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Profile

Valerio Scimemi is an Italian-qualified attorney with over 25 years of cross-border transaction experience spanning Italian civil and commercial law, corporate M&A, banking and financial law, international arbitration, IP and ECHR litigation.

He currently serves as Registered Foreign Lawyer (Italy) at Oldham, Li & Nie, bringing to the firm direct coverage in Italian and European corporate law, cross-border transaction structuring between Europe and Asia, Russia/CIS advisory, and European Court of Human Rights litigation – areas where OLN’s international clients increasingly require integrated counsel.

Before joining OLN, Valerio founded Scimemi Law Firm (est. 2003, Milan and Palermo) and built a multi-jurisdiction advisory practice with a permanent operational presence across Italy, Hong Kong, Mainland China and Russia. He maintains 300+ active court files across Italian tribunals, courts of appeal and the Supreme Court of Cassation, and manages approximately 500 hearings per year.

His profile combines deep legal expertise with an atypical financial skill set: an Executive Master in Administration, Finance & Control (AFC) from SDA Bocconi, with hands-on IFRS financial analysis capability. He holds the Top Talent Scheme in Hong Kong and a PRC work permit authorising him to work and serve as company director in Mainland China.

Admissions and Memberships

Since 2002 – Solicitor, Italian Law Society of Palermo (Sicily)

Since 2015 – Solicitor, Italian and European higher courts (Avvocato Cassazionista – qualified to plead before the Italian Supreme Court of Cassation)

Since 2026 – Registered Foreign Lawyer (Italy) – the Hong Kong Law Society

Notable Cases

- Cross-border acquisition in the spirits sector involving brand transfer, Antitrust advisory, regulatory approvals and post-acquisition commercial restructuring across multiple European jurisdictions
- International distribution agreement structuring for a major spirits brand across South America, Asia and Eastern Europe, including sanction-sensitive territories
- JV structuring in the energy sector between European and Asian partners, involving multi-layer holding architecture and government concession frameworks
- Corporate restructuring and merger of industrial entities in the F&B sector, including bank waiver negotiations under Italian extraordinary corporate transaction law
- Ongoing general counsel to one of Italy's largest vehicle rental companies: M&A advisory, regulatory compliance, cross-border litigation, real estate and commercial contracts
- Cross-border investigative mandate involving corporate patrimony analysis across multiple jurisdictions, with coordination of local counsel and forensic accountants
- Trademark coexistence negotiation and IP strategy for a premium Italian wine and spirits group, involving parallel proceedings in multiple EU trademark offices
- Share acquisition structuring for an international power generation company across Southeast Asian and European jurisdictions