



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN  
UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON  
SCHOOL OF LAW  
AND  
ROMA TRE UNIVERSITY  
DEPARTMENT OF LAW**

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The parties to this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) are the School of Law of the University of Washington (UW), an institution of higher education and an agency of the State of Washington, with its principal campus located in Seattle, Washington, USA, represented by its Dean Prof. Dr. Tamara F. Lawson, and the Department of Law of Roma Tre University, an institution of higher education located in Rome, Italy, represented by its Dean Prof. Dr. Antonio Carratta.

**A. Background and Purpose**

The parties believe that it is in their best interests to encourage direct contact and cooperation between their faculty members, departments, institutes and other research centers in order to foster the development of possible collaborative projects and activities in fields of teaching and research to be agreed upon, subject to the availability of funding and the development of specific binding agreements. The parties have entered into this MOU for the purpose of setting forth their mutual understanding and agreement with respect to such direct contact and the development of potential of cooperative programs.

**B. Discussion and Development of Possible Collaboration**

Within the fields of teaching and research to be mutually designated, both parties agree to discuss and explore the development of any of the following general forms of cooperation:

1. Joint research activities, publications and library exchanges;
2. Exchange of invitations to scholars for lectures, talks, and sharing of experience;
3. Exchange of invitations to scholars to participate in conferences, colloquia and symposia or to engage in a research period as a visiting scholar;

4. Exchange of information in fields of interest to both parties; and
5. Exchange of faculty members for study, teaching and research.
6. Exchange of students for study, teaching and research.

### **C. Possible Future Agreements**

The parties anticipate that specific collaborative projects or activities that the parties wish to implement will, as appropriate, be undertaken pursuant to future agreements entered into in accordance with applicable law and the rules of each party.

### **D. Continuation of All Current Policies**

During the course of the discussions contemplated by this MOU, the parties will continue to operate their respective academic programs in accordance with their established policies, rules and procedures.

### **E. Term of MOU**

1. This MOU shall be effective on the last signature date and shall continue in effect for a period of **five (5) years** thereafter unless terminated as provided for herein.
2. Either party can terminate this MOU for any reason upon six (6) months prior written notice to the other party. At the end of its effective period, this MOU may be renewed upon written mutual agreement of the parties.

### **F. Publicity**

Nothing in this MOU shall be construed as granting either party permission to use the other party's official names, logos, trademarks, or copyright protected insignias in any promotional, publicity or advertising materials without the express written consent of the other party.

### **G. Nonbinding Terms**

This MOU shall not be construed as creating any legally binding rights or obligations on the part of either party and shall not be enforceable in law or equity in any court or tribunal for any purpose.

### **H. Languages of the agreement**

This agreement is drawn up in four copies, two in Italian and two in English, each of these texts being equally authentic. Both parties will receive a copy in each language. All the misinterpretations will be settled by mutual assent.

**For University of Washington**

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Tamara F Lawson  
Dean, School of Law

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Ahmad M Ezzeddine, PhD  
Vice Provost for Global Affairs

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**For Roma Tre University**

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Antonio Carratta  
Dean, Department of Law

Date: \_\_\_\_\_