



Giuseppe Pignatone

Role: Chairman of the Supervisory Body

Born in Caltanissetta on 8 May 1949, Dr. Giuseppe Pignatone entered the judiciary in 1974, and was appointed as a magistrate in Caltanissetta.

Since 1977, he has been a deputy at the Public Prosecutor's Office where, over nearly twenty years, he has dedicated special attention to trials dealing with very serious Mafia crimes, and well as those examining crimes against the public administration and within the economic-financial sector (banking in particular).

He has been a member of the District Anti-Mafia Directorate since it was established in 1991.

He has followed the proceedings arising from the statements provided by numerous collaborators of justice, coordinating the investigations that led to the capture of Salvatore Riina (1993) and Leoluca Bagarella (1995).

From 2000, as Deputy Prosecutor of the Public Prosecutor's Office at the Court of Palermo, he has been in charge of coordinating the investigations that have led to the capture of hundreds of Cosa Nostra organised crime leaders and minions in Palermo, as well as to the capture of Bernardo Provenzano (11 April 2006), which also resulted in the conviction of Salvatore Cuffaro, then President of the Region of Sicily, for aggravated aiding and abetting of Mafia groups.

In 2008, the Superior Council of the Magistrature appointed him Public Prosecutor of the region of Reggio Calabria, where he made an exceptional contribution to the investigations into the 'ndrangheta organised crime group, reconstructing its organisation and structure with an entirely novel approach, which still serves as the starting point of all investigations on such matters. Over four years, more than 2000 members of all the major Calabrian gangs were arrested at the request of the District Anti-Mafia Directorate of Reggio Calabria. In particular, the "Crimine/Infinito" investigation, conducted alongside the Public Prosecutor's Office of Milan, served to provide irrefutable proof of the structured presence of the 'ndrangheta in Lombardy and other regions of Northern Italy. A particular emphasis has been placed on activities focused on seizing and confiscating Mafia assets, and on investigating the infiltration of organised crime gangs into the legal economy.

In March 2012, following a unanimous vote, Dr. Giuseppe Pignatone was appointed by the Superior Council of the Magistrature as Public Prosecutor of Rome, a position he left on 8 May 2019 due to age limitations.

During this seven year period, the Public Prosecutor's Office of Rome focused particularly on fighting corruption and the most serious crimes against the public administration and the economy. The work of the Office demonstrated the active presence of Mafia organisations in the city of Rome, concentrating on the reinvestment of illicit capital and giving greater power to activities dedicated to the seizure and confiscation of assets for a total value of many billions of Euros.

On 3 October 2019, Dr. Giuseppe Pignatone was appointed by the Supreme Pontiff as President of the Tribunal of the Vatican City State.

He co-authored the book "Il Contagio" ("Contamination") with Michele Prestipino and Gaetano Savatteri (2012; he also wrote "Modelli Criminali - Mafie di ieri e di oggi" ("Criminal Models - Mafia groups yesterday and today") with Michele Prestipino (2019).

He has also written numerous articles published in legal journals, particularly on the themes of Mafia groups and economic crime, freedom of information and modern investigative techniques. He has given lectures and conferences at numerous universities as well as at the Scuola Superiore della Magistratura (Superior School of the Magistracy). Since October 2019, he has been working with Italian daily newspaper "La Stampa".

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