

Name	Jonathan Abela Fiorentino
Present Position	Partner
Organisation	Mamo TCV Advocates
Proposed Role	National Expert

Summary

Jonathan Abela Fiorentino is a Partner at Mamo TCV's Litigation Department. Jonathan's area of specialisation is corporate litigation, also practicing in general civil and commercial litigation. Jonathan is also registered as an Accredited Mediator in civil and commercial matters at the Malta Mediation Centre. Jonathan has over the years advised and acted as counsel to local and foreign clients in litigation matters, including in complex and/or cross-border commercial and corporate matters such as shareholder disputes and liquidations.

Academic Background

02/2021 – 02/2021 – Accredited Mediator in Civil and Commercial Disputes, London School of Mediation

02/2020 – 06/2020 – Certificate in Mediation, Diplomacy & Democracy, University of Malta, Centre for Liberal Arts & Sciences

10/2005 – 09/2007 – Magister Juris European & Comparative Law, University of Malta

10/2003 – 09/2006 – Doctor of Laws, University of Malta

10/2003 – 09/2004 – Diploma Notarial Studies, University of Malta

10/2000 – 09/2003 – B.A. Legal & Humanistic Studies, University of Malta

Languages

Mother tongue[/s]: Maltese & English

Other language[/s]: Italian

Career

2022 – Present	Partner - Mamo TCV Advocates
2015 – 2022	Senior Associate - Mamo TCV Advocates
2014 – 2014	Lawyer – Scerri & Bonello Advocates
2008 – 2013	Lawyer – Salomone, Sansone & Co.

2007 – 2008	Junior Lawyer – Department of Industrial & Employment Relations
2006 – 2007	Junior Lawyer – Farrugia & Associates

Relevant Experience

- In the past years, he has represented and continues to represent the competent authority in Malta on anti-money laundering and financing of terrorism, in appeals filed by subject persons against the imposition of administrative penalties by the authority. Indeed, Jonathan successfully represented the same authority in one of the first appeals of this kind in which the subject person was ordered to pay a substantial penalty by the Court for breach of the relevant laws and regulations.
- Retained as lead counsel for a well-established local company operating in the jewellery industry assisting it in the various legal matters it encounters, particularly matters of a commercial law and regulatory nature
- Acts as lead counsel in Malta for an established foreign company involved in the business of trading and logistics for crude oil and petroleum products in a number of judicial proceedings in Malta, some of which having a cross-border element, and including proceedings for the recognition and enforcement of foreign judgements, decisions and arbitral awards.
- Represented foreign and local clients, including companies and banks, in a myriad of corporate disputes and judicial proceedings of a corporate and commercial nature, including liquidation proceedings and proceedings related to unfair prejudice of shareholders, as well as successfully assisted clients through settlement negotiations avoiding judicial proceedings.
- Acted for and represented applicant, a foreign company, in liquidation proceedings against a local company, in which the Civil Court (Commercial Section) embraced the legal arguments made by the applicant company and delivered a landmark decision on what constitutes a bona fide dispute in the context of insolvency proceedings and also on what constitutes a creditor with reference to the nature of the credit on which the demand for liquidation is based in relation to contingent and prospective liabilities for the purposes of determining inability to pay debts.
- Appointed to act as Mediator in a number of disputes, both locally as well as involving a cross-border element, including cross-border dispute in the gaming industry and a cross-border dispute relating to a succession. Also appointed as Mediator following referrals from the Maltese Courts to act as mediator in pending litigation proceedings.
- Appointed by the Malta Chamber of Advocates to head a sub-committee of the Chamber specifically on mediation with the aim amongst others to promote and raise awareness on mediation, to consult with various industries on the benefits of mediation, to collaborate with local authorities and particularly with the Malta Mediation Centre with the aim to devise and put in place a strategy for the promotion of mediation and for its use in practice, including by proposing necessary legal enactments and amendments to existing legislation, to consult with the judiciary in order for members of the judiciary to familiarise themselves with the mediation process and the possibilities it offers, and to convey information, particularly to members of the legal profession, on mediation as a tool available to them and to their clients.