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THE FIRM

Mamo TCV Advocates is one of Malta's top-tier law firms, with significant depth and expertise across a broad range of practice areas. As an integrated corporate and commercial legal practice, the service delivery is the firm's pride. The team always strives to exceed the expectations of clients by providing expert advice and legal insight.

With a team of over fifty lawyers and professionals from other disciplines, the firm is confident of the ability to continuously act as a point of reference for the clients.

Over the years the firm has built strong relationships with its clients and will remain committed to supporting them at all times as they face complex business and legal issues as well as trying to adapt to changing markets and regulatory landscapes.

The firm's broad range of expertise, client relationships, sector-specific knowledge and the quality of its people, is what makes the firm a unique proposition to clients.

Over recent years Mamo TCV has been top ranked by The Legal 500, IFLR 1000, Martindale-Hubbell, Chambers Global and Chambers Europe.

A fast-changing and inter-connected world requires fresh thinking combined with proven experience. That's what the team at Mamo TCV provides to each and every client. Mamo TCV has assisted clients in complex transactions and has become the preferred correspondent in Malta for some of Europe's largest legal firms. The firm is highly connected within a global network of lawyers giving access to global expertise.

The world continues to change at a fast pace. Whether change brings about new opportunities, additional risk or even challenges, the team at Mamo TCV is always ready to support and guide clients throughout the process.

AREAS OF PRACTICE

Mamo TCV is retained by a number of clients, including private and institutional investors, financial institutions, governments and public authorities, on a wide range of matters with a special focus on company law issues, mergers and takeovers, investment services, aviation and shipping, intellectual property, employment, expatriates and permanent residence, banking and finance, insurance, conveyancing of property, franchising including licensing, distributorship and agency agreements, syndicated loans and refinancing facilities, immigration matters, litigation and general commercial matters. The firm is also the preferred correspondent in Malta for various leading international law firms based in Europe, particularly those operating out of the UK.



**LANGUAGES
SPOKEN**

English, French, Italian,
Maltese, Spanish

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Aviation

Tier 1

“**Mamo TCV Advocates'** aviation practice specialises in asset finance, tax and corporate set-ups, aircraft ownership and leasing, and claims handling. Recently, the team has also advised on – and helped draft – national and European legislation.

Nicholas Valenzia goes '*the extra mile to understand and service client needs professionally*'; he jointly heads the department with **Joseph Camilleri**.”

Commercial, corporate and M&A

Tier 1

“**Mamo TCV Advocates** provides *'clear, practical and pragmatic advice'*, making the firm *'second-to-none'* in Malta, according to one client. Team head **Andrew Muscat** provides *'very logical and well-explained advice'* and is known for his *'consistent professionalism'*. Highlights included advising on a re-domiciliation for Caversham Insurance (Malta) Limited regarding a securities release, a corporate restructuring of companies within an electronics group's existing framework, and a regulated entity's capital restructuring following a cross-border merger. **Richard Camilleri** stands out for his *'well-researched, solution-driven advice'* and the *'diligent'* **Michael Psaila** *'ensures all needs are met'*. Other areas of activity include advising domestic and international clients on corporate governance matters, as well as on asset finance.

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Hall of Fame

Andrew Muscat

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Dispute resolution

Tier 1

“The ‘*timely and organised*’ team at **Mamo TCV Advocates** handles high-value disputes relating to corporate law, often involving private international legal aspects or cross-border disputes, along with ship and aircraft arrests. Credit recovery proceedings also feature prominently in its caseload. Key names include the ‘*efficient and effective*’ **Stephen Muscat**, the ‘*balanced and pragmatic*’ **Frank Testa**, and **Joseph Camilleri**. The practice is representing a number of open-ended collective investment schemes based in Malta and Luxembourg in a claim for damages by the Vatican’s Istituto per le Opere di Religione.”

Leading individuals

Joseph Camilleri

Intellectual property

Tier 1

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The team at **Mamo TCV Advocates** provides '*knowledgeable and cost efficient*' advice and its '*professionalism stands out*' when communicating with clients. Recent work includes handling various anti-counterfeiting and piracy cases for global brands in the sportswear, personal hygiene, tobacco, electronics and fashion industries. It also has expertise advising on pharmaceutical patents and copyright enforcement. **David Tonna**, **Richard Camilleri** and **Antoine Camilleri**, who is a '*hands-on*' lawyer and an expert in IP-related litigation, licensing and encryption issues, jointly head the team. **Jonathan Tonna** and senior associate **Claude Micallef Grimaud** are other names to note.

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Investment funds

Tier 1

Led by **Katya Tua**, the team at **Mamo TCV Advocates** has the '*practical experience and depth of knowledge*' to handle the full range of retail open-ended and closed-ended investments, as well as alternative and professional investor funds – mostly from a structuring and licensing perspective. Further work for clients including Futura Investment Management, The Macro Fund SIVAC plc and ACL Fund SICAV plc, includes advice on all Maltese regulatory matters. The set-up, restructuring and winding up of sub-funds are other areas of expertise.

Leading individuals

Katya Tua

Real estate

Tier 1

“**Mamo TCV Advocates** provides *'legal services of the highest standard'* on large-scale and mixed-use real estate developments. The group stands out for its *'proactive'* and *'informed'* approach, and its recent work includes advice on land transfer agreements, the review of high-value purchase contracts, and overseeing the acquisition of commercial property for inclusion in an investment portfolio. Immovable property transactions specialist **Joseph Borg Bartolo** and **Frank B. Testa**, a litigation expert, jointly head the practice.

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Shipping

Tier 1

Mamo TCV Advocates is 'a top-notch and leading firm' in the shipping sector and can handle all aspects of maritime law. **Nicholas Valenzia** handles asset finance, corporate structuring and tax matters, as well as sale and purchase transactions for ships and yachts. There is 'no questioning' **Joseph Camilleri's** 'commitment or professionalism', and he has 'an innate ability to make a complex legal issue look simple' and is also at the forefront of legal decisions concerning the Maltese ports.

Banking, finance and capital markets

Tier 2

“**Mamo TCV Advocates**, which has ‘a commendable level of experience and knowledge’, advises on asset finance and management, restructuring and insolvency, and general payment services. Practice head **Andrew Muscat** has considerable experience in capital markets issues, as does **Michael Psaila**, who also handles securitisations. Recent highlights include acting as counsel to Securities Group (Kuwait) on a matter concerning land acquisition and building financing in Malta, as well as handling the initial public offering of a Go plc subsidiary on the Maltese Stock Exchange and working for international banks in various syndicated finance transactions.

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Leading individuals

Andrew Muscat

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Fintech

Tier 3

“**Mamo TCV Advocates** provides regulatory assistance with the set-up and authorisation of crypto-exchanges and ICOs, including any relevant corporate and tax advice. Work typically involves contract drafting for the acquisition of virtual tokens, advising on both the set-up of bitcoin exchanges with a local Maltese regulator and the formation of limited liability private companies, and handling all appropriate filing and regulation with the MFSA. Practice head **Katya Tua**’s has considerable expertise in investment services. **Michael Psaila** is another name of note.”



Dr Jonathan Abela Fiorentino

WORK DEPARTMENT

Corporate and Commercial
Litigation and Dispute resolution
Mergers & Acquisitions, Insolvency

POSITION

Senior Associate

CAREER

Jonathan Abela Fiorentino is a Senior Associate in the Corporate Department of the firm, assisting the firm's corporate foreign and local clients in litigation matters, as well as providing legal advice on general civil and commercial matters involving such clients. Having acted for various local and foreign corporate clients throughout his profession so far, Jonathan has gained extensive experience in the exercise of the legal profession, in particular in civil and commercial litigation and intellectual property law.

As counsel to such persons and entities, he assists clients throughout both the pre-litigation stage striving to settle and concluding disputes amicably, as well as during the litigation stage in drafting the necessary judicial acts and representing the client in the courts of law.

LANGUAGES

Maltese, English, Italian.

MEMBERSHIPS

Admitted to the Maltese Bar, Superior Courts of Malta (2007)
Malta Chamber of Advocates

EDUCATION

Doctor of Laws (LL.D.) (2006, University of Malta)
Magister Juris in European and Comparative Law (2007, University of Malta)

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Dr Petra Attard

WORK DEPARTMENT

Corporate and Commercial
Insurance and Reinsurance

POSITION

Senior Associate

CAREER

Petra Attard is a senior associate in the corporate and insurance law practice group of the firm. She regularly assists clients on corporate and regulatory matters involved in the insurance industry, including advice on corporate governance matters, legal and regulatory matters, compliance matters, as well as legal assistance in the establishment and MFSA authorisation process of insurance and reinsurance undertakings and intermediaries.

Petra also regularly assists clients in all corporate and commercial matters including advice on corporate governance matters, assistance with corporate financing, M&A transactions, voluntary dissolutions and various other corporate transactional projects.

LANGUAGES

English, Maltese, Italian, working knowledge of French.

MEMBERSHIPS

Admitted to the Maltese Bar, Superior Courts of Malta (2012)

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Laws with European Studies (2007, University of Malta)

Doctor of Laws (2011, University of Malta)

Master of Laws with specialisation in Insurance Law (LL.M.) (2014, University of London)



Dr Maria Bonello

WORK DEPARTMENT

Capital Markets
Corporate and Commercial
Mergers & Acquisitions, Insolvency

POSITION

Senior Associate

CAREER

Maria Bonello is a Senior Associate within the firm's Corporate and Finance practice. She has been actively involved in the sphere of domestic and cross-border mergers & acquisitions, capital markets, corporate restructurings and equity and debt financing structures. She frequently handles legal and regulatory aspects related to these areas. On various occasions, Maria has assisted clients in relation to vendor or purchaser related legal due diligence processes concerning the acquisition and disposal of corporate entities, including Government entities. She has also been involved in complex processes of corporate reorganisations. On a regular basis, Maria advises companies listed on the Malta Stock Exchange on a number of issues

LANGUAGES

English, Italian, Maltese and basic knowledge of French.

MEMBERSHIPS

Admitted to the Maltese Bar, Superior Courts of Malta (2006)
Member of the Institute of Financial Services Practitioners
Member of the Malta Institute of Taxation

EDUCATION

B.A. in Legal and Humanistic Studies (2002, University of Malta)
Doctor of Laws (2005, University of Malta)
Master of Laws (2006, University College, University of London)
Diploma in Taxation (2015, Malta Institute of Taxation)

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Dr Joseph Borg Bartolo

WORK DEPARTMENT

Corporate and Commercial
Insurance and Reinsurance

POSITION

Partner

CAREER

Joe Borg Bartolo is a partner in the corporate, insurance and general commercial practice group of the firm. As counsel to leading insurance companies and insurance brokers operating both in the Maltese and European markets he has gained invaluable experience in the insurance field generally. He is involved in several immovable property transactions on a continuous basis, mainly in the commercial property sector.

With a wide array of commercial clients he is mostly well known for blending legal knowledge and advice with practical commercial experience and expedience necessary in order to get the deal done. He is also very experienced in dispute resolution and has acted in a number of instances to resolve issues without the necessity of allowing the matter to be contested in judicial fora.

LANGUAGES

Maltese, English, Italian.

MEMBERSHIPS

Admitted to the Maltese Bar, Superior Courts of Malta (1994)

Member of the Malta Chamber of Advocates

Associate of the Chartered Insurance Institute (Chartered Insurance Practitioner)

EDUCATION

Doctor of Laws (1993, University of Malta)

Associate of the Chartered Insurance Institute, 1992

Dr Yvette Borg Cardona



WORK DEPARTMENT

Investments Services and Funds

POSITION

Senior Associate

CAREER

Yvette Borg Cardona is a Senior Associate within the Investment Services and Funds Department of the Firm. She joined the Firm in 2018.

Previously she worked as a self-employed managing pharmacist in a community pharmacy for various years. She graduated as a lawyer and eventually joined the Malta Financial Services Authority (MFSA) where she gained extensive experience in financial services, particularly in regulatory matters.

Yvette assists in the incorporation and licensing of investment services licence holders, including Alternative Investment Fund Managers (AIFMs) and Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities (UCITS) Management Companies. She also assists clients in the establishment and licensing of all types of collective investment schemes, typically, Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs), Professional Investor Funds (PIFs) and UCITS. Moreover, she handles regulatory queries related to the Markets in Financial Instruments Directive (MiFID II).

She advises clients in the drafting and negotiation of relative documentation and provides ongoing legal support work to investment services licence holders and collective investment schemes. She advises clients on corporate and regulatory matters, including compliance with European Union (EU) and national legislation, and MFSA rules.

Yvette's other specialist areas include the laws on trusts, corporate services, anti-money laundering and counter funding of terrorism (AML/CFT), and data protection. She also assumed the role of Data Protection Officer during her tenure at the MFSA.

LANGUAGES

English, Maltese, Italian

MEMBERSHIPS

Admitted to the Maltese Bar, Superior Courts of Malta (2014)

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Pharmacy with Honours (1992, University of Malta), Bachelor of Laws with Philosophy (2010, University of Malta), Doctor of Laws (2013, University of Malta), IFSP Foundation Certificate in Trusts Law and Management (2016, Institute of Financial Services Practitioners, Malta), Master of Arts in Financial Services (2016, University of Malta), Master of Laws with a specialisation in Commercial and Corporate Law (2017, University of London), Doctor of Philosophy candidate (University of Birmingham, UK)



Dr Michael Borg Costanzi

WORK DEPARTMENT

Banking and Finance
Corporate and Commercial
Investment Services and Funds

POSITION

Of Counsel

CAREER

Michael Borg Costanzi took up early retirement from Bank of Valletta p.l.c. after a career of 35 years, with effect from the 1 April 2015, and joined Mamo TCV Advocates at the beginning of August 2015, within the Firm's Corporate and Banking Department. During the 35 years spent at Bank of Valletta, Michael headed the Bank's legal office from 2001 and was appointed as a member of the Bank's Executive Committee in 2005. From 2008, he sat on the Bank's Compliance and Risk Management Committees. In the relatively short period with the Firm, as a member of the Corporate and Banking Department, Michael has advised international clients on the local banking-related regulatory landscape and on various other aspects of corporate and financial services legislation.

LANGUAGES

Maltese, English and Italian

MEMBERSHIPS

Admitted to the Maltese Bar, Superior Courts of Malta (1994)
Malta Chamber of Advocates

EDUCATION

Doctor of Laws, 1993 from the University of Malta; (Thesis – Harmonisation of Maltese Banking Law with E.C. Banking Law); Certificate in Banking (Part I of A.C.I.B.) consisting of Banking, Law, Accounts and Economics*; Five subjects forming part of Part II of A.C.I.B., namely Law relating to Banking, Accountancy, Monetary Economics, Management and Investment*; Certificate in Maltese Law relating to Banking. (A one year course organised by the Maltese Chartered Institute of Bankers)*. * Between 1981 and 1986



Dr Kirk Brinciau

WORK DEPARTMENT

Litigation & Dispute Resolution
Employment & Labour

POSITION

Associate

CAREER

Kirk Brinciau is an associate within the firm's Litigation and Dispute Resolution department having joined the firm in 2018.

Kirk graduated from the University of Malta with a Doctor of Laws in 2016 and later obtained his warrant to practise law at the Courts of Justice in February 2017. Following the successful acquisition of his warrant Kirk began representing clients in inferior courts, boards and tribunals and later in the superior courts of Malta garnering a considerable degree of experience in wide ranging areas of law in the process.

Kirk's main areas of practise are immigration, civil and commercial law with a particular focus on tort, contract, debt collection, employment, separation and divorce related proceedings. Moreover, Kirk also has a keen interest in all matters concerning Human Rights Law having provided counsel on related disputes and represented clients in domestic courts as well as the European Court of Human Rights.

LANGUAGES

English, Maltese

MEMBERSHIPS

Admitted to the Maltese Bar, Superior Courts of Malta (2017)
Malta Chamber of Advocates

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Laws, University of Malta, 2013
Diploma of Notary Public, University of Malta, 2014
Doctor of Laws, University of Malta, 2016

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Dr Maria Lisa Buttigieg

WORK DEPARTMENT

Employment and Labour
Litigation and Dispute Resolution
Procurement and State Aid
Real Estate and Construction
Tourism, Leisure and Hospitality

POSITION

Associate

CAREER

Maria-Lisa Buttigieg is an associate in the Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution section of the firm and provides counsel to various local companies and government entities.

Her main areas of practice are in civil and commercial law with a particular focus on debt collection, divorce, consumer protection, tort, contractual, employment and property-related proceedings.

LANGUAGES

Maltese, English

MEMBERSHIPS

Admitted to the Maltese Bar, Superior Courts of Malta (2014)

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Laws, University of Malta, 2010
Diploma Notary Public, University of Malta, 2011
Doctor of Laws, University of Malta, 2013



Dr Mikiel Calleja

WORK DEPARTMENT

Capital Markets
Corporate and Commercial
Mergers & Acquisitions, Insolvency

POSITION

Senior Associate

CAREER

Mikiel Calleja is a senior associate in the corporate and finance practice of the firm. Mikiel's main practice areas are mergers and acquisitions, capital markets, corporate finance and general corporate/commercial. As counsel to financial institutions and public and private companies, he has significant experience in corporate transactions and financing including local and cross border mergers, acquisitions and restructuring, related financing and security arrangements, private and public offerings of securities and often advises public companies on regulatory requirements. Mikiel is also regularly involved in various corporate and company law matters and has both assisted and managed in vendor and purchaser related legal due diligence.

Mikiel has recently also had a paper entitled "Piercing the Corporate Veil: Greening Companies' Governance and Shareholder Activism" published in the peer reviewed IUCN Academy of Environmental Law Journal.

LANGUAGES

Maltese, English, working knowledge of Italian

MEMBERSHIPS

Admitted to the Maltese Bar, Superior Courts of Malta (2014)

EDUCATION

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Doctor of Laws (LL.D.) (2013, University of Malta)
Master of Laws (LL.M.) (2014, University College London)

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Dr Christine Calleja

WORK DEPARTMENT

Employment and Labour
Litigation and Dispute Resolution

POSITION

Senior Associate

CAREER

Christine Calleja is a senior associate of the firm working in the employment law department. She has assisted various local and international companies in human resources matters, such as contract drafting, unfair dismissal claims, transfers of business and collective redundancies, as well as represented clients before the Maltese Industrial Tribunal and courts. Christine has also participated in educational seminars organised for the human resources industry as lecturer in this field.

Furthermore, forming part of the litigation team, Christine specialises in insurance claims, representing a major insurance company in Malta and also individual claimants in insurance related matters.

LANGUAGES

Maltese, English and Italian.

MEMBERSHIPS

Admitted to the Maltese Bar, Superior Courts of Malta (2012)
Malta Chamber of Advocates

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Laws with European Studies (2008, University of Malta)
Doctor of Laws (2011, University of Malta)
Master of Laws in European and Comparative Law (LL.M.) (2012, University of Malta)



Dr Joseph Camilleri

WORK DEPARTMENT

Aviation
Banking and Finance
Corporate and Commercial
Employment and Labour
Litigation and Dispute Resolution
Planning and Environment
Procurement and State Aid
Real Estate and Construction
Shipping and Yachting
Tourism, Leisure and Hospitality

POSITION

Partner

CAREER

Since 2003, Joseph Camilleri has worked in the Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution department of the firm on assignments encompassing several aspects of civil and commercial litigation, including bank finance, real estate and asset recovery in the shipping and aviation industries.

Joseph also works in the administrative law sector, particularly in the fields of public procurement, private-public partnerships and planning law. In this regard he regularly assists Government entities in legal issues relating to the drafting of tender documents and in the evaluation of tenders, as well as in the implementation of contracts following awards. He also regularly represents clients – hailing both from the public and private sectors – in proceedings before the Public Procurement Review Board and in appeals before the Superior Courts.

In the field of planning law, Joseph has represented several clients in the private sector in planning appeals and has also worked closely with architects and architecture firms on projects requiring permits and authorisations.

LANGUAGES

Maltese, English, Italian. Can read French and German.

MEMBERSHIPS

Admitted to the Maltese Bar, Superior Courts of Malta (2004)
Malta Chamber of Advocates
Malta Maritime Law Association
International Bar Association

EDUCATION

Graduated as B.A. in Legal and Humanistic Studies (2000, University of Malta)
Doctor of Laws (2003, University of Malta).



Dr Antoine Camilleri

WORK DEPARTMENT

Corporate and Commercial
Intellectual Property and Anti-Counterfeiting
Telecoms, Media and Technology

POSITION

Partner

CAREER

Antoine Camilleri is a partner in the intellectual property practice group of the firm. His experience includes taking care of patent, trademark and unfair competition law issues for the clients of the firm. Antoine has experience in trademark enforcement, opposition and cancellation proceedings, trademark clearance, investigation, prosecution and management of domestic and international trademark portfolios. He represents multinational companies to individual inventors in a wide variety of industries including information technology, alternative energy, consumer products, financial services, sports and fashion goods, pharmaceutical products (including generics), medical devices, electrical equipment, food and beverage, and tobacco products.

Antoine has represented a substantial number of multinational companies in anti-counterfeiting matters in collaboration with the Maltese Customs authorities, in particular in Customs cross-border measures and related Court litigation.

He is also the lead person within the firm in matters dealing with media law, information technology law and telecommunications law.

Antoine has acted as (part-time) lecturer at the University of Malta in the Master of Laws (Magister Juris) in European & Comparative Law course (since 2003) and in the Doctor of Laws (LL.D.) course (since 2010), in both cases lecturing on intellectual property law. Antoine is also an examiner and supervisor of Doctor of Laws theses and Research Projects at the University of Malta.

LANGUAGES

Maltese, English, Italian, working knowledge of French.

MEMBERSHIPS

Admitted to the Maltese Bar, Superior Courts of Malta (2001)
Malta Chamber of Advocates, since 2001
International Trademark Association (INTA)
European Communities Trademark Association (ECTA)
European Patent Institute (EPI)

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Legal and Humanistic Studies (1998, University of Malta),
Doctor of Laws (LL.D.) (2001, University of Malta), Master of Laws (Magister Juris) in
European & Comparative Law (2002, University of Malta) of Malta.



Dr Michael E. Camilleri

WORK DEPARTMENT

Civil Law
Constitutional Law
Human Rights Law

POSITION

Senior Associate

CAREER

Michael Camilleri studied law at the University of Malta graduating LL.D. in 2003. His doctoral thesis was entitled 'The Commercial Partnerships Ordinance, 1962 and the Companies Act 1995 – A History, 1954 – 2000'. Between 2003 and 2004 he read for a Master of Arts in Human Rights & Democratisation, also at the University of Malta, graduating with a thesis on Derrida and human rights. Michael was called to the Bar in June 2004 and established a firm having different areas of specialisation including civil law, refugee law, constitutional and human rights law. Since 2005 he has collaborated with the Jesuit Refugee Service Malta offering legal advice to refugees and asylum-seekers and filing human rights cases in the Courts of Malta and the European Court of Human Rights. He has also filed human rights cases in relation to the right to family and private life and also the right to the peaceful enjoyment of possession apart from other civil and judicial review cases. Since 2006, Michael has worked as legal aid lawyer for appeal claims for refugee appeals in front of the Refugee Appeals Board. Between 2008 and 2015, he worked as a judicial assistant at the Courts of Malta. This work included assisting a judge of the Courts of Malta with research necessary for sentencing and the hearing of evidence. He also lectures at the University of Malta. Michael joined Mamo TCV in 2017.

LANGUAGES

English, Italian, Maltese

MEMBERSHIPS

Member of the Malta Chamber of Advocates
Admitted to the Maltese Bar, Courts of Malta (2004)

EDUCATION

University of Malta: 1996 and 2003
B.A Legal & Humanistic Studies (1999)
Diploma of Notary Public (2001)
LL.D. (2003). LL.D. course thesis: 'The Commercial Partnerships Ordinance, 1962 and the Companies Act 1995 – A History, 1954 – 2000'.
University of Malta; 2003 and 2004
Master of Arts in Human Rights & Democratisation.
M.A. Human Rights & Democratisation thesis: 'The Philosophy of Human Rights? Derrida's Deconstructionist Approach'.

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Dr Michael Camilleri

WORK DEPARTMENT

Litigation and Dispute Resolution

POSITION

Junior Associate

CAREER

Since joining the firm as a legal trainee in 2014, Michael Camilleri has been involved in the firm's Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution Department ever since. His work mainly comprises of Civil Law, Commercial Law and Employment Law.

Michael also retains a keen interest in Intellectual Property Law. Having submitted his thesis entitled "The Right to the Exclusive Use of a Registered Trademark" he graduated as a Doctor of Laws in November 2016.

LANGUAGES

English, Maltese and Italian

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Laws with International Relations (2013, University of Malta)

Doctor of Laws (2016, University of Malta)



Dr Richard Camilleri

WORK DEPARTMENT

Capital Markets
Competition
Corporate and Commercial
Employment and Labour
Energy and Resources
Intellectual Property and Anti-Counterfeiting
Litigation and Dispute Resolution
Real Estate and Construction

POSITION

Partner

CAREER

Richard Camilleri is a founding partner of the firm and has been described as a 'corporate all rounder'. As counsel to various domestic and foreign clients, he has significant experience in a large variety of transactions including privatisations, share acquisitions, public offerings of debt and equity securities, real-estate and construction projects.

Richard also advises clients on competition law, intellectual property law and employment law. He also has significant experience in litigation and has represented clients in cases concerning a variety of matters including competition law, unfair competition law, intellectual property law and employment law.

Richard is also a senior lecturer in the Faculty of Law of the University of Malta and has been lecturing since 1988.

LANGUAGES

Maltese, English and Italian.

MEMBERSHIPS

Admitted to the Maltese Bar, Superior Courts of Malta (1980)
Malta Chamber of Advocates
International Bar Association

EDUCATION

Graduated Doctor of Laws (LL.D.) at the University of Malta in 1979
Master of Laws (LL.M.) at University College, University of London in 1980.

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Dr Dorita Cardona

WORK DEPARTMENT

Corporate and Commercial
Insurance and Reinsurance

POSITION

Senior Associate

CAREER

Dorita Cardona is a Senior Associate lawyer within the firm. Her principal areas of practice include property law, inheritance and estate planning, insurance law as well as general commercial, civil and corporate law. She has been actively involved in the setting up of Foundations, NGOs and Voluntary Organisations. She is regularly engaged to draft technical agreements including, promise of sale agreements, lease agreements, management agreements and aircraft maintenance agreements.

She has also been involved in debt collection cases and has also advised leading insurance companies in connection with life insurance policies and professional indemnity claims. She is also retained by a leading logistics service provider to assist in relation to company secretarial and corporate governance matters.

LANGUAGES

Maltese, English, French, working knowledge of Italian.

MEMBERSHIPS

Admitted to the Maltese Bar, Superior Courts of Malta (2011)

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Laws with Philosophy (2007, University of Malta)
Doctor of Laws Degree – LL.D. (2010, University of Malta)



Dr Joshua Chircop

WORK DEPARTMENT

Corporate and Commercial
Insurance and Reinsurance
Real Estate and Construction
Trusts, Foundations and Wealth Management

POSITION

Associate

CAREER

Joshua Chircop is an associate in the corporate and insurance practice groups of the firm.

He assists in a range of corporate and commercial matters, including company formation, corporate governance, M&A, restructuring, and real estate. Joshua also assists in a number of insurance and reinsurance advisory, regulatory and compliance matters. He is also actively involved in the setting up and structuring of trusts, foundations and other organisations.

LANGUAGES

English & Maltese

MEMBERSHIPS

Admitted to the Maltese Bar, Superior Courts of Malta (2018)
Member of the Malta Chamber of Advocates
International Bar Association
Editor, KSLR Commercial and Financial Law Blog

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Laws (Honours) (LL.B.(Hons)) (2016, University of Malta)
Master of Advocacy (M.Adv.) (2017, University of Malta)
Master of Laws (LL.M.) in International Financial Law graduand (2018, King's College London)

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Dr Warren Ciantar

WORK DEPARTMENT

Corporate Law
Intellectual Property

POSITION

Junior Associate

CAREER

Warren Ciantar graduated as a Doctor of Laws in 2016. Warren joined the firm as a trainee in 2012, during which he garnered experience in various fields, including litigation, civil law, corporate law and intellectual property. He joined the firm as an associate in 2016 and his main areas of practice are corporate law and intellectual property.

LANGUAGES

English, Maltese & italian

MEMBERSHIPS

Admitted to the Maltese Bar, Superior Courts of Malta (2017)
Founding Member of the Junior Chamber of Advocates
Founding Member of the Malta Model United Nations Society

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Laws with Philosophy (2013, University of Malta) Doctor of Laws (2016, University of Malta)



Dr Kevin Cutajar

WORK DEPARTMENT

Corporate and Commercial
Litigation and Dispute Resolution

POSITION

Senior Associate

CAREER

Kevin Cutajar is a senior associate in the corporate and litigation practice areas of the firm. As counsel to various foreign and domestic individual and corporate clients, he has gained significant experience in debt recovery and tax planning techniques.

Kevin has advised on numerous civil and commercial law aspects relating to debt recovery and also the tax benefits available to individuals and companies residing in Malta. He has also been involved in several debt recovery lawsuits, particularly those initiated by one of the major foreign retail banks in Malta.

LANGUAGES

Maltese, English, German and Italian

MEMBERSHIPS

Admitted to the Maltese Bar, Superior Courts of Malta (2007)
Malta Chamber of Advocates
Institute of Financial Services Practitioners

EDUCATION

B.A. Hons. majoring in languages (2000, University of Malta)
B.A. in Legal and Humanistic Studies (2003, University of Malta)
Doctor of Laws (2006, University of Malta)

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Dr Matthew Cutajar

WORK DEPARTMENT

Investment Services and Funds
Litigation and Dispute Resolution

POSITION

Associate

CAREER

Matthew Cutajar is an Associate within the firm's Litigation Department and his main areas of practice comprise general civil and commercial law, as well as litigation and alternative dispute resolution. His work primarily involves the drafting of judicial acts in addition to representing clients before both the inferior and superior Courts and the Tribunals of Malta. Matthew regularly advises clients on matters falling within the scope of his areas of practice.

He joined Mamo TCV as legal trainee in June 2013. He also worked as a legal trainee at Grant Thornton (Malta) between July 2013 and December 2013 where he gained experience working in fields such as corporate law, financial services and intellectual property law.

In his first year at Mamo TCV Matthew also worked within the firm's Financial Services department. His work entailed advising and assisting local and foreign clients operating within the investment services and payment services sectors.

LANGUAGES

Maltese, English & Italian

MEMBERSHIPS

Admitted to the Maltese Bar, Superior Courts of Malta (2015)
Malta Chamber of Advocates

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Laws (2011, University of Malta)
Foundation Certificate in Trust Law and Management (2014, Institute of Financial Services Practitioners)
Doctor of Laws (2014, University of Malta)



Dr Ingrid Fenech

WORK DEPARTMENT

Aviation
Shipping and Yachting

POSITION

Senior Associate

CAREER

Ingrid Fenech is a Senior Associate in the Shipping and Aviation Department with particular focus on matters related to asset management and finance in the maritime and aviation sectors. She has extensive experience in advising asset financing banks, borrowers, owners, lessors and operators on a variety of domestic and international asset leasing and structured financing transactions involving aircraft, ships and yachts.

Ingrid has particular experience in representing financiers and lessors in cross-border financing, operating leasing and chartering of commercial aircraft and corporate jets and the acquisition, sale and repossession of aircraft, ships and yachts. She has also advised clients on ownership and operational structures for ship, yacht and aircraft holding entities, securitisation and corporate restructurings.

Ingrid also has vast experience in ship and yacht registration and taxation on matters related to the maritime industry.

LANGUAGES

Maltese, English, Italian, working knowledge of French.

MEMBERSHIPS

Admitted to the Maltese Bar, Superior Courts of Malta (2011)
Member of the Malta Maritime Law Association

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Laws with European Studies (2007, University of Malta);
Doctor of Laws (2010, University of Malta);
Master of Arts in Matrimonial Canon Law and Jurisprudence (2012, University of Malta).

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Dr Julian Fenech Adami

WORK DEPARTMENT

Immigration and Citizenship
Litigation and Dispute Resolution

POSITION

Associate

CAREER

Julian first joined Mamo TCV Advocates as a legal trainee in September 2016. His main area of practise is Immigration where he has aided a wide range of clients to obtain a work permit, residency and even citizenship, whilst also aiding individuals in visa over-stay appeals and having their Schengen entry ban lifted. With a keen interest in Litigation and Dispute Resolution, Julian also forms part of the Litigation department.

LANGUAGES

English & Maltese

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Laws, LL.B. (2015, University of Malta)
Diploma of Legal Procurator (2015, University of Malta)
Diploma of Notary Public (2016, University of Malta)
Doctor of Laws, LL.D. (2018, University of Malta)

Dr Zachary Galea



WORK DEPARTMENT

Corporate & Commercial
Insurance and Reassurance

POSITION

Zachary Galea is an associate in the corporate and insurance departments of the firm. He joined as a trainee in 2018 assisting within the Shipping and Aviation and IT departments of Mamo TCV gaining experience in Maritime Law, IT and Corporate law.

He assists in a variety of corporate and commercial matters, such as company formation, corporate governance, the incorporation and restructuring of companies, and property and real estate matters. He also assists in several insurance and reinsurance advisory, regulatory and compliance matters.

Zachary also assists in corporate matters relating to shipping and aviation, such as the formation and support of companies as well as taking a keen interest on matters relating to IT, Data Protection and E-Commerce.

Zachary is currently reading for a Master's degree (LLM) in Information Technology and Telecommunications Law with the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow.

MEMBERSHIPS

Admitted to the Maltese Bar, Superior Courts of Malta (2019)

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Laws (Honours) (LL.B.(Hons)) (2017, University of Malta)
Master of Advocacy (M.Adv.) (2018, University of Malta)

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Dr David Grech

WORK DEPARTMENT

Corporate and Commercial
Real Estate and Construction

POSITION

Of Counsel

CAREER

David Grech is Of Counsel in the Real Estate and Development group within the firm. As counsel to various clients involved in large scale and mixed real estate developments, he has significant experience in designing and drafting the legal documents to suit the particular, often intricate, circumstances of the project.

He also regularly advises major domestic and international clients on various areas of commercial law.

David has also participated in the drafting of sector guidelines for the prevention of money laundering and funding of terrorism, gives training in this subject and plays a key role in maintaining effective policies and procedures in this area within the firm

LANGUAGES

English, Maltese, Italian.

MEMBERSHIPS

Admitted to the Maltese Bar, Superior Courts of Malta (1982)
Malta Chamber of Advocates

EDUCATION

Doctor of Laws (1981, University of Malta)
Certificate in Trust Law and Administration (2004, Institute of Financial Services Practitioners Malta)



Dr Veronica Grixti

WORK DEPARTMENT

Corporate and Commercial
Foundations, Estate Planning and Family Office
Insurance and Reinsurance
Real Estate and Construction

POSITION

Senior Associate

CAREER

Veronica Grixti is a Senior Associate within the firm. Her principal area of practice has been in certain aspects of insurance, inheritance, general commercial, corporate including liquidations and share transfers and property law. She has been actively involved in the drafting of agreements including but not limitedly promise of sale of property agreements, lease agreements, management agreements. She has also been involved in the restructuring of companies, debt collections, giving advice to leading insurance companies in Malta in connection with life insurance policies and professional indemnity claims, and in company secretarial matters.

LANGUAGES

Maltese, English, Italian.

MEMBERSHIPS

Admitted to the Maltese Bar, Superior Courts of Malta (2005)

EDUCATION

Doctor of Laws Degree – LL.D. (2004, University of Malta)
Masters of Law Degree: Magister Juris [European & Comparative Law] (2005, University of Malta)



Dr Claude Micallef-Grimaud

WORK DEPARTMENT

Corporate and Commercial
Intellectual Property and Anti-Counterfeiting
Telecoms, Media and Technology

POSITION

Partner

CAREER

Claude Micallef-Grimaud is a Partner at Mamo TCV Advocates, working mainly in the firm's Technology, Media and Telecoms (TMT) and Intellectual Property (IP) departments. Claude acts as lead counsel in all matters relating to privacy law and data protection and represents numerous international (and local) entities in such matters. One particular area of specialisation relates to the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) in respect of which he is widely considered as one of the leading practitioners in the field.

Claude regularly advises and acts as counsel in the field of Information Technology law and Cybersecurity. This includes assistance with contract drafting and negotiation as well as IT licensing arrangements. Claude also regularly advises and acts as counsel for international and local clients in all intellectual property matters (particularly Copyright cases, Anti-Counterfeiting actions and Trademark issues) including litigation, contract negotiation and drafting, registration procedures and licensing/franchising matters.

Claude also regularly assists various entities in the media sector including prominent artists, performers, film/theatre/music producers and directors as well as investors in the media and entertainment industry and also acts as production lawyer in local and foreign television and cinematic productions.

Claude's other specialist areas include all matters relating to EU law, Contract law and Tort law the latter being a subject he also lectures at the University of Malta. Claude also acts as counsel for clients in general civil and commercial matters.

Claude has published a number of academic papers both locally as well as abroad. Claude is also an examiner and academic supervisor at the University of Malta and has organised, moderated and participated in a number of conferences and symposiums on various subjects.

LANGUAGES

Maltese, English, Italian and working knowledge of French.

MEMBERSHIPS

Founding member and treasurer of the Maltese Society for Comparative law (MSCL)
Member of the Malta Chamber of Advocates since 2008
Admitted to the Maltese Bar, Superior Courts of Malta (2009)



Dr Maria Mulvaney

WORK DEPARTMENT

Corporate and Commercial

POSITION

Associate

CAREER

Maria graduated as Doctor of Laws in 2017. She was called to the Bar in March, 2018 and joined the Firm as an associate that same year. Forming part of the Firm's corporate and commercial team, she assists clients with various corporate and commercial matters, including company incorporations, corporate restructuring, contract drafting, and the provision of advice on matters related to general corporate and commercial law.

LANGUAGES

English & Maltese

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Laws (2014, University of Malta)

Doctor of Laws (2017, University of Malta)



Dr Stephen Muscat

WORK DEPARTMENT

Corporate and Commercial
Employment and Labour
Energy and Resources
Foundations, Estate Planning and Family Office
Gaming and Betting
Litigation and Dispute resolution
Mergers & Acquisitions, Insolvency
Planning and Environment
Procurement and State Aid
Real Estate and Construction
Shipping and Yachting
Tourism, Leisure and Hospitality

POSITION

Partner

CAREER

Stephen Muscat is a partner in the litigation department within the firm, assisting a number of clients, both corporate and individuals within the commercial and civil law sphere involved in court-related, arbitration and other tribunals work. Apart from dispute-resolution work Stephen also practices extensively within the general commercial and civil law sphere. In his practice, Stephen regularly deals and dealt with a myriad of issues for a diverse portfolio of clients, some of which are leaders in their field and high-net individuals, operating within the wholesale and retail, construction, services, hotel, oil and other industries.

LANGUAGES

Maltese, English, Italian, working knowledge of French.

MEMBERSHIPS

Admitted to the Maltese Bar, Superior Courts of Malta (1998)
Chamber of Advocates, Malta
Member of the Complaints' Board within the Malta Football Association

EDUCATION

Degree of Doctor of Laws (1997, University of Malta, Malta)
Masters Degree in International Maritime Law (1997, International Maritime Law Institute, Malta)



Prof Andrew Muscat

WORK DEPARTMENT

Banking and Finance
Capital Markets
Corporate and Commercial
Energy and Resources
Mergers & Acquisitions, Insolvency

POSITION

Partner

CAREER

Andrew Muscat is a Senior Partner at Mamo TCV Advocates and heads the Corporate, Capital Markets, Insolvency and Banking practice groups. He has developed a wide-ranging commercial law practice advising corporate clients on corporate and commercial matters ranging from M&A transactions, corporate restructurings and corporate finance to privatizations and joint ventures. He regularly advises international banks in various forms of financing including project financing and merger and acquisition financing.

As counsel to some of Malta's leading publicly listed companies, he has gained considerable experience on capital markets issues, including bond issues, spin-offs, rights issues and voluntary and mandatory bids. He also regularly advises clients in dealing with distressed companies operating in the financial and commercial sectors.

Andrew is also Professor of Commercial Law in the Faculty of Laws at the University of Malta where he has taught company law, insolvency law, banking law and credit instruments.

LANGUAGES

English and Maltese.

MEMBERSHIPS

Admitted to the Maltese Bar, Superior Courts of Malta (1980)
Member of the Malta Chamber of Advocates
International Bar Association
Institute of Financial Services Practitioners
Professor in Commercial Law at the Faculty of Laws, University of Malta

EDUCATION

Doctor of Laws (LL.D.) (1979, University of Malta)
Master of Letters (M.Litt). (1983, Worcester College, Oxford)
Master of Laws (LL.M.) (1980, University of London)
Ph.D (1994, University of London)

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Dr Annalies Muscat

WORK DEPARTMENT

Capital Markets
Competition
Corporate and Commercial

POSITION

Senior Associate

CAREER

Annalies Muscat is a senior associate within the competition and commercial practice of the firm. As a member of the competition group, she advises various businesses in different industries (such as manufacturing, utilities, food and beverage, entertainment, telecommunications, import and export, co-operatives) on competition issues. This includes making submissions to and representing clients in front of the Office for Competition, the Competition and Consumer Appeals Tribunal, the civil courts and regulators as well as advising on contracts and mergers and acquisitions. As a member of the commercial practice of the firm, she assists and advises clients on various contractual issues; advises clients on consumer law related matters; and also has experience of capital markets, having assisted clients with bond issues and initial public offerings and other corporate governance matters.

LANGUAGES

Maltese, English, French, Italian, working knowledge of Spanish.

MEMBERSHIPS

Admitted to the Maltese Bar, Superior Courts of Malta (2011)

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Laws (LL.B) with European Studies (2007, University of Malta)

Doctor of Laws (LL.D) (2010, University of Malta)

Master of Law (LL.M) with a specialisation in commercial law (2011, University of Cambridge, UK)

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) candidate (University of Birmingham, UK)



Dr Roberta Peresso

WORK DEPARTMENT

Banking and Finance

POSITION

Senior Associate

CAREER

Since April 2015, Roberta Peresso occupies the position of Senior Associate within the Corporate and Banking Department at Mamo TCV Advocates. Prior to joining the Firm, Roberta gathered nine years' experience in the local banking sector. Her previous roles exposed her mainly to the security aspects of lending and other matters of civil law, banking law in general, trade finance and company secretarial duties in a company listed on the Malta Stock Exchange. Roberta also has a good knowledge of data protection law which she acquired during her employment with the local data protection authority, which coincided with the introduction of the data protection laws in Malta.

LANGUAGES

Maltese, English, Italian, working knowledge of French

MEMBERSHIPS

Admitted to the Maltese Bar, Superior Courts of Malta (2003)

EDUCATION

B.A. Legal & Humanistic Studies (1999 – University of Malta)

Doctor of Laws (2002 – University of Malta)



Dr Michael Psaila

WORK DEPARTMENT

Banking and Finance
Capital Markets
Corporate and Commercial
Mergers & Acquisitions, Insolvency

POSITION

Managing Partner

CAREER

Michael Psaila graduated Doctor of Laws from the University of Malta in 2004 after submitting a doctoral thesis entitled 'The Raising and Maintenance of Capital'. He furthered his studies at Kings College London, where he obtained a Masters of Law degree in Corporate and Commercial Law.

Michael was called to the Bar in January, 2005 and was a partner at Simon Tortell & Associates since the firm was founded in May 2009 until it merged with Mamo TCV in July 2016.

Michael's main areas of practice include banking and finance, capital markets, corporate and insolvency law.

Maltese counsel in respect of a notes issue by the (English) parent company of certain Maltese companies (including one licensed and regulated entity) as well as a revolving credit facility taken by the issuer and the security package being granted by the Maltese companies to secure the obligations in question;

Counsel advising on the Maltese law aspects of an initial public offering of a company set up using a Maltese corporate holding structure on the Toronto Stock Exchange;

Maltese counsel in respect the sale of a 38% holding in a credit institution listed on the Malta Stock Exchange;

External counsel to a retail bank on a variety of matters including regulatory compliance, anti-money laundering, product structuring, credit facilities, security agreements and other day-to-day matters; and

Maltese counsel to the acquirer of a company specialising in technically complex active pharmaceutical ingredients with an operation in Malta.

LANGUAGES

Maltese, English, Italian & French

MEMBERSHIPS

Admitted to the Maltese Bar, Superior Courts of Malta (2005)
Malta Chamber of Advocates
Institute of Financial Services Practitioners
International Bar Association

Michael is also recommended in most major legal directories.



Dr Simon Pullicino

WORK DEPARTMENT

Banking and Finance
Corporate and Commercial
Mergers & Acquisitions, Insolvency

POSITION

Partner

CAREER

Simon Pullicino is a Partner within the firm's Corporate Finance & Insolvency Group. His main practice areas include asset management & securities, banking & corporate finance, insolvency and debt restructuring, corporate rescue, mergers & acquisitions, commercial litigation and general commercial law.

Simon advises clients on all aspects of commercial and financing transactions, corporate governance, liquidations & debt restructuring, regulatory and compliance issues. He has gained extensive experience in the field of corporate insolvency and corporate rescue, having being involved in a number of corporate liquidations, both voluntary and contentious proceedings litigated before the Maltese Courts.

Simon has regularly participated as a contributory author in a number of European wide legal publications. He also previously lectured Corporate Insolvency Law at postgraduate level at the University of Malta.

LANGUAGES

Maltese, English, Spanish & Italian.

MEMBERSHIPS

Admitted to the Maltese Bar, Superior Courts of Malta (2010)

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Legal and Humanistic (European) Studies (2006, University of Malta)
Doctor of Laws (LL.D.) – (2009, University of Malta);
Master of Laws (Magister Juris) in European & Comparative Law (2011, University of Malta.)

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Dr Giulio Sammut

WORK DEPARTMENT

Fintech
Investment & Funds Services

POSITION

Associate

CAREER

Giulio is an associate in the Investment Services and Funds at Mamo TCV Advocates. After graduating from the University of Malta in 2017, he completed his Master's Degree in Law and Economics at Utrecht University the following year. He also has a keen interest in Banking and Finance Law, having successfully submitted his LL.M. thesis entitled 'Disproportionality in Banking Regulation; With Particular Focus on Small Banks'.

Giulio recently joined the firm (in 2018) as a associate. He is also a member of the Fintech Team at the firm which handles all legal matters related to Cryptocurrencies, Initial Coin Offerings (ICOs) and Distributed Ledger Technology (DLT).

LANGUAGES

English & Maltese

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Laws (2016, University of Malta)
Master of Advocacy (2017, University of Malta)
M. in Law and Economics (2018, Utrecht University)



Dr Louise Sant Fournier

WORK DEPARTMENT

Litigation and Dispute Resolution

POSITION

Senior Associate

CAREER

Louise Sant Fournier is a senior associate in the litigation practice of the firm. She has serviced the litigation requirements of numerous clients, both local and foreign, and assisted clients when recourse to the Courts of Justice or arbitration is required, mainly in the practice of general civil and commercial disputes, insurance, immovable property and debt collection.

LANGUAGES

Maltese, English and Italian.

MEMBERSHIPS

Malta Chamber of Advocates
International Bar Association.

EDUCATION

Diploma of Notary Public (1993, University of Malta)
Doctor of Laws (1995, University of Malta)
Diploma in Marriage Cases, Jurisprudence and Procedure (1995, Malta Episcopal Conference)

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Dr Mark Soler

WORK DEPARTMENT

Litigation & Dispute Resolution
Corporate & Commercial

POSITION

Junior Associates

CAREER

Mark Soler joined the firm as a legal trainee in July 2015. While working primarily in the Corporate Department of the firm he has also contributed to the preparation of written pleadings before the Maltese courts.

Mark won numerous awards while reading law at the University of Malta.

LANGUAGES

Maltese
English
Italian
French

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Laws (2014, University of Malta)
Doctor of Laws (2017, University of Malta)



Dr Laura Spiteri

WORK DEPARTMENT

Competition Law
Corporate & Commercial

POSITION

Associate

CAREER

Laura Spiteri joined the firm as a trainee in 2015 and gained experience in Maritime law, Corporate law, and Intellectual Property. She graduated from the University of Malta in 2017, after having successfully submitted a doctoral thesis entitled 'Counterfeiting: A Legal Analysis'. She then went on to complete a Master's Degree from the University of Cambridge, with focus on intellectual property, competition law, and data protection.

Following the completion of her postgraduate degree, Laura joined the Competition Law department as a associate.

LANGUAGES

English & Maltese

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) with European Studies (2014, University of Malta)
Doctor of Laws (LL.D.) (2017, University of Malta)
Master of Law (LL.M.) with a specialisation in intellectual property law (2018, University of Cambridge)



Dr Frank B. Testa

WORK DEPARTMENT

Corporate and Commercial
Employment and Labour
Litigation and Dispute Resolution
Planning and Environment
Procurement and State Aid
Real Estate and Construction
Tourism, Leisure and Hospitality

POSITION

Partner

CAREER

Frank Testa is a partner in the litigation and dispute resolution group of the firm. He was admitted to the bar in 2005 and after a couple of years of practise in the financial service industry in the City of London, he returned to Malta to concentrate on civil, commercial and administrative law.

He has been advising various local and international companies as well as government entities since then. In doing so, he has gained significant experience in those fields as well as real estate, public procurement and industrial law. Frank is regarded as one of the country's main points of reference in hospitality law, where he has advised the government on the drafting of various pieces of legislation in the field.

LANGUAGES

Maltese, English and Italian

MEMBERSHIPS

Admitted to the Maltese Bar, Superior Courts of Malta (2007)
Malta Chamber of Advocates

EDUCATION

B.A. in Legal and Humanistic Studies (2001, University of Malta)
Doctor of Laws (2004, University of Malta)



Dr Andrea Theuma

WORK DEPARTMENT

Banking and Finance
Corporate and Commercial
Mergers & Acquisitions, Insolvency

POSITION

Associate

CAREER

Andrea Theuma is an associate with the firm's Corporate Finance & Insolvency Group, having first joined Mamo TCV Advocates in June 2014. His main practice areas include asset management & securities, banking & corporate finance, mergers and acquisitions, insolvency and debt restructuring, corporate rescue, company incorporations and general commercial law.

Andrea's other specialist areas include all matters relating to Private International Law, EU law, Contract law and Tort law. He also advises clients on aspects of commercial and financing transactions, corporate governance and regulatory and compliance issues. Andrea is currently participating as a National Reporter in the European Commission's "Study on a new approach to business failure and insolvency".

Andrea is also currently on secondment with a leading, international bank assisting in the review and updating of all standard documentation and templates used by the Bank with its customers.

LANGUAGES

Maltese, English, Italian and French (working knowledge)

MEMBERSHIPS

Admitted to the Maltese Bar, Superior Courts of Malta (2015)

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Legal and Humanistic (European) Studies (2011, University of Malta)

Doctor of Laws (LL.D.), (2014, University of Malta)

Currently reading for Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Commercial & Corporate Law – University of London

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Dr Jonathan Tonna

WORK DEPARTMENT

Intellectual Property and Anti-Counterfeiting
Telecoms, Media and Technology

POSITION

Associate

CAREER

Jonathan Tonna is an associate in MamotCV's Intellectual Property Department. He has practiced for close to 5 years under the guidance of the IP team, first as a young trainee, then as a fully-fledged associate. During his time at the firm, Jonathan has advised and assisted clients on various IP matters. His experience ranges across every major IP field. He has helped young innovators and entrepreneurs further their business aspirations with sound IP strategy. He assisted artists, performers and other members of the creative industry safeguard their copyright and related rights, and has conducted trademark prosecution at the behest of some of the largest international brands.

Jonathan is also a member of the firm's Litigation team, and handles a variety of IP-related claims, including the disposal of infringing merchandise that regularly passes through Maltese Customs, proceedings for the protection or invalidation of potentially conflicting trademarks and the protection of copyright and related rights.

LANGUAGES

Maltese, English, Working knowledge of Italian

MEMBERSHIPS

Admitted to the Maltese Bar, Superior Courts of Malta (2013)
Malta Chamber of Advocates

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Laws (LL.B) (2010, University of Malta)
Doctor of Laws (LL.D) (2013, University of Malta)

Dr David Tonna



WORK DEPARTMENT

Aviation
Corporate and Commercial
Gaming and Betting
Immigration and Citizenship
Intellectual Property and Anti-Counterfeiting
Shipping and Yachting

POSITION

Partner

CAREER

David Tonna is a founding Partner at Mamo TCV Advocates. His key practice areas include Corporate Law and M&A, Financial Services, Admiralty and Maritime, Aviation, Intellectual Property and Anti-Counterfeiting, Industry Sectors, Real Estate, Gaming Industry, Immigration & Citizenship. David was admitted to the Maltese BAR in 1982. He opened his own firm Tonna Camilleri Vassallo & Co 1989-2000.

Following the merger of the law firms John Mamo & Associates and Tonna Camilleri Vassallo & Co. in October 2000, David became a Managing Partner of Mamo TCV Advocates and is now Partner in charge of Business Development and International relations of the Firm.

LANGUAGES

English, Maltese and Italian and has a working knowledge of French.

MEMBERSHIPS

Admitted to the Maltese Bar, Superior Courts of Malta (1982)
Malta Chambers of Advocates
International Maritime Committee (CMI) of st1: country-region >Belgium (Antwerp)
Founding Member of the Malta Maritime Law ASSOCIATION
European Communities Trademark Association (ECTA)
AIPPI
European Trade Mark Proprietors (MARQUES)
Honorary Consul of Luxembourg

EDUCATION

Doctor of Laws (1981, University of Malta)



Dr Christian Tonna

WORK DEPARTMENT

Immigration and Citizenship
Corporate and Commercial
Gaming and Betting

POSITION

Senior Associate

CAREER

Christian Tonna is a senior associate having experience in the Corporate, Gaming, and most recently been instrumental in the set up of the Firm's Immigration Department.

His broad experience in these sectors, enables him to offer holistic and practical advice to all our High Net-Worth private clients, the portfolio of which has steadily grown through our increased focus on the Immigration market.

Immigration has also been very useful in attracting large corporate clients, looking to set up offices and employ local and foreign individuals within Maltese territory, with the Firm's presence in this sector having also been strongly supported by other experts within complementing fields.

Private client work has also afforded Christian the opportunity to work in advising these individuals on acquisition and lease of Maltese immovable property and to also further contacts and experience within the local real-estate development network, having built relationships with all the reputable estate agencies and contractors.

LANGUAGES

Maltese, English, Italian, working knowledge of French.

MEMBERSHIPS

Admitted to the Maltese Bar, Superior Courts of Malta – (2011)
Authorised Registered Mandatory – Identity Malta and International Tax Unit
Approved Agent – (Malta's Individual Investor Programme) – Identity Malta

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Laws (LL.B) with European Studies – (2007, University of Malta)
Diploma Notary Public (N.P) – (2008, University of Malta)
Doctor of Laws (LL.D) (2010, University of Malta)

Dr Katya Tua



WORK DEPARTMENT

Investment Services and Funds

POSITION

Partner

CAREER

Katya Tua heads the Investment Services department of the firm. She was called to the Bar in 2002 and joined the law firm GVTH Advocates as an associate in the same year. She joined Simon Tortell and Associates as a founding partner in 2009. She advises primarily international clients in the incorporation and licensing of all types of collective investment schemes including UCITS, alternative investment funds ("AIFs") and professional investor funds ("PIFs").

She also advises on the drafting and negotiation of associated documentation as well as on all ongoing legal support work that collective investment schemes require, particularly regulatory compliance. Katya's regulatory experience also includes the structuring and operations of asset management and administrators.

LANGUAGES

Maltese, English and Italian

MEMBERSHIPS

Admitted to the Maltese Bar, Superior Courts of Malta (2002)
Malta Chamber of Advocates
Institute of Financial Services Practitioners
International Bar Association

EDUCATION

B.A. in Legal and Humanistic Studies (1998, University of Malta)
Doctor of Laws (2001, University of Malta)
LL.M. (2002, University College London)



Dr Nicholas Valenzia

WORK DEPARTMENT

Aviation
Banking and Finance
Corporate and Commercial
Employment and Labour
Litigation and Dispute resolution
Shipping and Yachting
Tourism, Leisure and Hospitality

POSITION

Partner

CAREER

Nicholas Valenzia heads MamotCV's Shipping and Aviation Department with particular focus on assets management and finance issues. Nicholas has also vast experience in vessel (including superyachts) and aircraft ownership and operational structures. Nicholas also coordinates vessel and aircraft repossession procedures on behalf of international credit institutions.

Main areas of focus:

Ship, yacht and aircraft registration and finance;
Ship, yachts and aircraft repossession;
Asset finance;
Asset management;
Ownership and operational structures for ship, yacht and aircraft holding entities;
Aircraft leasing and charters;
Yacht leasing arrangements;
Taxation of transport industry including related litigation;
General Commercial Law;
Litigation;
All forms of land Transport.

LANGUAGES

Maltese, English, Italian, working knowledge of French.

MEMBERSHIPS

Admitted to the Maltese Bar, Superior Courts of Malta (2006)
Member of the Malta Chamber of Advocates
Treasurer of the Malta Maritime Law Association

EDUCATION

University of Malta – BA Legal and Humanistic Studies – 2001; University of Malta – LL.D. – 2001; University of Wales – LL.M. – Legal Aspects in Marine Affairs

Dr Edmond Zammit Laferla



WORK DEPARTMENT

Corporate and Commercial
Employment and Labour
Insurance and Reinsurance

POSITION

Edmond Zammit Laferla is a partner with Mamo TCV Advocates and forms part of the Corporate department and Insurance department. His areas of specialisation include all aspects of corporate, civil and commercial litigation and regularly assists clients in a variety of related matters. Provides advice to local and foreign clients on various corporate matters including corporate governance. He has also been involved in privatisation procedures and in the negotiation and drafting of major contracts. He assists clients with respect to validity and enforceability of agreements and arrangements related to commercial and corporate issues. Edmond is also regarded as one of the leading lawyers in the insurance practice area and provides legal support to a number of local and foreign insurance players by providing advice on insurance related matters including litigation, regulatory and compliance issues.

CAREER

Formed part of legal team assisting a foreign insurance undertaking in the takeover of a local insurance undertaking with passporting rights and advising on change in control matters;

Advised foreign investment SPV on prevention of money laundering aspects in a takeover bid of a major Maltese betting company;

Assisted clients in the settlement of a dispute between the shareholders of a major local company involved in the importation of goods;

Formed part of legal team carrying out a vendor due diligence exercise and drawing up of due diligence report in connection with the public offer of the share capital of a listed entity;

Advised clients on the partial lifting of a freezing order issued against third parties permitting the execution of a legitimate transfer of funds to clients;

Retained to provide legal and compliance support to leading (re)insurance undertakings, captives, protected cell companies and insurance intermediaries;

Advising on the setting up of two educational institutions providing tertiary level education in Malta;

Acted on behalf a top-tier foreign insurance undertaking in the out-of-court settlement of a major insurance claim.

LANGUAGES

English and Italian

MEMBERSHIPS

Admitted to the Maltese Bar, Superior Courts of Malta (2002); Chamber of Advocates, Malta; International Bar Association;