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**Gian P. Zini**, graduated *cum laude* from the Law School of the University of Modena (Italy), in 1981, former instructor officer of the Italian Mountain Special Forces (1982-1983), admitted to the Italian bar in 1984 (admission and practice recognized in the entire territory of the European Union pursuant to the Directives No. 1998/5/CE and 2005/36/CE of the European Parliament and Council), to Italian Supreme Courts in 2003 and licensed as foreign legal consultant in New York State in 1997, has practiced law for over 20 years in Milan, Rome, London and New York, with a focus in the fields of domestic and international M&A, Banking, Capital Markets, Corporate Finance, Venture Capital & Private Equity, Project Finance, Cross-Border Structuring, International Trade and Investments, Antitrust and European Union (E.U.) Law, Telecommunications, Intellectual Property, Internet, Information Technology & e-commerce, and selected Corporate, Securities, IP, Antitrust and International Litigation.

Gian's work has been consistently ranked at the top of the consulting industry, including but not limited to as a) leading practitioner in Banking, Capital Markets, Insolvency & Restructuring, M&A and Project Finance in *IFLR 1000*, the survey of the 1000 BEST FINANCIAL LAW FIRMS Worldwide published by *International Financial Law Review*, b) leading practitioner in Merger & Acquisition and Venture Capital & Private Equity by Practical Law.com; as well as c) Europe's Leading Advisor, rated for Italy, as #1 in M&A, #1 in Capital Markets, #2 in both Tax Transactional, and Cross-Border Structuring, #3 in Tax Planning by a 2003 survey of the *International Tax Review* ("REVEALING EUROPE'S BRIGHTEST STARS")

Gian (until 2003 member of the *American Foreign Law Association*, the *American Chamber of Commerce in Italy*, the *Communication Committee* of the *Italy-America Chamber of Commerce* in New York, the *Tax & Legal Committee of the European Venture Capital Association (EVCA)*; partner of "Nuovo Mercato", the high-tech/web segment of the Italian Stock Exchange; Capital Markets and Telecommunications & Information Technology, legal analyst for the legal portal LegalMediaGroup) is focusing his knowledge and professional expertise in the areas of business origination and development, assessment and determination of the competitive dynamics and competitive environments, E.U. regulatory environment, brand value origination and expansion, due diligence reviews, international markets and regulatory analysis, Corporate Governance, as well as the economic, financial, regulatory and marketing aspects of climate change, clean tech, energy and sustainability.

Gian, now resident in Utah, has applied his professional experience also to executive and professional training, working for various public and private companies and contributing to various corporate universities, and to the academic world, teaching as adjunct faculty *International Business Culture, Corporate & Financial Markets* and *Financial Disclosure Laws & Regulations* at his *alma mater* in Italy, *Global Corporate Finance* at the Department of Finance of the University of Utah's David Eccles School of Business, various sustainability and international classes at the U's College of Behavioral Sciences, *Sustainability Strategy* for the MBA Program of the Bill and Vieve Gore School of Business at Westminster College, where he has also been invited to teach *International Law* for the Department of Management. Gian is also author-coauthor of various articles, papers and contributions, frequent speaker/contributor at/to state, national and international professional & academic conferences and seminars and is active in *pro bono*, non profit and community service initiatives, cooperating with various state/local government agencies, as well as national and international NGOs and multi-stakeholder organizations, academic institutions, and industry associations (currently serving, *inter alia*, as member of the Policy Making & Economic Working Groups of the UREZ Task Force (Utah Renewable Energy Zone Initiative), the *Board of Trustees* of the *Salt Lake Convention & Visitors Bureau (SLCVB)*), the *Technical & Steering Committees* of the *Wasatch Canyons for Tomorrow*., and has been invited to participate to the Stakeholders Engagement and Advisory Process related to the conceptualization of Climate Change Federal & Regional Regulations, the Sustainability Regulatory Process and relevant coordination with international legislation.