

Sergio Erede

Sergio Erede was born in Florence (Italy) on August 14, 1940. He graduated in jurisprudence (*magna cum laude*) in 1962 from the University of Milan and in 1964 obtained an LL.M. from Harvard Law School. He was with Hale & Door, Boston in 1963/1964 and with Sullivan & Cromwell, New York in 1964/1965. From 1965 to 1969 he was heading the legal department of IBM Italia S.p.A.. Since 1969 he has been in private practice. The firm founded by S. Erede (named Erede e Associati) was known primarily for its engagement in M&A and securities transactions. In 1999 the firm merged with two other Italian leading firms, Bonelli e Associati, specialising in corporate law, bankruptcy and litigation and Pappalardo e Associati, specialising in antitrust and European law.

In recent years, in addition to Olivetti's take over of Telecom Italia S.p.A., the firm has advised clients in relation to most of the major Italian transactions such as Generali's take over of INA, Pirelli's take over of UNIM, SEAT's take over of Buffetti, the privatization of Autostrade and Aeroporti di Roma, the IPOs of ENEL and Finmeccanica, the acquisizione of SEAT by Telecom Italia S.p.A., the take-over of Montedison by Itالenergia and the take-over of Olivetti/Telecom Italia by Pirelli and the Benetton Group.

In addition to his activity as a practising attorney, Sergio Erede holds board positions in several primary Italian listed companies such as Marzotto S.p.A., (the second largest Italian textile group); Interpump S.p.A., (a leading manufacturer of pumps for industrial and consumer applications); Autogrill S.p.A., (the recently privatized group operating in the highway restaurant business in Italy and abroad); Manuli Rubber S.p.A. (a leading manufacturer of high pressure hose and automotive air conditioning components), Carraro S.p.A., Gruppo Galbani S.p.A.