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LANGUAGES

English (native), French (native), Spanish (fluent), Italian (fluent)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Italian Influence on the Law, ICCA (2015).
- Rising Star, Business Litigation, Texas Super Lawyers (2015).
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- Order of the Coif (2008).
- Order of the Barons (2008).
- Order of the Barristers (2008).

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Bovino Carminati LLC, Aspen, CO

Managing Partner – Equity

September 2016-Present

- Manage day to day firm operations, including accounts payable, accounts receivable, and human resources.
- Interview, hire, train, discipline, and terminate both legal and non-legal employees (secretaries, paralegals, independent contractors, and attorneys).
- Research, review, and analyze case law and statutory authority, as well as secondary sources, to answer legal questions.
- Set both long term and short term litigation strategy.
- Oversee entire case management: discovery, briefing, fact discovery and expert discovery deadline, expert retention and management, fact witness preparation and examination, take and defend depositions, argue hearings (both dispositive and non-dispositive).
- Perform extensive briefing and revise all briefing in cases, ranging from discovery requests, discovery responses, motions, responses, and correspondence.
- Client relations management.

Carminati Law PLLC, Houston, TX

Attorney & Counselor, Commercial Litigation, International Representation

March 2015-September 2016

- Invoiced approximately \$450,000 in the firm’s first year.
- Managed day to day operations, including personnel hiring, training, and firing.
- Managed finances, case expenses, firm expenses, and payroll.
- Managed case load, filings, responses, case strategy, case staffing, associate training & supervision.
- Represented foreign defendant in \$22 million civil conspiracy, civil RICO, breach of fiduciary duty suit.
- Represented an upstream natural gas marketer and transporter in relation to a marketing contract.
- Served as appointed attorney ad litem in personal injury & tax cases.
- Managed diverse docket of commercial litigation & personal injury cases in Texas and elsewhere.
- Served as Of Counsel to Bovino & Associates, handling and managing multi-million dollar commercial litigation and personal injury cases.
- Reviewed and negotiated approximately 30 Non-Disclosure Agreements a month.
- Successfully litigated a civil forfeiture case involving money and guns.

Berg & Androphy, Houston, TX

April 2013-March 2015

Associate, Commercial Litigation, Qui Tam Actions, White Collar Criminal Defense

- Managed a multi-billion dollar case, including developing strategy, organizing brief writing, overseeing junior attorneys, coordinating depositions all over the country, taking depositions of fact and expert witnesses, recruiting and training teams of contract attorneys to review hundreds of thousands of pages, and interfacing with opposing counsel.
- Oversaw and directed administrative staff, law clerks, and document reviewers.
- Interviewed, hired, disciplined, and terminated staff attorneys.
- Second-chaired a one-week criminal trial representing a former military officer accused of 17 counts of wire fraud.
- Mediated and settled upstream natural gas dispute regarding over-nomination/under-allocation.

- Prepared for trial and settled multi-million dollar dispute between client condensate marketing company and PEMEX for alleged conversion of stolen condensate.
- Conducted depositions of sophisticated witnesses, including physicians and damages experts, nationwide.
- Created and implemented long term litigation strategy by developing discovery and briefing milestones.
- Argued in federal court on behalf of individual plaintiffs in a multi-million dollar qui tam case.

Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, Houston, TX

Complex Commercial Litigation & International Arbitration Associate

September 2008-April 2013

- Solo tried 10 jury trials and 1 bench trial on Class C Misdemeanors as part of Municipal Court attorneys-on-loan program.
- Oversaw paralegals and staff to handle day to day management of multi-million dollar case.
- Co-managed day-to-day activities in multi-million dollar title insurance case involving land in Mexico, including discovery, dispositive motions, discovery motions, and meet-and-confer with opposing counsel.
- Managed Mexican law expert from retention, through deposition, in-court testimony, and delivery of expert report.
- Interfaced with client-consortium composed of six of the largest Latin American oil & gas companies, in Spanish.

Federal Judicial Internship, Hon. Nancy Atlas, Houston, TX

United States District Court, Southern District of Texas, Houston Division

January–March 2007

Federal Judicial Internship, Hon. Frances Stacy, Houston, TX

United States District Court, Southern District of Texas, Houston Division

July–August 2006

EDUCATION

University of Nebraska College of Law

L.L.M. in Space, Cyber & Telecommunications Law, GPA 3.77

May 2013

- Representative Classes Taken: ITAR, US & Int'l Space Law, EU Law, Cyberwarfare, Cyberlaw, US & Int'l Telecommunications.
- Thesis: "Are Statutes Limiting Spaceflight Entity Liability Good Enough? Of Statutes, Exculpatory Provisions, and Common Law."

University of Houston Law Center, Houston, TX

J.D. Graduate, *Magna Cum Laude*, Top 10%; GPA 3.58

May 2008

- *Houston Law Review*, Associate Editor, Grade-on
- Research Assistant for Professor R. Ragazzo (Summer–Fall 2006) and Professor C. Agnew (Spring 2007)
- Lex Award – Highest Grade in Civil Procedure I, Prof. Ragazzo, Spring 2005
- Mock Trial Team, 2005-2008; Hippard Intra Mural Champion (Best Speaker Award)

University of Houston, Honors College, Houston, TX

Summa Cum Laude; GPA 3.80

May 2005

- Bachelor of Arts in History; Bachelor of Arts in Political Science with a minor in French
- Honors Thesis: "The End of Traditional Government Intervention: Constitutionality of the Patriot Act," University of Houston (Recipient of the Honors Thesis Award), May 2005

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

State Bar Associations

- Colorado Bar Association, Member, 2016-Present.
- Colorado Women's Bar Association, Member, 2017-Present.
- Director, Texas Young Lawyers Association, Board of Directors, 2008-2010

International Institute of Space Law (IISL), Nominated and Elected Member, October 2010-present

- Regional Organizer, Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition, March 2015-present
- Observer to UN Committee on Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, Vienna, Austria, Mar. 2014, Mar. 2015.

American Bar Association

- Co-Chair, Aerospace & Defense Committee, ABA Section of International Law, Aug. 2015-Jan. 2017.
- Chair, Space Law Committee, ABA Science & Technology Section, Aug. 2014-Jan. 2017.
- Vice Chair, Space Law Committee, ABA Science & Technology Section, Aug. 2013-Aug. 2014.
- Editor-in-Chief (Aug. 2012-Aug. 2014), Co-Editor (Mar. 2009-Aug. 2012), Commercial and Business Litigation Newsletter, Litigation Section.

- Chief Editor (Aug. 2010-Aug. 2011), Assistant Editor (Aug. 2009-Aug. 2010), *The Affiliate*, Young Lawyers Division.

TEACHING ENGAGEMENTS

- Adjunct Professor, Law and the Commercial Space Business, Univ. of Houston Law Center, Fall 2014.
- Adjunct Professor, Pre-Trial Litigation, Univ. of Houston Law Center, Fall 2013-Spring 2014
- Assisting Professor, Pre-Trial Litigation, Univ. of Houston Law Center, Spring 2013.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker, "Unconscious Gender Bias in Male Dominated Fields: Maninterrupting, Brointerrupting, and Mansplaining," Aerospace Medicine Residency Faculty Workshop, AsMA Scientific Summit, May 2017.
- Speaker, "Medical Malpractice Lawsuits by CHSF Crew or SFPs," AsMA Scientific Summit, May 2017.
- Moderator, "Inherent Biases and the Importance of Culturally Aware Inside and Outside Counsel," ABA Section of International Law Fall Conference, Montreal, Canada, Oct. 2015.
- Lecturer, "International, National, and State Regulation of Commercial Space Activities," Commercial Space Day, University of Texas Medical Branch, Clearlake, TX, Jul. 16, 2015.
- Speaker, "Flying Under the Radar: Aviation, Medicine, Psychology, and Fitness-for-Duty Determinations," ABA Webinar, Jun. 24, 2015.
- Speaker, "Medical Operations for a Stratospheric Free Fall Test Program," AsMA Scientific Summit, Orlando, FL, May 11, 2015.
- Speaker, "Legal Aspects of Medical Emergency in Flight or at the Airport," Aviation Medical Directors Association 70th Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL, May 9, 2015.
- Panelist, "Branding, Marketing & Networking for Young Lawyers," American Bar Association Sci Tech Section, South Texas College of Law, Houston, TX, Feb. 4, 2015.
- Guest Lecturer, "Introduction to Space Law," Barry University Dwayne O. Andreas School of Law, Orlando, FL, Oct. 7, 2014.
- Moderator, "How the Space Industry Does Business: A Look at Spaceflight, Space Act, and Everything-in-Between Contracts," ABA Public Law Section, ABA Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, Aug. 7, 2014.
- The Laws Governing Commercial Space: International, Federal, and State, *University of Texas Medical Branch Aerospace Medicine Short Course*, Galveston, TX, July 2014.
- The Legal and Licensing Challenges of Supporting Multi-Jurisdictional Extreme Environment Projects, Aerospace Medical Association Annual Scientific Meeting, San Diego, CA, May 15, 2014.
- The Laws and Policy Governing Commercial Aerospace Medicine, Rice Seminar Series, Rice University, Houston, TX, Jan. 15, 2014.
- Whose Fault Is It Anyway, The Politics and Policy of Commercial Space Pay To Play, Houston Spaceport Frontier Lecture, Rice University, Houston, TX, Nov. 19, 2013.
- Co-Panelist, Regulating and Incentivizing New and Existing Commercial Space Market, ABILA International Law Weekend Midwest, St. Louis, MO, Sep. 20, 2013.
- The Laws Governing Commercial Space: International, Federal, and State, *University of Texas Medical Branch Aerospace Medicine Short Course*, July 2013, Galveston, TX.
- Moderator, Budgeting and Managing an International Arbitration: How To Keep Arbitration Cost-Efficient and Effective, ABA Section of Int'l Law Spring Meeting, Washington, D.C., Apr. 24, 2013.
- Moderator, The Optional Rules for Arbitration of Disputes Relating to Outer Space Activities: Does Newspace Want to Arbitrate?, ABA Section of Int'l Law Spring Meeting, Washington, D.C., Apr. 25, 2013.
- Considerations On U.S. Competitiveness In The International Commercial Space Market, *State Bar of Texas International Law Section*, March 12, 2013, Houston, TX.
- Medical Standards for SFPs and Crew: FAA Regulations and Informed Consent, *Grand Rounds, University of Texas Medical Branch Aerospace Residency*, September 25, 2012, Clearlake, TX.
- The Laws Governing Commercial Space: International, Federal, and State, *University of Texas Medical Branch Aerospace Medicine Short Course*, July 2012, Galveston, TX.
- Sub-Orbital Commercial Human Space Flight And Informed Consent, *IAA's 2nd Symposium on Private Human Access to Space*, May 31-June 1, 2011, Arcachon, France
- The Rules of Commercial Engagement: How Does The United States Regulate Private Human Spaceflight And What Does It Mean?, *IAA's 2nd Symposium on Private Human Access to Space*, May 31-June 1, 2011, Arcachon, France

PUBLICATIONS

Blog

- <http://blogspot.arguelikeagirl.com>

Books

- "The Laws of Space Flight: A Guidebook for New Space Lawyers," Maria-Vittoria G. Carminati, Matt Kleiman, and Jenifer Lamie, ABA Publishing, August 2012, ABA Best Seller.

Articles

- "Using It. Drinking It. Trading It. A Primer on H₂O," Summer 2016: Water and Climate Change, Int'l Law News, American Bar Association, Vol. 45 No. 1 (Summer 2016).
- "Silence is not Golden When it Comes to Whistleblower Law," Fuel Fix Column, Houston Chronicle (Jun. 8, 2015).
- "The Prometheus Promise: The Virgin Galactic Crash and the Price of Defying of our Limitations," SciTech Journal, ABA Science & Technology Section (Spring 2015).
- "Who Owns Resources in Celestial Bodies?," *Daily Journal San Francisco*, Vol. 120 No. 220 (Wed. Nov. 12, 2014).
- "Is Statutory Immunity For Spaceflight Operators Good Enough?," *Legislation and Policy Brief*: Vol. 6: Iss. 1, Article 2 (Fall 2014).
- "Tips for Young Lawyers at Mediation," Commercial & Business Litigation Newsletter, ABA Litigation Section, co-author with Celeste R. Coco-Ewing (May 30, 2014).
- "Doctor, Doctor, Can I Go?" Medical Rules, Standards, and Guidelines for Suborbital Space," Cross-Talk: Space Law in Down-to-Earth English, Space Safety Magazine (Mar. 28, 2014).
- "French National Space Legislation: A Brief "Parcours" of A Long History," 36 Hous. J. Int'l L. 1 (Winter 2014).
- "The FAA's Six-Stepped Staircase to Space," Cross-Talk: Space Law in Down-To-Earth English, Space Safety Magazine (Oct. 3, 2013).
- "A 150 Shades of 'Assumption,'" Cross-Talk: Space Law in Down-To-Earth English, Space Safety Magazine (Sep. 16, 2013).
- "The FRCP 26 Amendments Three Years Later: There's an Elephant In That Rising Fog!" Commercial & Business Litigation Newsletter, ABA Litigation Section (Summer 2013).
- "A Review of the Principles Governing Arbitrator Pre-Selection Interview," M.-V. Carminati, ABA Section of International Law Newsletter, 2013, Vol. 1, Issue 1.
- "Texas Venue Transfers Based on Convenience and Justice Come Up Short on Justice," M.-V. Carminati, A. Waheed, ABA Commercial & Business Litigation Newsletter, Winter 2013.
- "The Optional Rules for Arbitration of Disputes Relating to Outer Space Activities: A Comparison to the UNCITRAL Rules," Los Angeles County Bar Association, Vol. 1, No. 1, October 2012.
- "Sub-orbital Commercial Human Spaceflight and Informed Consent in the United States," M.-V. Carminati, D. Griffith, M. Campbell, *Acta Astronautica* (Elsevier Publishing), available online August 18, 2012.
- "Breaking Boundaries by Coming Home: The FAA's Issuance of a 'Reentry License' to SpaceX." ABA Air and Space Lawyer, Vol. 24, No. 2, 2011.
- "Commercial Sub-Orbital Human Spaceflight and Informed Consent," *Aviat Space Environ Med.* 82(2):144-6, Feb. 2011.
- "Deposing a Witness under the Hague Convention in a Mexican Court," *Proof*, ABA Trial Evidence Committee Newsletter, Jan. 3, 2011.
- "Case Updates: Airlines Can Be Fined for Transporting Aliens – But Not Permanent Residents – Without Appropriate Documentation Even If They Are Paroled Into the U.S.," ABA Aviation and Space Law Committee News, Summer 2010.
- "Clean Air & Stormy Skies: The EU-ETS Imposing Carbon Credit Purchases on United States Airlines," *Syracuse Journal of International Law and Commerce*, Spring 2010.
- "Whose Money Is It Anyway: Subrogation in All 50 States," ABA Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section Newsletter, Spring 2009.
- "Foreign Investments And the Environment: Is the Search for Prosperity Really Making Developed Countries Richer and Developing Countries Dirtier?" 8 U.C. Davis Bus. L. J. 206, 2007.

CERTIFICATIONS & ADMISSIONS

- Law License: TX, NY, DC, CO.
- Admitted to the Northern District of Texas, Southern District of Texas, Western District of Texas, Eastern District of Texas, District of Colorado, Northern District of Alabama, Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, Supreme Court of the United States.
- Certified Guardian Ad Litem, State Bar of Texas, June 2015.

- Certified Mediator, AA White Dispute Resolution Center, Univ. of Houston Law Center, Mar. 2007.