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Giovanni E. Spinelli is the Managing Partner of Bartko Pavia LLP's New York office and is the Chair of the Corporate Practice. Known for his deep knowledge of the issues and specific needs of his Italian and other European clients, Mr. Spinelli's practice focuses on general corporate and commercial transactions, and includes international mergers & acquisitions, corporate governance and regulatory compliance, finance, distribution and licensing. He counsels foreign companies in establishing and developing their presence in the United States and regularly advises several high-profile clients in the luxury goods industry. Mr. Spinelli is a frequent speaker before professional organizations and academic institutions on topics related to the U.S. legal system and the challenges and opportunities of doing business in the U.S. He has led seminars for international audiences, including at prestigious universities such as Bocconi University and LUISS in Italy. His lectures focus on providing practical legal insights for foreign companies entering or operating in the U.S. market.

CREDENTIALS

EDUCATION

- Yale Law School, LL.M., 1994
- Faculty of Law of the University of Florence, J.D., summa cum laude, 1991

BAR ADMISSIONS

- State Bar of New York

INSIGHTS

PUBLICATIONS | 05, SEPTEMBER 2025

CLIENT ALERT: TEXAS TELEMARKETING LAW EXPANDS TO TEXTS - KEY REQUIREMENTS

Effective September 1, 2025, SB 140 expands Texas' telemarketing law to cover SMS/MMS and image messages. Businesses who send marketing texts from Texas or to persons located in Texas must register with the Texas Secretary of State (\$200 filing fee; \$10,000 security deposit).

MEDIA MENTIONS | 06, MARCH 2025

BOUTIQUE MERGER CREATES BICOASTAL 'SWEET SPOT' IN NY, CALIF.

California-based litigation boutique Bartko LLP announced Monday that it has merged with New York-based Pavia & Harcourt to create a combined 61-lawyer firm with a substantial bicoastal platform in San Francisco

MEDIA MENTIONS | 06, MARCH 2025

CALIFORNIA, NEW YORK LITIGATION BOUTIQUES COMBINE TO CREATE BICOASTAL FIRM

Bartko is combining with Pavia & Harcourt to create Bartko Pavia, which will have 61 lawyers across Los Angeles, San Francisco and New York.

MEDIA MENTIONS | 06, MARCH 2025

NEWLY COMBINED FIRM, BARTKO PAVIA LLP, REDEFINES CLIENT SUCCESS WITH A BUSINESS-CENTRIC APPROACH

Bartko LLP and Pavia & Harcourt LLP combine to create a national firm with an international reach and business-centric approach, focused on their clients' goals and long-term success.

PUBLICATIONS | 10, FEBRUARY 2025

NEW YORK AND DOJ INTRODUCE STRICTER DATA PRIVACY REQUIREMENTS New York Updates Data Breach Notification Law

PUBLICATIONS | 04, OCTOBER 2024

CALIFORNIA ENACTS THE RESPONSIBLE TEXTILE RECOVERY ACT OF 2024

The California Responsible Textile Recovery Act (SB 707) establishes a producer responsibility program that applies to producers of apparel and textile articles sold in California.

ENFORCEMENT OF NEW CALIFORNIA'S PRIVACY REGULATIONS DELAYED

A California judge has made a last-minute decision to delay the enforcement of the California Privacy Rights Act (CPRA) regulations until March 29, 2024. The original plan was for the regulations to be enforced starting July 1.

UPCOMING COMPLIANCE DATE UNDER THE CALIFORNIA PRIVACY RIGHTS ACT OF 2020

The California Privacy Rights Act of 2020 (CPRA) has introduced a new body of rules to ensure a higher level of protection of consumers' personal information. In a notable change, the CPRA also introduces new privacy rights for employees and extends data privacy protections to consumer...

FASHION ACT

In January, New York unveiled its proposed Fashion Sustainability and Social Accountability Act (or Fashion Act). The law aims to hold major brands accountable for their environmental and social impact. If passed, the Fashion Act would require retailers and manufacturers that do business in...

PUBLICATIONS

- L.U.I.S.S. Guido Carli, Rome – Master of Fashion Law: “Navigating Omni-Channel Distribution Challenges for Luxury in the United States” – May 11, 2024
- Bocconi University, Milan – EMiLUX Executive Master in Luxury Management: “Introduction to the U.S. Legal System” – December 16, 2021, November 15, 2022
- Bocconi University, Milan – Master of Science: “Managing the Multinational Corporation: An Introduction to the U.S. Legal System” – October 5, 2021 – September 27, 2022
- Italian Reputation Focus USA: Panel Member – New York, May 6, 2021
- Union Internationale des Avocats: Focus USA – “International Business Law and International Contracts” – New York, March 12, 2021
- UniCredit International Forum: Focus USA – “Introduzione al sistema legale americano” – Confindustria Alto Milanese – Legnano, November 15, 2018

AREAS OF FOCUS

PRACTICES

Corporate

INDUSTRIES

Fashion & Luxury Goods

Financial Services