ceremony of the Chinese Judicial Studies Association (CJSA), July 3-4, 2015, Beijing, China.

10. “Issues and Strategies of China IP Law After the TRIPS Agreement”, Edward Elgar Publishing, 2014, U.K.
11. “The Third Reform of the Chinese Patent Law: Main Changes”, Giuffrè, 2010, Italy.
12. “Invention-Creation Protection in China”, Il Mulino, 2008, Italy. “China”, Giuffrè, 2008, Italy.
13. “China” (Giuffrè, 2008), Italia.
14. “China into the WTO: The New Rules on the Intellectual Property Law”, La Tribuna, 2003, Italy.

#### **Awards and Recognitions:**

18.12.2018: **Meronis International Award 2018** for the category of Entrepreneurship and Wine, appreciating her expertise in internationalization field and promotion of “made in Italy” in foreign markets.

24.9.2018 and in 2011: official recognition as the first member of Chinese origin to support the core values of Canova, an exclusive networking club with 42 years of history: Friendship, Culture and Solidarity;

31.5.2018: the best foreign entrepreneur in Italy for the Innovation category at the **Moneygram Awards 2018**. It is the first time, in the Prize's ten years-history, that a lawyer of Chinese origin obtains this recognition. Dong & Partners has been recognized as the "bridge" between the East and the West, as well as between the Chinese community and the Italian institutions, aiding the internationalization of Italian and Chinese excellences.

10.4.2003: official recognition by Luiss Guido Carli University of Rome and the Italian Chinese Chamber of Commerce in Milan (merged in Italy China Foundation), as the youngest author of Chinese origin in legal matters with the publication "China in the WTO: the new rules of the intellectual property" (La Tribuna, 2003).

#### **Education:**

Bachelor Degree in Law at Luiss Guido Carli University (Italy, 2003); Exchange student at University of East Anglia (U.K., 1999-2000); Master Degree in Law at Peking University (China, 2003-2005); Advanced Training Course on Transfer Technologies Law at the Tsinghua University in Beijing (China, 2017), co-organised by Beijing Municipality and Beijing's Foreign Affairs Office; Advanced Training Course “74th Edition on Leadership for Young and Middle-aged Overseas Chinese Collegiate” at Shanghai Jiaotong University (China, 2019), co-organised by Shanghai United Front Department, China Overseas Friendship Association in Shanghai and Shanghai Jiaotong University School of International and Public Affairs.

**Language skills:** English, Italian, Chinese Mandarin, Wenzhou dialect, French.