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## Day in the Life: Diego Martinotti

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### Diego Martinotti

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**6:00 am**

The alarm goes off. Turn my phone and iPad on and do the first email check of the day, **review the agenda and read the morning headlines.**

**7:00 am**

The rest of the family sleeps and this is the only moment of quietness that I will have today. I enjoy it while sipping my capuccino with a piece of warm homemade bread (The bread is still warm! **I cannot consider a place “home” if it does not have an espresso and a bread machine).**

**7:30 am**

**Wake up the family to kiss them goodbye.** Drive to work. Depending on my mood, I might listen to music or have my phone read an article from The Economist. It's better to read it but I never find time to and the magazines keep piling up.

**8:00 am**

Arrive at work. I sip my second coffee as **I get a status update from my team.**

**9:00 am**

**Conference call with our IP expert regarding a recent patent claim.** The call does not last long, which allows me to work on a memorandum for the Executive Committee.

**10:00 am**

**Meet with a senior lawyer on my team** to coordinate the upcoming board of directors meeting. We work on the agenda's different topics and plan next steps, especially all communications to the stock exchange.

**11:00 am**

Conference call with the purchaser of a cement business unit. **We go over the last draft of an agreement to settle his outstanding debt** and all claims related with the business unit. Good news: His lawyer gives the green light to our proposed amendments; we have a deal!

**12:00 pm**

**Meet with the CFO and his senior team to dive deep into a large corporate transaction** that has been around for a while. It is now getting traction. I see an important workload heading to the legal department and start thinking about how we will tackle this one.

**1:00 pm**

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**Eat a chef's salad at my desk reading the *Corriere della Sera***, Italy's daily newspaper, online. Roma won yesterday's derby match against Lazio. It's a good excuse to congratulate my Roman friends via WhatsApp (and send another teasing message to Lazio's fans).

**1:30 pm**

**Finish the patent memorandum** that I started earlier today and send it to the Executive Committee.

**2:00 pm**

Participate in the Executive Committee meeting where I am exposed to all the pressing matters; the big challenge is to **take meaningful minutes after all the discussions!**

**4:15 pm**

The Executive Committee meeting is over and I rush to another meeting where five key internal clients give feedback on our legal department. **A lot of good stuff comes out and fortunately I record every single word.** This will provide precious food for thought in our legal team building exercise next week, where we will discuss our priorities and goals.

**5:00 pm**

Start reviewing a contract with a slag provider (raw material for cement production). **Got interrupted by the ringtone with this message "Tennis match tomorrow 20:30 @ the club."** Reply to my friend with a quick "OK" and go back to the contract.

**7:15 pm**

**Leave the office and head to my oldest son's soccer lesson.** If I hurry up I will see him kick the penalties.

**8:30 pm**

Back home. **After a quick bath, the kids are ready to have dinner.** Listen to my son's tale of the soccer match and try to guess what my two-year-old son is trying to say.

**9:00 pm**

**Launch bed time proceedings** for the kids that include toothbrushing and book reading.

**9:20 pm**

The house is quiet again and I can **have a glass of Malbec with my wife.**

**10:00 pm**

**Look for my phone (would like to do a final email check)** and find it in the hands of my eldest son, who used it to play his favorite game. No relevant emails, so I turn off the phone.

**11:00 pm**

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As I go over the last pages of *Una Notte Sbagliata*, I understand why I never read thrillers... I simply can't stop reading them!

11:40 pm

Lights off. **Ooops... Forgot to set the alarm!** Ready. Good night now!

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