



## **NIAF Italia Hosts Legal Conference**

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NIAF Italia Foundation, an Italian charitable foundation founded in 2014, honored industry leaders at its inaugural gala at Horti Sallustiani in Rome, Italy, on November 11, 2015.

This year’s gala honorees included: Italy’s Minister of Interior Angelino Alfano; ENI Chair Emma Marcegaglia; SACE Chair and former Italian Ambassador to the United States Giovanni Castellaneta; Chief Executive officer of Condè Nast Italia Giampaolo Grandi; and Chief Executive Officer of the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation Carl Schramm.



More than 200 guests joined United States Ambassador to Italy John Phillips; NIAF Italia President and a member of the NIAF Board of Directors Paolo Catalfamo; NIAF Chairman Joseph V. Del Raso; NIAF's General Counsel Arthur J. Furia; and United States Congressman Thomas Marino.

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After the welcome address by the President of Avvocatura Generale dello Stato, Massimo Masselli Ducci Teri, the conference opened with introductory remarks by Catalfamo and Del Raso. Ambassador Phillips also addressed the conference attendees, followed by the keynote speech delivered by Congressman Marino, who serves as chairman of the U.S. Congressional Subcommittee on Regulatory Reforms. The first panel discussed legal reforms and dispute resolutions and was moderated by Stefano Amore. A second panel followed regarding reforms and bilateral investments.

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