

BARBARA JEAN STEADMAN

Personal Data

Date & Place of Birth 14 June 1968 California USA
Nationality American citizen/Italian resident
Marital Status Married to an Italian citizen

Professional Experience

**Attorney/Legal
Consultant
2008- present**

Italian Private Companies and Italian and International Law Firms

I travel extensively throughout Italy providing assistance on interpretation and drafting commercial agreements and international contracts. I specialize in critical analysis of contracts drafted in English highlighting assumptions and limitations of risks and liability, drafting to reflect negotiations, and interpretation and judicial construction issues. I work extensively with Italian companies, universities and national and international law firms creating agreements governed by either the civil law or common law in English. I frequently work on licensing agreements, general contracting specifications, agency agreements, supply agreements, partnership agreements and commercial transactions (from negotiation to closing), and public tenders.

**Docent
June 2012- present**

**Il Sole 24 Ore
“Business & Legal English Contract Negotiation and Drafting” section of the “Diritto e Commercio Internazionale” Master Program**

I teach the “Drafting Legal Documents in English” section of the Master as well as the “Building a Contract” section. I coordinate the course program with Avv. Marco Bianchi and Steven Sprague, Esq.

**Attorney at Law/
Senior Docent/
Scientific Coordinator
January 2003-
December 2011**

**Just Legal Services, Scuola di Formazione Legale
Milan Italy
www.justlegalservices.it**

I created, oversaw and presented continuing legal education courses in the areas of contract law, commercial law, intellectual

property law, banking and finance law, administrative law and drafting both transactional and non-transactional documents. I worked with Italian law firms, international law firms and international companies with common law issues and practical problems such as drafting and revising contracts.

I oversaw and taught the continuing legal education courses for magistrates and judges from the courts in the region of Lombardia. I taught a drafting contracts course for the Università degli Studi di Milano department of research financing. I taught the English law module in the JLS Bankruptcy Master Program, Intellectual Property Master Program and Banking & Finance Master Program as well as the AIGI Master Program. I taught English for Law at the Università degli Studi di Salerno. I also managed all English language course programming, materials and docents.

**Adjunct Professor
2006-2007**

**European School of Economics
Milan, Italy**

I taught a fall semester course for undergraduates regarding International Business Law and I taught a spring semester course to MBA students on International Business Law.

**Associate Attorney
March 2000-
March 2002**

**Vita Samory, Fabbrini & Associati
Milan, Italy**

I assisted on English language issues. I assisted on Italian and American components of international commercial transactions and compliance with US federal policy and procedure. I liaised with English-speaking counterparties and colleagues.

**Associate Counsel
March 1997-
July 1999**

**Board of Veterans' Appeals, Department of Veteran's Affairs
Washington D.C.**

I researched and drafted administrative law appellate decisions pursuant to the United States Code, Code of Federal Regulations, Federal Register, and United States Court of Veterans Appeals. I received Exceptional Achievement Award, July 1998.

**Intern
September 1998-
December 1998**

**United States Court of Federal Claims
Washington D.C.**

I interned for Honorable Judge Robert H. Hodges, Jr. My duties included drafting initial memoranda regarding government contracts law and federal taxation law. I researched issues such as cardinal change, foreseeability of anticipatory damages and deposit versus payment determinations in taxation cases.

Litigation Associate
January 1996-
December 1996

Keyes, Danks, Coxwell & Leonard, P.A.
Jackson Mississippi

I was responsible for my own client caseload, from inception through trial. I drafted and argued pretrial and discovery motions in federal and state court. I first chaired trials in state court.

Education

Student

GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
THE NATIONAL LAW CENTER

Washington D. C.

Masters of Law Program

Specialization: Government Contracts

August 1997-December 1998

I did not complete thesis requirement of program.

Member, Public Contracts Law Journal, 1997

Student

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE SCHOOL OF LAW

Jackson, Mississippi

Juris Doctorate

December 1995

Student

JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY

Harrisonburg, Virginia

Bachelors of Science, Political Science & Sociology

May 1990

Foreign Language

Italian

Fluent

Publications

Drafting Legal Documents in Plain English: Guida Pratica alla redazione di documenti legali in inglese, publisher DOTT. A. GIUFFRÉ EDITORE S.p.A.2013.

Additional Information

**BAR ADMISSION
& ACTIVITIES:**

State Bar of Mississippi, 1996. Admitted to United States District Court, Southern District, Northern District, and United States Court of Appeals, Fifth District, 1996.

Qualification as Solicitor in United Kingdom, pending.

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