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In October 2017, history was made in the Middle East. Sophia, a robot designed to learn from human behavior, became the first non-human citizen of any nation when King Salmane decided to grant her Saudi nationality. Was this just a publicity stunt by Saudi Arabia or the first step toward a universal status for robots?

It's difficult to say with any degree of certainty what part robots will occupy in our lives in the coming decades. Domestic robots could be the norm, but we might also see robot financial analysts, soldiers and even surgeons.

One thing is for certain however, we are on the cusp of a new age where robots, due to their sophistication, can no longer be treated as mere objects. This imperative raises important questions of ethics and liability and promises to bring upheaval to the labor market. *"It's time to decide which future we want,"* counsels Mady Delvaux, an MEP calling for EU-wide rules to govern the activity of robots. Little by little politicians and lawmakers are getting involved. Ideas that have been explored by the foremost minds of our times are now being debated in boardrooms and on senate floors. This is welcome. Despite the very real concerns, we have the opportunity to build together – us and our AI offspring – a better future.

Artificial Intelligence meets the GDPR

Individuals are becoming more and more resistant to their data being used by large social media companies, and the recent scandal involving Facebook selling access to the data of millions of users to Cambridge Analytica might well be a tipping point. While the social media giant is trying to deal with the fallout from the scandal, few have faith in these types of companies to self-regulate.

The European Union has, for its part, adopted a new data protection framework in the shape of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). Entering into force on May 25th, the GDPR, which aims to put an individual's consent at the heart of data collection, is sure to keep corporations and their counsels busy for years to come. \blacklozenge



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Rapidly-evolving legal landscapes, financing models, technological progress and shifting mindsets are paving the way to a new world order in innovation and technology.

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THE NEED FOR SPEED

Two months after launching, Elon Musk's Tesla Roadster had travelled far enough along its route to Mars to have driven all the world's roads more than four times. Back on Earth and backed by advances in AI and cellular networks, the speed of innovation of autonomous vehicles is almost as breathtaking. Lawmakers are doing their best to keep up, initiating new data-protection regulations and proposing a legal status for robots. And if applying for patents were a car race, China would be lapping the competition.



Intellectual Property: Global Innovation Trends

Twenty-sixteen was a record-breaking year for IP protection as global patent applications broke the three million mark. China drove this push for patents, the Chinese patent office receiving more patent applications in 2016 than the EPO, Japan, Korea and the US combined.

The stable face of global innovation

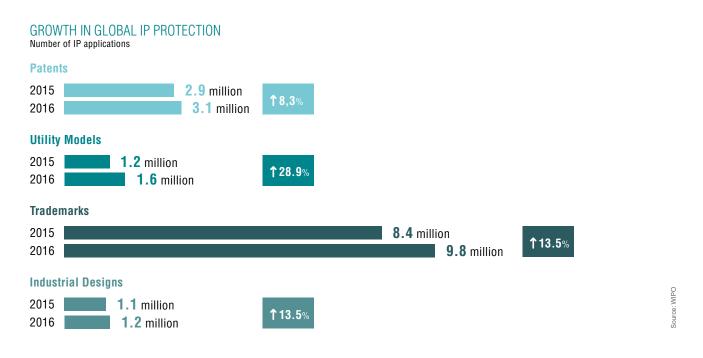
The 2017 Global Innovation Index (GII), a joint enterprise published annually by Cornell University, INSEAD and WIPO, focused on innovation in agriculture and food systems, anticipating a huge rise in global demand in these sectors in particular. The report offers a multi-faceted image of global innovation, accounting for quality of innovation and analyzing the distribution of innovation between high and middle-income countries. The Index showed a fairly stable ranking, led by Switzerland, Sweden, the Netherlands, the UK and the US; very little has changed here since 2016, although the Netherlands broke into the top 10 and Luxembourg dropped to 12th.

In terms of innovation quality, which takes into account university involvement within a country as well as scientific publications and international patent filings, the US, Japan and Switzerland lead the rankings. South Korea dropped to 7th in this ranking; the country has seen a decrease in filing activity despite maintaining its position as having registered the most applications by GDP. Much of the patent activity is driven by one technology giant, Samsung.

High-income countries are defined as those with a gross national income (GNI) per capita above \$12,475; this group dominates both WIPO and GII rankings. China remains the only middle-income country in the top 25 of the Global Innovation Index, this year rising three places to 22nd. Although the rest of the ranking is characterized by stability, China continues to deliver top scores in key indicators such as domestic market scale and creative goods exports. China aside, there is still a huge gulf in terms of innovation between high and middle-income countries, Bulgaria and Malaysia are the two middle-income countries closest to the top 25, in 36th and 37th respectively.

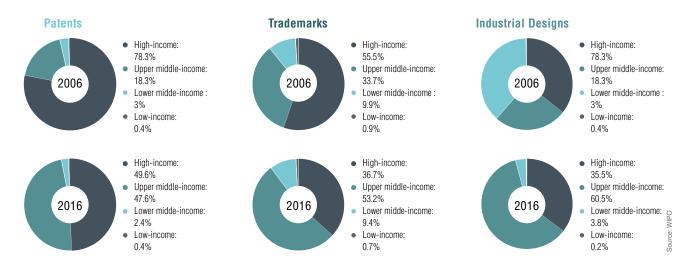
A flourishing global IP market

WIPO's annual report on World Intellectual Property Indicators revealed growth in patent filings of 8.3% and a growth in trademark filings of 13.5%, which made for seven consecutive years of increases in these two categories. China accounted for 98% of the global patent filing increase, confirming a decade-long trend which has seen the country dominate worldwide IP developments. As for industrial designs, strong 8.3% growth was recorded, despite an 8% decline in 2014 and growth of just 1% in 2015. All major IP offices saw an increase in applications (apart from the Republic of Korea), with China witnessing a 21.5% increase in patent filing activity and a 30.8% trademark filing increase in Japan +

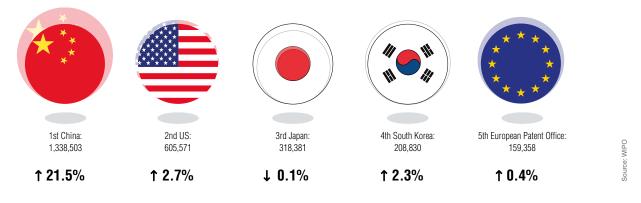


UPPER MIDDLE-INCOME ECONOMIES TAKE GROWING SHARE OF TOTAL APPLICATIONS

Number of applications by income group (2006-2016)



CHINA'S PATENT OFFICE REGISTERED A RECORD ONE-POINT-THREE MILLION PATENT APPLICATIONS IN 2016 Top five national offices in number of patent filings





Self-Driving Cars: A Revolution on the Road

There's no doubt that driverless vehicles represent a huge step forward. In such vehicles, there's no need for a human hand on the wheel. They can start, accelerate, brake and stop thanks to different technological feats that allow the vehicle to recognize its environment – an achievement that was difficult to imagine a few years ago, but one that has since become a reality. Various prototypes are already being tested all around the world and in Detroit, the home of the motor car, soon you might even get to hop on board a self-driving shuttle.

A promising road ahead...

"What would happen if we weren't part of the autonomy thing? Then the future passes us by basically, in a very expeditious and efficient way," so notes Travis Kalanick, the founder of Uber.

Many companies have taken up the challenge with a passion, including car manufacturers, and transport businesses more generally (Volvo, Volkswagen, Tesla, PSA, Hyunda, Nissan, Peugeot, Audi, Uber, Toyota, to name but a few) whose involvement is logical. But interest in this field is also coming from less obvious sources. Some other corporations are getting involved in shaping the future of transportation even though it is not their core business. It will come as no surprise that Google and Apple have their own self-driving car projects, Waymo and Titan, respectively. This quest brings together companies from diverse backgrounds, and the phenomenon is global. In 2017, Bloomberg Philanthropies and the Aspen Institute published "The Global Atlas of Autonomous Vehicles in Cities," a wide-ranging report into how city governments are preparing for this revolution, testing autonomous vehicles on the ground, making plans and policies, etc. "North America and Europe have an equal number of pilots underway, with concentrations of activity in the Netherlands, Scandinavia, the UK and the US," the study says. Elsewhere, efforts are being launched in Taipei, Singapore and Canberra, for instance.

... but watch out for potholes

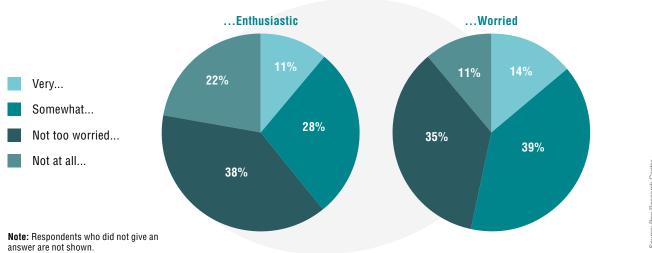
Autonomous vehicles are prediced to offer a wide range of potential benefits, such as allowing cities to be rebuilt on a more human – and pedestrian – friendly scale, helping the elderly and the disabled live more independent lives and reducing traffic accidents. According to a Waymo 2017 safety report, 94% of crashes in the United States involve human error. "The autonomous car doesn't drink, doesn't do drugs, doesn't text while driving, doesn't get road rage," Bob Lutz, former General Motors vice chairman, told the CNBC. If few dispute that technology is more reliable than human behaviour, there are still concerns. The first accident involving an autonomous vehicle, a Google car, occurred in California in 2016. The vehicle collided with a bus, at a limited speed and without causing serious damages.

During the subsequent investigation, America's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration found Google's Autonomous System responsible, qualifying it as the 'driver' of the autonomous car. Thus, the passenger and the car manufacturer – whose vehicle was transformed after the integration of the autonomous system – were exempted from liability.

The first fatal accident involving a driverless vehicle also occurred in the US, in Florida that same year, when a Tesla car caused death of its driver, the former US Navy Seal Joshua Brown. In this case Tesla's liability was not recognized by the NHTSA who did not find defects in the system. Here, the autopilot was only semi – not completely – autonomous, requiring *"full driver engagement at all times*," reminded Bryan Thomas, spokesman for the NHTSA.

Both accidents are a reminder that advances in technology are not without risk and policy-makers, insurance companies and other relevant actors must ensure that the ethical and legal framework is optimal to permit autonomous vehicles to deliver on their promise. •







The Challenge of GDPR

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) is the most significant change in data privacy in recent decades. The new regulation will replace the Data Protection Directive (DPD), in force since 1995, which was designed for a time when technology, tools and software programs were far less developed, and Artificial Intelligence, algorithm and social networks were in their very early stages. Many aspects of the DPD are today outdated. The GDPR aims to address its shortcomings in order to protect all EU citizens and to ensure the more transparent and accountable use of personal data.

Territorial applicability

The biggest change to the regulatory landscape of data privacy comes with the extended jurisdiction of the GDPR, which applies to all companies processing the personal data of data subjects residing in the Union, regardless of the company's country of origin. Previously, territorial applicability of the directive was ambiguous and referred to data process in context of an establishment. This issue has arisen in a number of high-profile court cases. GDPR makes its applicability very clear; it will apply to the processing of personal data by controllers and processors in the EU, regardless of whether the processing takes place in the EU or not.

Heavy penalties

Those companies in breach of GDPR can be fined up to 4% of annual global turnover or $\in 20$ million (whichever is greater). This is the maximum fine that can be imposed for the most serious infringements such as not having sufficient customer consent to process data or violating core privacy-by-design concepts. Privacy by design as a concept has existed for years now, but will become a legal requirement with the GDPR. At its core, privacy by design calls for the inclusion of data protection at the design stage of systems, rather than as a post-release bolt on.

Raising the bar of consent

Under the GDPR, consent is crucial. The conditions for consent have been strengthened, and companies will no longer be able to use long-winded terms and conditions



full of legalese, as the request for consent must be given in an intelligible and easily accessible form, with the purpose for data processing attached to that consent. Consent must be clear and distinguishable from other matters and provided in an intelligible and easily accessible form, using clear language. It must be as easy to withdraw consent as it is to give it.

The conditions for obtaining consent are stricter under GDPR requirements as the individual must have the right to withdraw consent at any time and there is a presumption that consent will not be valid unless separate consents are obtained for different processing activities.

This means you must to be able to prove that the individual agreed to a certain action, to receive a newsletter for instance. It is not allowed to assume or add a disclaimer, and providing an opt-out option is not enough.

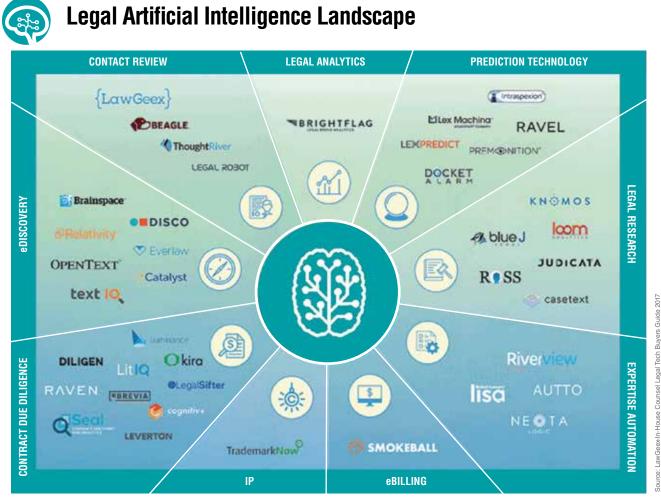
Customer engagement

This changes a lot of things for companies, such as the way marketing and sales activities are managed. Companies will have to review business processes, applications and forms to be compliant with double opt-in rules and email marketing best practices. In order to sign up for communications, prospects will have to fill out a form and then confirm it was their action in a further email.

Organizations must prove that consent was given in a case where an individual objects to receiving the communication. This means that any data held, must have an audit trail that is time-stamped and reporting information that details what the contact opted into and how.

If you purchase marketing lists, you are still responsible for getting the proper consent information, even if a vendor or outsourced partner was responsible for gathering the data. In the B2B world, salespeople often meet potential customers at a trade show, exchange business cards, come back to the office and add the contacts to the company's mailing list. In 2018, this will no longer be possible. Companies will have to look at new ways of collecting customer information.

It is important to consider that while the GDPR does create challenges and pain for businesses, it also creates opportunity. Companies which show they value an individual's privacy (beyond the bare mimimum legal compliance), who are transparent about how the data is used, who design and implement new and improved ways of managing customer data throughout its life cycle, will build deeper trust and retain more customers.





Worldwide Legal Tech Specializing in Intellectual Property

In today's digital economy, Legal-tech companies are emerging and revolutionizing the legal world in various sectors. Intellectual property is no exception. Leaders League has identified several such companies offering B2B services, listed alphabetically below.

Name	Headquarters	Main value proposition
About Innovation	0	A digital services platform aimed at protecting, managing and promoting the IP of SMEs
Alt Legal	6	A cloud-based trademark and patent docketing software that prepares and manages global IP filings
Anaqua	6	Web-based IP management software and services
Clairvolex	6	An IP solutions company that manages the IP assets of large corporations
Cognate	_	A record service of the use of common-law trademark
CompuMark	0	Comprehensive trademark research and brand protection solutions
Hazel	6	Trade-secrets asset management
Innovation Asset Group (Decipher)	_	A subscription-based SaaS solution for IP management
IP Nexus	٨	A marketplace for startups, inventors, SMEs, universities etc. with lawyers and other professionals
Red Points	•	A solution for brands and content owners to online counterfeiting and digital piracy
TrademarkNow	+	A web-based trademark management platform for instant trademark search and watch results
Tracklight	6	A self-guided software platform to identify and capture the value of ideas and IP for SMEs
ZhiGuoGuo	۲	Free trademark registration and affordable legal services such as trademark changes or transfers and copyright applications



Cellular Networks: The Race to 5G Intensifies

Twenty-eighteen could signal the arrival of a groundbreaking advancement in mobile connectivity: the 5G cellular network. Offering speeds that are up to ten times faster than the current 4G network. and the capacity to handle 1,000 times more traffic than ever before, 5G has the potential to revolutionize new technologies and global economies. Mobile companies such as Sprint, Qualcomm and Huawei are all entering the race to develop and implement a fully-functioning 5G network. 5G was the word on everyone's lips at the 2018 Mobile World Congress, as big industry players lined up to announce their plans to roll out 5G, primarily in the US, starting from this year.

The benefits

So what will the 5G network actually bring to the table? Faster speeds and lower latency are only the half of it; experts are promising speeds of up to 1,000 megabits per second and a latency that will make reactions appear immediate. Bandwidth will also be greatly improved so as to facilitate the connection of thousands of devices at one time. Perhaps the most exciting factor of 5G for tech-enthusiasts is the huge boost it could give to the Internet of Things; low latency could unlock the full capacities of self-driving cars, drones and virtual reality. According to Samsung, 5G will allow users to download a 15GB movie file in just six seconds and autonomous cars using the network will be capable of detecting danger and implementing an emergency stop with virtually no latency. 5G could even lead to the construction and creation of 'smart cities,' metropolitan areas in which autonomous cars could communicate with pedestrians and traffic lights to avoid collisions and with street lights so as to ensure streets are only lit when necessary, thus saving both power and money.

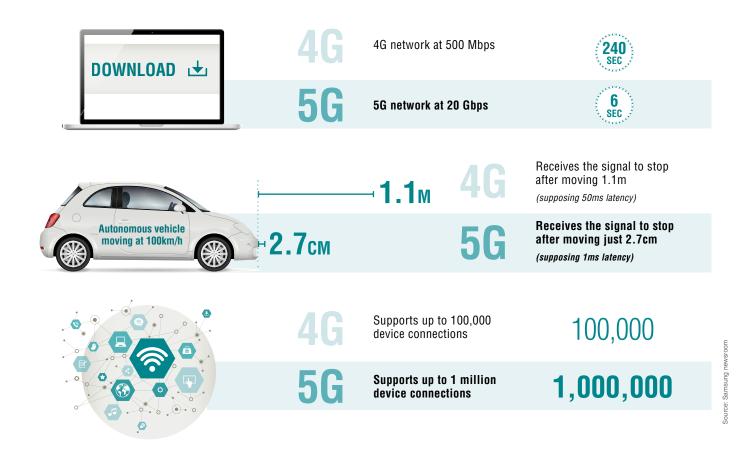
The obstacles

Of course, 5G is not without its challenges. The lack of any common standards from a legal perspective could certainly slow implementation of the network, particularly in Europe; Vodafone CEO Vittorio Colao warned that Europe would fall far behind China and the US unless uniform rules concerning spectrum and access were agreed upon.

The net neutrality debate is set to be further rocked by 5G, a network which relies upon traffic prioritization, a service currently constrained by net neutrality rules. 5G could also prove extremely costly; Deutsche Telekom CEO Timotheus Hoettges has also estimated that it could cost between €300 and €500 million to establish the necessary infrastructure in Europe alone.

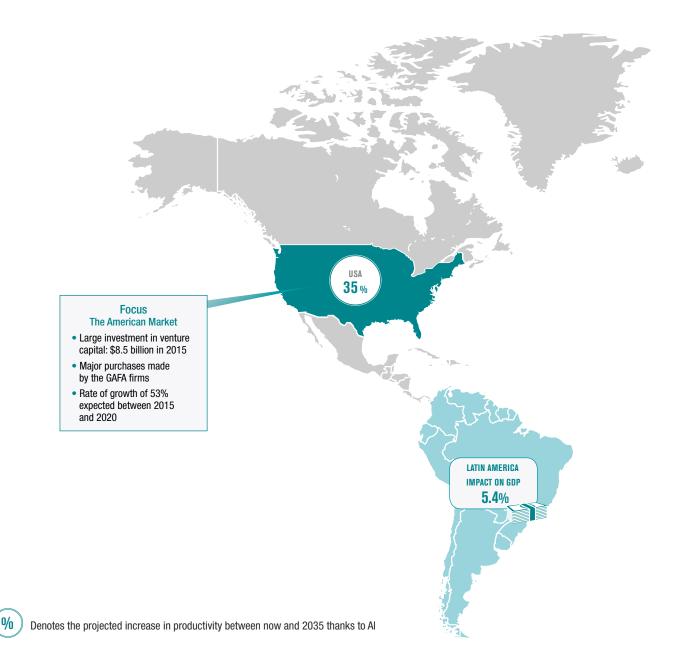
Furthermore, from an ethical point of view, it is worth noting that some countries, especially those in Africa, are still only in the early stages of 4G implementation, let alone 5G. Most importantly of course, 5G compatible phones are not on the market yet.

Whatever the pros and cons though, with a network rollout expected in up to 30 US cities by the end of this year and a European rollout from 2019, the 5G hype has well and truly arrived. •



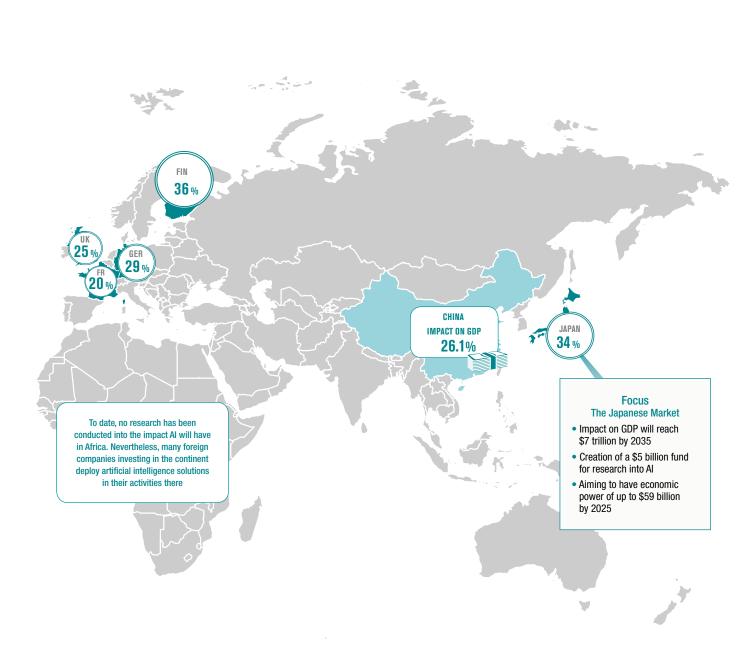
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENGE: WHO WILL WIN BIG?

According to a study by auditing firm PwC, artificial intelligence (AI) should boost global growth by up to \$15.7 trillion between now and 2030, an increase of 14%. But not all countries will benefit to the same degree. North America and China are set to make the biggest gains, representing 70% of the global economic impact. Developing countries are set to lag far behind, but some will still be greatly impacted. India for example, will see 69% of jobs disappear due to the automation of tasks with low added value. Let's take a closer look.





THE UNITED STATES IS TOP OF THE CLASS



Source: Accenture - Why artificial intelligence is the future of growth.



The Next Brazilian Unicorns

Before Didi Chuxing, China's answer to Uber, injected nearly \$600 million into Brazilian urban transport application 99 Taxis on January 2nd 2018, unicorns the term for startups valued at over \$1 billion - were nowhere to be seen in Brazil. In the space of three months, however, both payment platform application PagSeguro and credit card application NuBank reached and even exceeded the same symbolic mark, being valued at \$2.3 billion and \$1 billion respectively.

In less than 90 days, the Brazilian market incredibly became home

to three startups valued at "Brazil is home to the network of creative hubs over one billion dollars. As subcontinent's largest the year unfolds, the two start-up ecosystem" questions on everyone's

minds are "will this current wave last?" and "who will the next Brazilian unicorns be?"

Tech roots

Brazil is, according to TechCrunch, home to the subcontinent's largest start-up ecosystem. The local technology scene began in 1983 with the founding of TOTVS currently the largest software company in Latin America - which gave Brazil a head start in comparison to most of its regional neighbours. Today, TOTVS stands as the major business software provider for around 60% of small and medium-sized Brazilian businesses, boasts 10,000 employees and it is safe to say its foundation heralded the beginning of Brazil's start-up sector. Business-stimulating government initiatives such as the Brazilian Association of Private Equity & Venture Capital (ABVCAP), launched in the same year, were equally important in paving the way for the sector's growth.

Since its embryonic stages in the 1980s, both national and international investment into the Brazilian start-up scene has boomed. In 2002, Google chose São Paulo as the site for its very first Latin American office which marked the beginning of high-brow foreign interest in Brazil's technology scene. Uber, AirBnB, Instagram and others would soon follow.

National initiatives have also matured. Today, angel investment networks (Anjos do Brasil), accelerators (Startup Farm), incubators (Instituto Genesis, Supera), investment firms (Monashees, DGF, 500 Startups) and government-funded initiatives (Innovatech) form part of a thriving ecosystem with the potential to contribute to the growth of the Brazilian economy - recent developments speak for themselves.

Hot topic

The success stories of 99 Taxis, PagSeguro and Nubank have ensured startups are now the hottest topic in both the Brazilian legal and financial industries. In

light of Brazil's flourishing São Paulo, Florianópolis, Rio de Janeiro, Recife and Belo Horizonte stand out -

its abundance of promising startups and the ongoing competition between states to attract the best entrepreneurial talent, everything suggests we can expect more fabled beasts from Brazil. As for who those might be, below are four of our best bets: Movile: São Paulo-based startup with operations in six countries and over 150 million active users. Already numbering 1,600 employees, Movile is known for its highly successful mobile content, food ordering, ticket and logistics apps. Its self-proclaimed goal is "making life better for one billion people." PlayKids and iFood stand out as its major brands.

Ebanx: With headquarters in Curitiba, this payment platform start-up allows its Latin American users to quickly and easily purchase services and merchandise on foreign websites - previously this used to be a major regional headache. Up-andrunning in Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico and Peru, Ebanx is today listed as a payment option on over 100 websites including Spotify, AirBnB and Facebook.

PSafe: The first Brazilian startup ever to reach a R\$1 billion valuation, PSafe describes itself as "a global company with strong Latin American roots." Based in San Francisco but with offices in Brazil, the company specialises in mobile privacy, security and performance applications. Its impressive portfolio of apps has been installed over 130 million times and investors include heavyweights such as Redpoint Ventures, e.ventures and Pinnacle Ventures.

Truckpad: With Shell and Mercedes-Benz as investors, TruckPad labels itself as the complete solution to "find, hire and manage independent [truck] drivers." The application offers logistics companies remote hiring, optimised performances and real-time driver tracking whilst independent drivers are promised "the best deals" and a dedicated support team to assist them on and off the road. \blacklozenge







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Robots: Moving Towards Judicial Personality?

Should robots be granted legal status, thus rendering them entirely responsible for their actions before the law? This was the question put to the European Parliament in a draft report led by Luxembourg MEP Mady Delvaux, in February 2017.

Delvaux's series of recommendations emphasized the need for the EU to categorise robots as 'electronic persons,' so they could be easily held responsible for all their own 'acts and omissions' and she called for an overhaul of current laws, deemed insufficient when faced with the so-called technological revolution. The verdict? MEPs voted overwhelmingly in favour of the report (albeit with some amendments), before sending it directly to the European Commission, who published their own series of initiatives on May 16th 2017.

Getting technical

Mady Delvaux's report was based upon a series of findings made by the Robolaw project, funded by the European Commission and designed to assess whether current EU regulations were sufficient in addressing the various legal problems posed by robotics and technology. As the EU lacked any formal definition of a robot, the project sought to ascertain the categories of robot most likely to cause legal issues (namely autonomous vehicles, robotic prostheses, surgical robots and robot companions) and also to formally characterize these robots, so the European Parliament could form a clear definition.

Delvaux's final report adapted these findings into a series of measures to be adopted by the European Union, such as: the creation of a European agency for robotics and AI and an advisory code of conduct for engineers to ensure the ethical design, production and use of robots. Essentially, robots would be assigned a legal status, or 'electronic personhood', equivalent to the idea of corporate personhood.

An asset or a danger?

Seeking to refine grey areas in terms of the legal status of robots, the report is designed primarily to ensure that robots remain decidedly in the service of humans. Other key issues include deciding where legal responsibility should actually fall: the owner, the maker or the user. Strictly speaking, it is the maker who is best placed to limit any and all potential mishaps. And what of the security risks posed by these robots? This is, according to Delvaux, the key issue at play as robots are necessarily powered by the exchange of data, some of which can be personal. Autonomous cars in particular offer up complex problems as they are no longer simply the tools of owners; an Uber self-driving car recently caused a fatal crash in Arizona, such instances underline the urgency of applying legal status to robots. The report even proposes a declaration designed to prevent people from becoming emotionally dependent on robots and remind them at all times that these are machines, and never human-beings.

Of course, the report is not without its controversies. Critics have questioned the use of the term 'personhood' to designate the legal status of robots, as this could be misconstrued so as to imply that they are endowed with their own human rights, a move that is likely to be unpopular with the companies building robots and AI. One clause proposed by Delvaux's original report was also removed before it was passed by the European Parliament, rejecting the call for a 'robot-tax' to fund support and re-training for those workers made unemployed by robots. Their decision was praised by the robotics industry, who had warned it could stunt innovation.

Whilst proposals are still very much in their early stages, it seems that Europe is one-step ahead in regulating this rapidly growing industry, and the proposed laws will no doubt shake the global robotics industry. ◆





Patents vs Trade Secrets

The beginning of 2018 witnessed one of the most significant trade secrets trials in history: the high-profile lawsuit between Google's self-driving car company Waymo and ride sharing giant Uber, which was settled for \$245 million, less than 10% of what Google were initially claiming in damages. Apart from the lengthy legal wrangling prior to the trial and its dramatic settlement, this case is notable for shedding light on IP protection and innovation.

To disclose, or not to disclose

It serves as an object lesson on the risks that companies face when an important engineer or a high-level executive departs to start his or her own company or work for a competitor. Jeanne Fromer, a professor of law at New York University who specializes in IP, pointed out that when it comes to cutting-edge technology like AI and self-driving cars, as individuals with relevant expertise are rare, the line between an engineer's knowledge and a company's trade secret is thinner than usual, and "figuring out what's on one side of the line and what's on other side is incredibly complicated." Therefore, companies need to rethink their management of trade secrets and hiring practices to make sure that they don't become the losers in highstake trade secret litigation.

Secondly, the case sparked once more the long-standing discussion around patents and trade secrets, both valuable ways of protecting a company's IP assets. Confidential, unlimited in time, costless and immediately effective, trade secret protection may be favorable when the benefit of the technology is of very short duration, eg. when the invention will be obsolete in less time than it would take for a patent to issue (which can take several years), or when the competitive advantage is gained by being the first on the market. However, as demonstrated once again by the Waymo v. Uber case, the level of protection granted to trade secrets is generally weak, particularly compared to patents, and other companies may be able reverse engineer the secret and be thereafter entitled to use it.

The best of both worlds

These choices are strategic, and companies must conduct comprehensive analysis depending on their own situation. More often than not, the best type of protection is a combination of both patent and trade secret, as different forms of protection have the potential to spread risk for the overall intangible asset portfolio that a company owns. Finally, the case reminds us of the potential harm to innovation when the pace of regulation reform lags behind that of technological development. Because of time and budget constraints, companies may keep inventions as trade secrets instead of patenting them - and trade secrets give a perpetual monopoly on new technologies - so long as the invention remains secret. •

PATENTS OR TRADE SECRETS, WHICH TO CHOOSE? Key questions to ask before pursuing one or both forms

Is the invention patentable?

Will the invention be useful beyond 20 years?

Is it possible for other companies to reverse-engineer it?

Is the invention detectable and embedded in the product itself or is it part of an internal manufacturing process?

Is the invention likely to be independently discovered in the near future?

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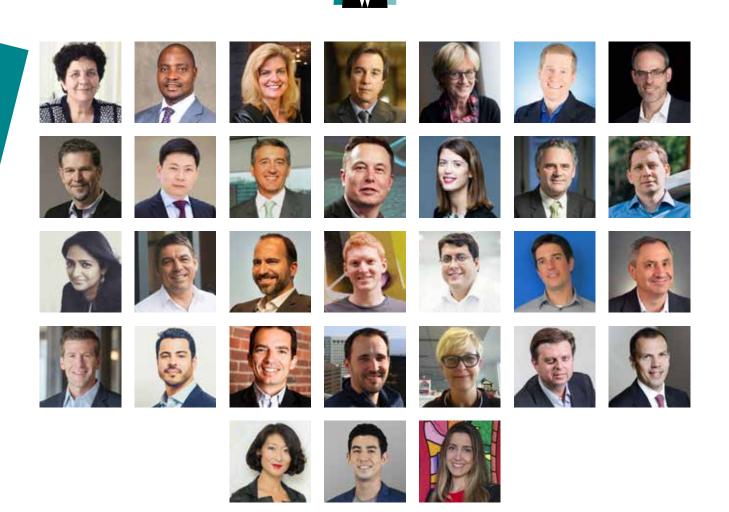
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Interview with **FRÉDÉRIQUE VIDAL** French Minister of Higher Education, **RESEARCH AND INNOVATION**

LEADERS LEAGUE. What do you say to those who see the growth of artificial intelligence as nothing but a threat to traditional jobs?

Frédérique Vidal. The conclusions reached by various studies on the topic don't converge at all. With this in mind, I'm a firm believer in the virtues of foresight. Heavily automated jobs are destined to disappear, in the same way that certain positions were replaced by machines with the arrival of the industrial revolution. At the same time however, lots of jobs are going to be transformed and new ones will emerge. It's up to each of us to iden-

The best way of predicting the future is by building it

tify probable changes and foresee new requirements and, thus, the new jobs within each business sector. The best way of predicting the future is by building it and guiding the change. The worst case scenario would be if we were to see new jobs appearing, with nobody able to fill them. This is a huge project, which we should certainly be working on from now on, but all the available information points to this task taking well over a decade.

According to a study carried out by Accenture, integrating AI into the economy between now and 2035 will generate much greater economic benefits in the USA than in France. How can this disparity be explained?

That study relied upon a 2013 article which

tends to quantify the potential loss of jobs as a result of the digital transformation of the economy. According to the data collected, around half of all jobs are destined to disappear because they comprise a large number of automatable tasks.

These results are abrupt and fear-mongering. However, the OECD, who are looking into such matters, conclude the real figure is actually much lower: according to them, jobs with a percentage of automatable tasks below a certain threshold will not disappear, they will evolve and adapt to AI. With this in mind, the percentage of automatable tasks within jobs in France is a lot lower than in the USA. For this reason, our rate of growth should remain comparable to that across the pond, provided that we think well ahead when it comes to integrating AI. ◆

It's time the African continent benefited from the IP system



Interview with FERNANDO DOS SANTOS Director-General, ARIPO

Dr Fernando dos Santos has been director general of the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) since 2013. The former head of the Industrial Property Institute of Mozambique talked to Leaders League about the development of the organization and the promotion of the use of IP for innovation across the African continent.

LEADERS LEAGUE. What are the key issues facing law and regulation in Africa?

Fernando dos Santos. I think the key problem is that in a number of countries legislation is outdated; there are a number of countries that updated their legislation after the TRIPS agreement but we still have some with legislation dating from colonial times. There is also the challenge of African parliaments being very slow in adopting new laws. Indeed, IP laws that make it to parliament can remain there for a long time before actually coming into effect. Governments can argue that this is because they have other priorities, such as food supply and agriculture, but that just shows that IP is

not yet a priority for many countries.

"Innovation is happening on the continent, but unfortunately this is not being translated into IP assets"



Established after the signing of the Lusaka Agreement on the 9th of December 1976

Headquartered in Harare, Zimbabwe

Made up of 19 member states, and 12 observer states which are primarily the English-speaking African countries What makes the African IP market different from other IP markets? Africa is still very much an importing continent; we export raw materials

which have very little IP content and we import a lot of finished stuff. Innovation is happening on the continent, but unfortunately this innovation is not being translated into IP assets, so there's a very low uptake of the IP system in Africa. We really see this reflected in the number of applications for patents and trademarks. Looking at the latest WIPO figures, we see that Africa accounts for just 0.6% of global patent applications. What is even worse is that within this 0.6%, more than 90% are not of domestic African origin, so we've got an incredibly low uptake of IP across the continent, which means the African IP market is not following the trends of other continents.

How has ARIPO helped to foster innovation and creativity in Africa?

We are now living in a knowledge-based economy, so innovation and creativity is fundamental in order to anticipate what is happening globally. One of the key issues is the protection of IP, especially where innovation is concerned. The development of an efficient IP office is necessary to encourage innovation and let innovators know that there are ways of protecting this; this is why we worked hard to streamline our procedures and make the registration process user-friendly and efficient. In 2016 we established an academy at ARIPO, which organizes training initiatives. We tackle the issue of innovation and its relationship with IP. We know that the continent is not doing enough in terms of innovation, or how there is a lot of innovation which is not translated into IP assets. Therefore our training programs aim at changing this scenario.

We offer awards for innovation and we interact directly with universities, as we believe there is a lot of innovation happening here and we need to show researchers and students how IP can add value to what they are doing. We want to see every university in Africa have its own IP policy and its own vision of IP, so as to spearhead the uptake of IP in the continent.

What major trends have you noticed in the African and global IP markets?

Unfortunately Africa is moving in a different direction from other IP markets. In Europe and America, we are seeing IP as a driving force for development and innovation. However, we are not yet seeing the same in Africa, which is worrying. This continent is culturally rich, with a lot of inventive potential and this needs to be used to help aid development, creativity, and innovation. •

SMEs and entrepreneurs drive innovation and change in the market



Interview with **TISH BERARD** President, **INTA**

"Half of INTA's board of directors are female and this year all but two of our officers are women"





INTA members collectively contribute almost \$12trn to global GDP annually



Headquartered in New York, INTA also has offices in Brussels, Santiago, Shanghai, Singapore and Washington DC and representatives in Geneva and New Delhi International Trademark Association President Tish Berard leads the organization into its 2018-2021 strategic plan. With her taskforce on SMEs and entrepreneurs, she sees INTA crossing into the digital era.

LEADERS LEAGUE. What action do you plan to take during your tenure?

Tish Berard. Within INTA's overall implementation plan, one of the concrete actions that I plan to take is to establish a Presidential Taskforce focused on SMEs and Entrepreneurs. This taskforce supports all three of the directives of our strategic plan.

First, through meeting and communicating with SMEs and entrepreneurs, we will actively look for opportunities to educate them about IP and promote the value of brands and trademarks. The taskforce will also reinforce consumer trust by sending out the message that IP is important to these up and coming businesses and entrepreneurs. As companies start out in business, they may not think of IP as much as they think about business mechanisms, yet IP is really what makes the connection with consumers and allows them to make informed purchase decisions.

Finally, it will embrace innovation and change, as SMEs and entrepreneurs are really those who drive innovation and change in the market. Especially with the creation of the Internet, SMEs and entrepreneurs now have a platform that makes it very easy for them to work on their great ideas and reach out to consumers worldwide.

What do you hope the taskforce will accomplish by the end of your tenure?

The taskforce is composed of professionals from all over the world, so I expect it to look at the challenges from a global perspective, and develop an understanding of the opportunities and challenges related to IP for SMEs and entrepreneurs from all over the world. It is going to look at the gap between the available resources and the needs of SMEs, and make recommendations on how INTA can fill those gaps so that SMEs can use IP wisely. We also hope to identify organizations in various regions around the world that serve SMEs, and see the gaps and opportunities for educational partnering with these entities. At the end of my term as president, the Taskforce plans to present a report to INTA's board of directors with their recommendations.

What opportunities would you identify as the most important for INTA to take?

There are many opportunities for INTA to take to get its strategic plan really rolling. For instance, we are developing a robust digital strategy for our Unreal Campaign, our consumer awareness campaign that provides education to teens on the importance of trademarks and IP, and the dangers of counterfeiting. Developing that program in a digital world and increasing its visibility will certainly help us achieve many of the goals of our strategic plan in terms of reaching and engaging new audiences beyond the IP community. INTA is also in the process of redesigning its website, which will make our current resources more visible and easier to access, and enlarge our reach to answer some of the questions from consumers and organizations interested in IP, and help promote the value of trademarks and brands beyond traditional audiences

How do you think we can promote greater diversity in the IP community?

I'm thrilled to be president of an organization like INTA which provides amazing opportunities for gender mainstreaming: we organize seminars related to leadership building skills and ask women to be panel speakers and leaders, and it's a great networking place for all our 31,000+ individual members to interact, promoting their true value to both their own companies and other companies. As a result of these efforts, we have a very good ratio within the committee and leadership structure. For example, half of INTA's board of directors are women, and, this year, all but two of our officers are women. As for myself, I hope to inspire women in our industry and show that, "If I can do it, you can do it," and by leading in my role as president. I think this is a great way for women to see that they should take leadership positions and become more involved in their firms and in their specific business domains. Education is important as well, as we need to let women know how to communicate their value to their firms and to others. •

The patent application backlog makes companies think twice before filing



Interview with LUIZ EDGARD MONTAURY, President, ABPI

Recently elected president of the Brazilian Association of Intellectual Property (ABPI), Luiz Edgard Montaury has been an active figure in the Brazilian IP market for over three decades now. A name partner at leading firm Montaury Pimenta, Machado & Vieira de Mello, he outlines what he aims to achieve throughout his presidency below.

LEADERS LEAGUE. How has the field of intellectual property changed over the last number of years in Brazil?

Luiz Edgard Montaury. IP litigation has increased significantly, however patents and trademark filings have decreased and clients are now facing limited budgets for IP-related work. The extent of the patent backlog in Brazil is such that local and foreign companies think twice before filing patent applications in Brazil, and this is an additional reason why there has been a reduced number of local patent applications lodged in the last few years.

What major developments can we expect to see coming out of Brazil in the near future?

One of the major expected developments coming down the pipe is a decrease in the patent backlog at the

"We would like to see a greater number of specialized IP chambers within the State Court of Appeals of Rio de Janeiro" BPTO (Brazilian Patent and Trademark Office). This will be achieved thanks in the main to the initiatives taken by the current administration. The BPTO launched a public consultation into

the proposal to have all 225,000 pending patent applications approved without examination.

There is some way to go, as this project is still being reviewed by the federal government, but if approved, we expect backlogs will no longer occur as the BPTO is taking additional measures to improve the performance of their examiners.

What exactly is your mission?

Our aim is to be the leading entity in

terms of solutions for existing IP issues in Brazil and to communicate the importance of intellectual property to government bodies and society as a whole. ABPI is also collaborating with the Brazilian PTO in order to improve its technology, its internal systems and boost the performance of its examiners.

What are the main priorities to be addressed during your mandate as president of the Brazil Association of Intellectual Property?

Speaking from a personal point of view, my main priorities are to bring greater visibility to the patent backlog issue both to Brazilian society in general and to the government; to help the BPTO succeed in obtaining independent management over its own funds; and to implement effective solutions to the aforementioned patent backlog problem.

Another priority for the ABPI is to strengthen our ties with the judiciary at both state and federal level. What we would like to see is a greater number of specialized IP chambers set up within the State Court of Appeals of Rio de Janeiro and to promote the education of judges on IP related matters.

Finally, ABPI would like build a much closer relationship with equivalent entities in other Latin American countries so that intellectual property organisations throughout the continent are able to exchange information and share experiences.

We will have the opportunity to do just this at the next ABPI congress taking place from August 19th to 21st, in São Paulo. The event will see presidents of other Latin American IP bodies discussing ideas and experiences on how respective jurisdictions handle universal issues, especially urgent matters such as backlogs. •

There is no way a robot should be treated like a human being



MADY DELVAUX-STEHRES

Member, EUROPEAN

PARLIAMENT

From drones and self-driving cars to industrial robots, artificial intelligence is becoming part of our daily lives. How to respond to the new legal and ethical challenges associated with this technology? In a report entitled, *With Recommendations to the Commission on Civil Law Rules on Robotics*, already debated and voted on at the European Parliament, MEPs called for a legal framework to regulate these matters at European level. We met Mady Delvaux-Stehres, the Socialists & Democrats MEP in charge of the report.

LEADERS LEAGUE. What types of machines does this report cover?

Mady Delvaux-Stehres. This is a central question since a definition will also determine the scope of the legislation. This topic touches so many different areas such as the medical sector, industry, defense, finance, education, daily home robots etc. If a vacuum cleaner, an autonomous car or an algorithm can all be considered robots, how can we cover them with one definition? Should they be treated under the same legislation? This report seeks

"The AI revolution is a great opportunity for the EU market but if we don't act now, we will miss the turning point"



Prior to being elected to the European Parliament in 2014, she held various ministerial positions in Luxembourg Governments. She was notably minister for education and minister of social security, transport and communication. to cover the range of "smart autonomous robots" by taking into account today's and tomorrow's technological progress in the area of robotics and ar-

tificial intelligence, it will be the duty of the Commission to clearly define what is a robot. This report identifies different criteria which could shape the definition: Degree of autonomy, physical support, self-learning, adaptable behavior to the environment etc. Since there hasn't been a proposal so far for a legal definition of this product, we want to emphasize the essential need for such.

What are the main legal issues posed by robots today? How urgent is it to legislate them?

I identify five areas in which we should intervene: liability, safety and standardization, data protection, ethics and education. We are already behind. When my colleagues and I started the working group four years ago, we thought we would have time, but the technology is moving so fast, that we cannot wait anymore. I really wish the Commission would have made a legislative proposal for this legislature ending in one year. But except for an announcement planned for April 25th, nothing further will be done.

What would be the consequences if each member-state set up its own rules?

We need a single piece of EU legislation to develop a coherent and safe market for robots. We need to give legal certainty and support to our companies and protection and safety to our citizens. If the market is fragmented by different national legislation, it will not be possible. Can you imagine a car company producing different cars in response to different legal criteria? Can you imagine a user stopping his autonomous car at the border? This revolution is a great opportunity for the EU market but if we don't act now, we will miss the turning point. We have to decide what we want to do with this opportunity or the rest of the world (US, China, etc.) will decide for us. Germany already has legislation on autonomous cars, France started the legislative work with the Villani report on AI and robotics, the UK House of Commons also gave its report with guidelines for legislation, a law on liability is working its way through the legislature in Czech Republic etc. The EU has to take the lead to be stronger in our globalized world.

Should we accord to robots the legal status of humans, corporations or something else?

There is no way a robot should be treated like a human. A robot is and will remain



a machine. In our report, we proposed to study, among other possibilities, the use of an e-personality which would function a little bit like the legal personality of companies.

Indeed, several experts, including Professor Bertolini of the Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies in Pisa, and prominent Paris-based new technologies lawyer Alain Bensoussan have proposed that, where an accident with a robot occurs and due to the degree of autonomy of the robot no one can be held liable, the victim could be compensated by using this e-personality to raise a fund for victims. This possibility has come in for criticism, firstly, because there has been some misunderstanding of the legal concept leading to the assessment that a robot would be treated like a human (which is of course not the goal at all).

Secondly, consumers' associations and experts have pointed out that this could mean companies are no longer held accountable for the 'actions' of their products and might be tempted to take bigger risks.

How do you believe the liability of these robots should be framed going forward?

This has to be studied carefully. So far, my favorite option is the risk-management approach, meaning the person who was best placed to prevent the risk should be liable. I also recommend in my report the creation of a mandatory insurance scheme to ensure compensation for victims without stifling innovation.

What measures, specifically, are being taken to regulate robotics and AI?

In the US, it is a legal race between states to be the most welcoming for tests. Unfortunately, this sometimes leads to too much risk, and tragic consequences, such as the Uber accident killing a person in March 2018, have resulted. In China, there is massive investment in the most strategic technologies and in providing the best place for production. Japan and South Korea have passed legislation on the standardization and safety of products.

Compared to other countries, would you say the European Union is playing catch-up on this issue?

The EU has produced great engineers, creators and developers, but so far we have not been able to hang on to them. No country in

"A coherent and safe legal framework would be an asset, but we have to invest much more to help our creators"

the EU has a giant investing massively in research, so the EU should take on this duty. A coherent and safe legal framework would be an asset but we have to invest much more to help our creators. I believe that our ethical approach will also bring more confidence in our products. In the report, we also underline the educational challenge and the transition in the employment market as it is not only about the economy, it is also about our society and social cohesion. This opportunity should not be missed. It's time to decide which future we want. •



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Bryson Koelher was named the CTO of the IBM Watson & IBM Cloud platform division in November 2016, a newly formed division that focuses on helping the company bring all of its cloud native capabilities together as a common platform aimed at providing world class developer-friendly cognitive tools. He oversees strategic issues such as overall architecture, security, operations, technical strategy, developer advocacy, strategic customer success and R&D investments. With an impressive record of leading significant transformations in various organizations, he believes real transformation starts with culture and encourages transparency, accountability and collaboration. His biggest challenge? Transforming IBM from a legacy IT enterprise to a true cloud platform company.



David Zapolsky Senior Vice President & General Counsel, AMAZON

• Moved to Seattle the same year as Jeff Bezos • Formerly worked as a Brooklyn Assistant District Attorney

When David Zapolsky was asked by the wife of a former colleague, (Michelle Wilson, Amazon's GC at the time), to join the in-house legal team at Amazon in November 1999, he became a one-man litigation department. It was, perhaps, an interesting career move for the former assistant district attorney, whose original university degree was in music, before completing studies in law at UC Berkeley. Fast-forward 19 years and Zapolsky is now head of a legal department comprising hundreds of attorneys based in 15 different countries, having taken over as GC in 2012. His work encompasses legal, compliance, policy and regulatory affairs for Amazon, the world's largest online retailer, whose CEO Jeff Bezos was recently crowned the wealthiest person in the world.



Studied artificial intelligence at Stanford University
 Taught mathematics in Swaziland as a Peace Corps volunteer from 1983 to 1985

Reed Hastings revolutionized the way people watch entertainment content by creating the remote DVD rental service Netflix in 1997, which went on to greater fame and fortune when it evolved into a movie and TV series streaming service. In 2014, Reed Hastings explained, "success really only comes when most people think what you have is stupid, when it's a crucial thing." An intuition that he did well to follow, since the group is constantly growing with nearly 118 million subscribers to date.



Richard Yu CEO, Consumer Business Group, HUAWEI

Nicknamed Cannon Yu by peers because of his outspoken and combative approach
 His motto: "Make the No.1 product because nobody remembers No.2"

Richard Yu began his career at Huawei in 1993, when the firm was in its infancy, and has held several strategic positions including 3G product director, president of the wireless product line, president of the European area, chief strategy & marketing officer and chairman of Huawei device, before being nominated CEO of the consumer business group in 2011. Under his leadership, Huawei came from nowhere to become one of the top three in the global smartphone market by January 2016. Huawei has kept up its fast growth in spite of fierce competition: 154 million units sold in 2016, a 10.7% increase on 2016, according to Gartner. Innovation and dramatic quality improvement, Yu states, played a major role in Huawei's rise.



Holder of a bachelor's degree in geologyFormer computer analyst at Bradesco

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Sometimes outsiders can have revolutionary business ideas that create million-dollar businesses. This is the case of Marco Stefanini. Holding nothing more than a bachelor's degree in geology, Mr. Stefanini founded Stefanini IT Solutions in 1987. Over the following decades, the company increased its offering and the range of services provided. Today, Stefanini IT Solutions is the largest IT company in Latin America with operations in 39 countries. In addition to running this IT powerhouse, Mr. Stefanini is a founding member of the Brazilian Association of Information and Communication Technology (BRASSCOM) as well as a director of SEPROSP (Syndicate of Data Processing and IT Services of the State of São Paulo).



CEO TESLA, Founder SPACE X, Founder THE BORING COMPANY

- Has three nationalities (South-African, American, Canadian)
- Emmigrated from South Africa to Canada at 17 years old
- Holds a BSc in Physics from the University of Pennsylvania

South African by birth, Elon Musk left his native country to study physics and commerce in Canada and then in the United States. His entrepreneurial streak showed itself in 1995 when he created Zip2, the first in a long series of startups he founded. Musk then gave birth to X.com (which would become Paypal) Space X, Neuralik, and the Boring Company in 2016. Last but not least, in addition to being the founder of several companies, he is also CEO of the car manufacturer Tesla. Engineer, entrepreneur, CEO, he is also a billionaire and was identified in 2017 by Forbes 400 as the 21st richest person in America. His character provokes both praise and criticism in the public. Indeed, opinions vary on what to label him, a megalomaniac to some, a visionary for others, one thing is sure: he is revolutionizing transportation both in space and on Earth. In February 2018, Space X sent its Falcon Heavy rocket into orbit, launching a dummy-cargo of a mannequin dressed as an astronaut driving a Tesla sport car. The launch was a technological success, not to mention a remarkable publicity stunt for the billionaire. In 2012, after planes, trains, cars and boats, Elon Musk announced he wanted to create a new mode of transportation – the Hyperloop. A kind of supersonic capsule-based system, it is driven by a magnetic field generated by linear induction motors. In order for this project to see the light of day as soon as possible, Musk encourages open-source and collaborative work, by not filing any patent related to Hyperloop.

Our smart-scales enjoy iconic status in the connected health industry



Interview with CHARLOTTE PUECHMAILLE Head of Business Development, Europe, NOKIA HEALTH

"The business world is beginning to really grapple with the concept of connected health" Nokia, the world's number one mobile phone company in the late nineties and early noughties, has risen from the ashes by diversifying. Thanks to the acquisition of French rising star Withings, the Finnish firm now offers a wide-range of connected health devices, the success of which has breathed new life into the once-troubled company.

LEADERS LEAGUE. The e-health sector is in constant evolution. What has this meant for Nokia Health?

Charlotte Puechmaille. That we focus on these revolutionary, mass-market, easy to use products. Since 2009, Withings, which became Nokia Health, has had smart-scales on the market. This product has, over time, become an iconic device in the world of connected health. The company has not stopped innovating since and has produced a string of quality products that are simple to use, aesthetically pleasing and make the most of technology. Through their design, features and ergonomics, they suit a broad spectrum of lifestyles and have a positive impact on the health of all users.

Our products give people worried about the state of their health a new way to take care of themselves. Everyone should approach their health in a proactive way by saying to themselves, "I won't only pay attention to my health when I am sick, I will take care of myself when I'm feeling fine so I don't get sick in the first place!"

How have your ambitions in the healthcare sector changed the internal structure of Nokia?

The business world is beginning to really grapple with the concept of connected health. At Nokia we have, in association with insurers such as Axa or Generali, put in place a unit dedicated to the sector. Nokia's approach is distinct from others. Our products don't require special training to use, or cause disruption to your daily routine, but rather sync with it. They are available worldwide. The Nokia Steel HR, for example, is an elegant connected-watch capable of alerting the wearer when they have a call or message on their phone. It also monitors their physical activity and heart-rate in an autonomous, non-intrusive fashion. The wearer, whenever they want, can view the data gathered in the Health Mate app which, via Bluetooth, seamlessly synchronizes with their watch.

What obstacles stand in the way of connected health?

The healthcare industry is undergoing a period of transformation, but is still too often the prerogative of specialists. Even though we work regularly with doctors and medical researchers, in our view there is a barrier between the medical world and the world of healthcare and connected wellbeing. At Nokia, we constantly strive to ensure that we are not bringing the hospital into the home. The end customer is at the center of everything we do and we are committed to bringing the immense range of services that connected devices can provide to a wider audience. Little by little, doctors are starting to recommend the use of connected health devices. The day is coming when health insurance providers will push the uses of such devices, which will motivate all of us to lead a less sedentary lifestyle or monitor weightchange, for example. For the meantime, this revolution is taking place due to the interest of the general public in the tech. However things are steadily changing and we are now seeing the big pharmaceutical laboratories turn their attentions to connected devices. So we have some very strong reasons to believe that the sector will continue to grow. More companies understand that well-being at work is a metric they have to take into consideration. That's why Nokia launched a partnership with Generali to give Generali Vitality members a reduction on Nokia's connected healthcare products. The objective? To encourage them to take regular exercise and help them lead healthier lives.

What are this year's new innovations?

Our ambition at Nokia Health is to monitor and improve the health of all. We are convinced that quality of sleep is an essential factor in health overall - it's up there with getting regular exercise and eating healthily. Nokia Sleep offers a product that is placed under the mattress, which collects data used to help the owner get better sleep. ◆

AI and machine learning are going to be at the center of a revolution



Interview with OLIVIER DERRIEN General Director France, SALESFORCE A forerunner of cloud computing, Salesforce aims to render software licenses and their inflexibility obsolete, and has been able to create, in less than two decades, a digital environment that is supportive of partnerships and allows for a personalized service. Olivier Derrien, general manager for France, outlines the company's vision.

LEADERS LEAGUE. Has the rate of growth of Salesforce warped your relationship with innovation to an extent? Olivier Derrien. We are currently the largest startup in the world. With a revenue of eight billion dollars and over 23,000 employees, Salesforce possesses some of the characteristics of a large multinational. However, our behavior at an internal level is much closer to that of a young company. This comes across most strongly in the highly attentive attitude we show towards our clients. As with a startup that has just signed their first contract, we exercise a particular level of care towards the needs put to us by each one of our users. Our services are based upon a principle of continuity. Changing needs and requirements guide our constant renovation as a company. Through the partnerships that we establish, our products improve, as does customer satisfaction.

More and more French firms claim to have completed their digital transition. What do you think of this?

The digital revolution is far from over. We have a tendency to overestimate what will happen in the next six months and underestimate what will happen in the next five years. I hear these optimistic speeches from large firms, but the reality is actually very different out in the field. One thing is sure, everybody has started to change their habits and steer themselves towards a more rational application of the potentials of digital technology. Some struggling industries seize upon new tools before others. At the same time, it's necessary to remember that this revolution we're talking about covers the entire business models of these firms. What if personalized marketing was finally possible thanks to these new technologies? This would force existing companies to place the client at the top of their list of priorities and to update the ways in which they communicate with their partners.

In May 2018, new EU regulations on personal data will come into force. Could these laws prove to be an obstacle to the personalized client relationship that you promise?

This is a complex subject and we are closely following the development of all relevant laws in the countries where we operate. If such laws do change, we adapt and adhere to new regulations without delay. We must also at this point separate security from confidentiality. Salesforce has a close relationship with the French National Commission on Informatics and Liberty (CNIL), so as to have our operating methods approved. With the help of lawyers specialized in personal data, we will reassure clients who are uncertain about the consequences of these new regulations. Two years ago, when the Safe Harbor principles were revoked, we sent out a contract amendment to all our clients. It's all about transparency. It's about being proactive so that we keep on top of such issues, with regards to the data protection agencies of each country but also with regards to our clients

What will customer relations in the future look like?

Every employee can play an active role with clients or with potential clients of the firm. We are all salespeople in a way, because our interactions with the outside world are increasing. This explains the importance of working in different ways and carrying out organizational changes for large firms. Moreover, the client relationship will continue to become increasingly personalized. When our contacts are being inundated with diverse and varied requests, sending the right message at the right time can prove to be critical. Finally, AI and machine learning are going to be at the center of a revolution in uses. Ninety percent of the data in existence today was not available a year ago. We are entering a new era where this data will be used efficiently.



RISING STARS



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Dmitri Dolgov Head of Self-Driving Technology, **WAYMO**

 ${\sf o}$ Has a degree in Maths and Physics from the Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology ${\sf o}$ Holds a PhD from the University of Michigan

Waymo's head of self-driving technology Dmitri Dolgov has been at the forefront of the field since the very beginning. He has worked with Google and Waymo since the inception of their self-driving car project, in 2009. Prior to this, he worked as a research scientist on automated driving projects for the Toyota Research Institute and Stanford University, whose robotic car 'Junior' placed second in the 2007 DARPA Urban Challenge. Nearing his tenth year with Google/Waymo, Dmitri Dolgov insists that he is working to build a driver, not a self-driving car, and is focused on technology that will be able to detect, interact with and understand the behavior of other drivers on the road.



Ashwini Asokan Founder & CEO, MAD STREET DEN

Has a Masters in Interaction Design from Carnegie Mellon University
 Spent over ten years working in design at Intel

Ashwini Asokan is one half of the husband-wife duo behind Chennai and San Francisco based AI startup, Mad Street Den. Founded on the principle that retail is both a visual and visceral experience, the company is currently focused on the fashion sector, offering customers personalized homepages and showcasing similar products to optimize their online shopping experience. Asokan recently secured Series A funding from Sequoia Capital India. Raised in India, she moved to the US to study, before taking a job in design for tech giant Intel. Combining a love for design with an in-depth understanding of AI tech inspired Asokan to move back to Chennai and found the company with husband Anand Chandrasekan, the CTO and a former Stanford postdoctoral fellow.



Interview with CARSTEN BREITFELD

CEO & Co-Founder, BYTON

LEADERS LEAGUE. What do you think people will expect from a vehicle in the future?

Carsten Breitfeld. There are so many situations where the time spent in a car is wasted, because of traffic jams, spending hours finding a parking space and so on. What do people really want? Individual mobility, safety and a certain level of customization and ownership, especially when it comes to premium customers. We want to feel at home, even when we are on the road. We all want the same good feeling that we have when we are in our living room. And the same or a better level of being connected to the world. People will expect a vehicle to be, what one might

An electric car must have a unique concept

term a smart, feel-good mode of transportation. The car has to meet the needs of modern digital lifestyle in terms of connectivity and convenience for the driver and passengers. Innovative functions like gesture or voice controls will make the handling of the car increasingly convenient. In addition, autonomous driving will be the key for safety and converting the time spent in the car into either a pleasurable or a productive time.

What are you doing concerning the data security of drivers?

Safety and security is also extremely important in all aspects of connectivity. The team at Byton Security Lab has not only developed encryption technology for the vehicle communication system's data connections in the cloud, but also inside the vehicle. The vehicle architecture is designed for the 5G era, and will be able to support data transfer speeds from the internet of up to 10 Gbit/s thanks to the roof-integrated slimline antenna.

What will the electric car market look like five years from now, both in China and globally?

We are all sure that cars of the future will be mainly electric-driven. In China and most Asian countries, the process of changing this mobility might be a bit faster than elsewhere, but the demand in Europe and the USA is also increasing further. We believe that simply offering an electric car will mean nothing without a unique concept. For this reason, Byton will never define itself on its electric power train but more on its general concept as a modern way of smart and connected mobility. •



Dara Khosrowshahi CEO, UBER

Studied Bioelectrical Engineering at Brown University
 Former director of the New York Times

After many scandals, twists and turns, Uber's founder and former CEO, Travis Kalanick, was forced to resign, and in August 2017, the company's board chose a successor in the shape of Dara Khosrowshahi. Before taking up this position, the Iranian-born executive was head of travel price-comparison website Expedia, successfully leading its IPO and extending its presence to more than 60 countries as well as overseeing multiple acquisitions of rival firms including Travelocity, Orbitz and HomeAway. Now in charge of steering the world's groundbreaking ride-sharing company, Khosrowshahi hopes to replicate his previous achievements. To do so he must to meet the many challenges ahead, among which is restoring Uber's tarnished image.



Patrick Collison CEO and Co-Founder, STRIPE

Became world's youngest self-made billionaire in 2016 (with his brother)
 Ranked Number 1 in Forbes Cloud Computing 100

Patrick Collison is one half of the sibling duo behind internet payment firm, Stripe, which processes billions of dollars' worth of payments annually in 25 different countries. The payment processing system offers a secure method of accepting payments without being registered to a merchant account. Growing up in rural Ireland, the brothers took up coding at an early age. When Silicon Valley venture capital fund Y Combinator showed interest in their creations it prompted a move to the capital of tech startups, San Francisco. Their first app Auctomatic, sold for \$5 million in 2008, rendering Patrick Collison a millionaire while still in his teens. Stripe has grown from an unknown startup to the online payment service of choice for internet giants such as Facebook.

LatAm companies must prioritize the internal exchange of experiences



Interview with FABRICIO BLOISI Founder & CEO, MOVILE Stanford graduate Fabricio Bloisi is the founder and CEO of Movile, a Brazilian startup with over 150 million monthly users and offices in six countries. Widely considered a pioneer by the international startup community, he discusses the success of Movile and how other Latin American startups can get over their inferiority complex to thrive.

LEADERS LEAGUE. How has Movile's success as a startup changed the business?

Fabricio Bloisi Making people's lives better through mobile solutions has always been my dream. In 1998, I founded the startup that would later become Movile. In the late 1990s, we started innovating and exploiting relatively advanced technologies by betting on content for mobile devices and text messaging (SMS). At the time, we created the first SMS chat service, the first WAP (Wireless Application Protocol) search portal and enabled the commerce of ringtones in Brazil. We were also the first Latin American company which allowed for the sending of images via MMS.

Over the years, Movile has experienced intense obstacles and challenges. From our

"Latin American entrepreneurs must think big from the very beginning"

challenges. From our early days with two people sitting in the office of a business incubator to what we are today – a company with apps in 180 countries and

1,600 employees in six countries – we have come a long way. For our business as we know it to reach this level, several things went wrong but we learned with each mistake and kept moving forwards. There isn't a recipe for success but I always explain that although we make a lot of mistakes, we always learn from them and correct them quickly.

What advice can you give to start-up professionals working in Brazil?

Every incredible project begins with two ingredients: an impossible dream and the certainty that giving up is not an option. There's a saying: "If you tell people your biggest dream and no one laughs, it's because it's not big enough." Believe me, it's true – I've been through it countless times myself. So my advice is: no matter how bold or distant your goal may seem, the key to making it real is to think big, to seek inspiration from leaders who have built major businesses, and to create teams with incredible people that are passionate about what they do. Of course, working hard is essential! Plans can (and most likely will) go wrong and when that happens, you need to keep dreaming, learning, and adjusting the route to your dreams.

To keep this advice fresh in the minds of Movile employees, we have a "Future Wall," where everyone at the office shares the dreams they want to realize.

Who will be the next big players in the Latin American start-up ecosystem?

In Brazil and Latin America there is great potential not only for future unicorns but also for companies with a potential value of \$10 - \$50 billion. For that to happen, however, it is important that entrepreneurs dream big when creating and developing their businesses. It's important that they have a plan and strive for it to have success on a global scale.

How can the region create a more startup friendly environment?

In general, Brazilians and entrepreneurs from all over Latin America have great ideas but, due to an inferiority complex they think too small and create businesses which only aim to have impact on a national level.

For a company to achieve impact on a global scale, however, an entrepreneur must think big from the very beginning. Additionally, it is crucial that Brazilian and Latin American companies implement business models which prioritise an internal exchange of experiences, investing in an ecosystem where everyone involved in the creation and development of the company can use this knowledge to personally grow, develop themselves, and later reinvest in the company. •



More than a decade of experience at Microsoft
 Professor in one of the largest marketing schools in Brazil, ESPM

Video games are considered entertainment by most, but Guilherme Camargo thinks they can be more. A lifelong gamer, he worked with the Microsoft's gaming division for six years before leaving to establish interactive technology agency Sioux. His company specializes in developing interactive technologies and Mr. Camargo's agency uses the same principles that make video games so engaging to design business software that will create greater enthusiasm in employees and potential clients. Under his guidance, Sioux has developed technologies for giants across various industries such as Santander, Warner Bros and Ubisoft. Since 2001, Sioux has developed more than 1,700 projects, including game development and publishing, innovation labs and virtual reality.



Anaqua has recently acquired Lecorpio and AcclaimIP
 Graduated from Iona College

Bob Romeo joined Anaqua, a leading American provider of IP management and analytics software and services, in 2015 as CEO succeeding Priya Iyer. Prior to joining Anaqua, Romeo served as CEO of LexisNexis, Research & Litigation Solutions (RLS) and spent 20 years in various senior executive positions, notably within Thomson Reuters. When he was appointed in 2015, he declared "I'm thrilled to lead such an experienced and passionate team," adding "Anaqua is an innovative company with tremendous software & services. We have great people and an incredibly strong client community." Today, nearly a million professionals in intellectual property in over 150 countries use Anaqua to manage more than a billion dollars in intellectual assets.



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Interview with LUKE MCLEROY

Vice President and Head of Business Development, **AVANCI**

LEADERS LEAGUE. What were the reasons behind the establishment of Avanci? Were you aiming to fill a particular gap in the market?

Luke McLeroy. Avanci is focused on simplifying wireless essential patent licensing in the internet of things (IoT). We foresaw the need for a new patent licensing solution for the IoT, different from what had been done before in other industries because of the size of the IoT. Before we started Avanci, we were discussing standard-essential patent licensing with some of the car companies that were adding wireless connectivity to their products, we were able to explain to them what standard-essential patents are and what it means to license them under

We foresaw the need for a new patent licensing solution for the IoT

non-discriminatory terms. Their question to us was: "*Can't you put together all those patents into a license for us?*" So that is where Avanci comes from.

You previously led the North American patent licensing business for Ericsson. What did you learn from your time there? The biggest thing I learned was that you need to be solution-driven to succeed in patent license negotiations. It is very important to listen to the other company you are negotiating with, understand their concerns and requirements and find a solution for everyone involved in the deal. Being solution-driven is now a core value at Avanci, we want a licensing solution that will work between not just companies in the wireless industry but also companies in the automobile industry - or wherever the IoT extends to next.

Some of your recent work has been concentrated on the automobile industry. Can carmakers avoid the 'patent wars' synonymous with Silicon Valley? We have focused on the automobile industry because it was early to adopt connectivity and the IoT for their products. We signed our first license agreement with BMW at the end of last year. We have noticed a real interest in the auto industry to get patent licenses in place, rather than just wait for a dispute to arise if they're selling unlicensed technology. There are two main reasons for this interest. Firstly, they recognize the need to pay a fair price for the technology they are using and secondly they are aware of the risk of selling unlicensed technology in their cars as it could lead to a legal dispute which would delay delivery of their products.

ROSS can do things that were never before possible with technology



Interview with ANDREW ARRUDA Co-Founder & CEO, ROSS INTELLIGENCE

> "Communication and education of the public is the most important factor when it comes to the success of a legal tech company"



Made Forbes' 30 Under 30 list in 2017





His watchwords: legal innovation, organizational change, entrepreneurship

Andrew Arruda is the co-founder of ROSS Intelligence, a tech company that leverages the power of artificial intelligence to improve legal research. After pitching its vision of creating the world's smartest lawyer, it landed \$8.7 million in Series A funding in October 2017.

LEADERS LEAGUE. How is what ROSS Intelligence offers different from existing legal research tools?

Andrew Arruda. There is a tendency by some folks who are part of new technological developments to dismiss the tools that came before, this is not the case with ROSS. The sophisticated software that came before ROSS, which now may not be sophisticated anymore due to outdated infrastructures, set the stage for what we do. You don't need AI enabled software for everything you do. What ROSS brings to the table now is the ability to do things that were never before possible with technology, and we are proud to be leading the way in the legaltech revolution when it comes to AI-enabled technology in law.

How would you rank legal knowledge, technology, funding, communication and education of the public in the success a legaltech company?

Of the factors listed, first and foremost communication and education of the public are the most important. The reason: people won't use software they've never heard of and don't understand. After that, I think technology is vital as, if you pique folks' interest, you better back it up. After this, I would say legal knowledge as you don't just want to have great technology that isn't solving a real problem the legal market is suffering from. Lastly, I think funding is important because no matter how fast you sell, the additional capital influxes allow you to do much more than just operating off of your revenues from the sale of your core technology. Other factors would be the tenacity of the founders and early employees which I would rank first overall if given that choice - it's a hard world out there when you are getting a tech company off the ground, you want to find the smartest, hardest working, and most adaptable people you can find. I'm lucky because I think ROSS Intelligence has the best team in the world to do what we are doing.

In his book Homo Deus: A Brief History of Tomorrow, Yuval Noah Harari challenges accepted wisdom regarding the workings of the human mind. Is your company trying to do the same for the legal profession?

Certainly, but I think any company that is out there trying to get folks to adopt a new product which entails a complete change to how business was conducted before is doing this. Folks didn't just tie up their horses and start buying cars, it took time, education and a whole lot of work - that's something we do every day at ROSS. That being said, I was recently speaking in Miami at the University of Miami Law School, and American Bar Association President Hilarie Bass delivered the keynote, in it she told the students that they would all practice alongside AI in the future. We are extremely proud at ROSS to have introduced and promoted the use of AI and will work tirelessly to ensure that president Bass' prediction becomes a reality not just in the US, but around the world.

What advice do you have for paralegals or young associates whose work is the most impacted by legal AI?

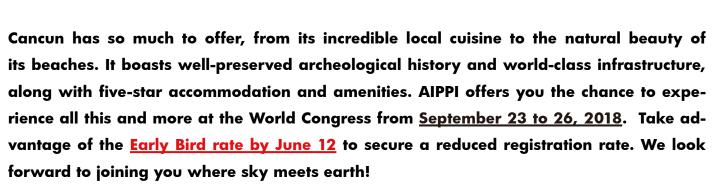
There likely isn't one area of the legal industry (ex. paralegals or young associates) that will be more affected than other groups. The entire profession, along with the hundreds of crucial support roles, will undergo some change. But this is a good thing – it means less time spent on repetitive tasks and more time on the sort of exciting and creative work that attracts people to law in the first place.

My advice to everyone in the legal profession would be to educate yourself on all of the exciting things happening both in AI as a whole, as well as legal technology more specifically. The folks that will be having the most exciting careers five, ten and twenty years from now will be the ones that seized the opportunity to grow their careers through AI. ◆





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• Raised over \$500 million in the United States in early 2015 • Works in partnership with the Pasteur Institute

Former director of Biomérieux and with an international career in the healthcare field, Stéphane Bancel joined Boston based startup Moderna Therapeutics in 2011. It's founder, Noubar Afeyan, convinced him of the tremendous impact their solution could have on people's health. The solution in question? To no longer directly administer the proteins necessary for the proper functioning of diseased cells through biological drugs, but to directly inject mRNA (a molecule carrying a "code" enabling our cells to manufacture the proteins they need). "We assume that the body is capable of making the proteins it needs to treat itself," explains the Frenchman. Moderna Therapeutics' objective? The treatment of numerous diseases, but also to formulate vaccinations against the Zika and Chikungunya viruses.



Zach Lovering Project Executive, AIRBUS VAHANA

Has a master's degree in Aerospace Engineering from the University of California San Diego
 His artist mother inspired some of the creative designs for Vahana

Zach Lovering heads up Airbus' ambitious flying taxi project, Vahana. Drawing upon academic experience in the complex field of aerospace engineering, Lovering also spent four years working as a senior engineer on Google CEO Larry Page's flying car effort, Zee.Aero. While at Zee.Aero he worked on aircraft structure and motor design, and has said that the focus on productization, rather than simply developing cool technology, was what drew him to Airbus. In addition, Lovering spent time developing high-quality rotary blades for both the MD500 and UH1H helicopters at the Helicopter Technology Company. According to Lovering, Airbus is uniquely positioned to begin looking at the vital infrastructure necessary to really make flying cars take off. On January 31st 2018, Vahana recorded its first successful self-piloted flight, lasting 53 seconds.



 ${\sf o}$ Over 15 years in innovation and leadership, consumer insights and strategic market planning ${\sf o}$ Has a PhD in social science from the University of Southern Denmark

From being on the verge of bankruptcy in 2003 to becoming the world's most powerful brand in 2015, Lego has achieved a turnaround for the ages. Former academic and consultant in marketing and innovation, Anne Flemmert-Jensen is among the key leaders to have turned this traditional toy company into a platform of open innovation and crowdsourcing. She is part of the Future Lab, the Danish toy giant's R&D project charged with inventing the future of play for children (and adults). Her team's foremost task is to deliver insights into the ways children play, and today Lego's knowledge on this subject is probably as deep as any other organization. During Flemmert-Jensen's time at the firm Lego has successfully launched various innovation projects, including Friends, Architecture, Ideas and Fusion.



Jones Belther Senior Vice President of Mineral Exploration, NEXA RESOURCES

Has experience working throughout Latin America
Key player behind the innovations of one of Latin America's largest mining firms

In today's dynamic world, even the most established industries must embrace innovation. In his role at one of Latin America's mining giants, Jones Belther oversees Mining Lab, a program through which Nexa invites a select group of startups to colaborate by bringing novel ideas and concepts to the company. In 2018, Nexa plans to inject over \$2 million into startups. It is a winning scenario as young entrepreneurs receive funding and Nexa at the cutting edge of technological advances. In addition to his duties at Nexa Resources, Mr. Belther also serves as a director on the board of Peruvian mining company, Compañía Minera Atacocha. In addition to working in Brazil and Peru, Mr. Belther has also worked in Suriname.



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Interview with LOÏC VOISIN

Head of Innovation, Marketing and Industrial Performance, **SUEZ**

LEADERS LEAGUE. Innovation and research are key elements of Suez's business strategy. What initiatives are you implementing in this respect?

Loïc Voisin. We have developed various practical solutions to the challenges of modern cities. The most significant example would be one of our digital solutions, Aquadvanced, developed for the management of drinking water distribution and sanitation networks. We have installed sensors throughout these networks. The data we collect and process allows us to remodel these systems and optimize their management in real-

Data can be used to solve the problems faced by modern cities

time. In developed countries, almost 20% of the drinking water produced is lost before even reaching the consumer because of outdated facilities. Thanks to this intelligent system, we are able to quickly detect leaks and respond efficiently to fix any abnormalities.

Suez actively supports startups, mainly through Suez Ventures. Which landmark innovations has this investment fund detected and how have they been incorporated into the group?

We work with over 120 partners across the world, ranging from universities to large industrial firms as well as incubators and startups. We have, for example, helped the startup SigrenEa to develop a smart waste-collection system which works by installing microchips at recyclable waste drop-off points so as to control how full they are from a distance and in near real-time. This system allows us to optimize the management and replacement by collection services. We are currently continuing to promote its development.

We're also involved in an open innovation program called Data City, which has been organized by the incubator Numa in collaboration with the city of Paris, the State and private-sector businesses, which aims to address the challenges posed by the city of the future, using data to transform the capital into a huge playground. We have also developed an app with the startup Craft.ai which enables us to reduce the presence of refuse bins in the streets by 46%. •

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The importance of fostering unicorns in Europe is a geopolitical objective



Interview with **FLEUR PELLERIN** Co-Founder & Managing Partner, **KORELYA CAPITAL**

"It is a good thing for our businesses that there's now more money in the ecosystem, even if that increases competition between the funds" Having raised 100 million euros with the help of Asian investors, Korelya has just made their first investment by choosing to support Devialet. Fleur Pellerin, founder and managing partner, discusses her plans for the future and her views on the venture capital market.

LEADERS LEAGUE. Did the idea to create a technology focused fund financed by Asian investors which aims to support French and European startups respond to a particular demand in the market?

Fleur Pellerin. That's exactly the case. Our first investment, in the audio engineering firm Devialet, is a very relevant example of this. The founders raised money to help boost their business and take it to an international audience. They accepted our funding because we brought them not just money, but privileged access to the decision-makers of major companies and financial institutions from Korea or Asia in general, such as our LPs, the Korean internet giant Naver, and its subsidiary, Line, which manages a large commercial network in South East Asia. It's a veritable asset. However, the bet we took in raising the money from Asian investors was not a sure thing. It was thanks to the work I carried out with the initiative French Tech that France finally found its place on the map of global innovation, as my investors subsequently put it. Now, an avenue has been opened up, and I'm convinced that an increasing financial flow from Asia will arrive in Europe and in France to support the growth of our startups.

How do you make yourselves stand out in a particularly competitive market sector and how do you decide who you want to invest in?

Our unique selling point lies in the fact that we don't simply offer entrepreneurs the means to finance their visions but also the expertise of a Korean unicorn and a way into the Asian market, whose power-players I am well acquainted with. Besides that, we have a very entrepreneurial approach which puts us in very close contact with the creators of these startups; we are present for all the key moments of their development. As for everything else, I'm discovering that it's all about the art of the venture-capital profession. Luckily I am able to rely upon highly qualified colleagues, led by my partner Antoine Dresch, an investment banker with 20 years of experience, and Delphine Villuendas and Paul Degueuse who both have backgrounds in investment funds.

Do you concentrate on late-stage startups or do you see yourselves getting involved at earlier stages?

Our philosophy when it comes to investment is fairly flexible because we don't want to miss out on businesses with high potential, no matter their level of development. Claiming to be ready to conquer other markets, such as Asia, requires at least a few years of experience, which is the case with Devialet. We are able to position ourselves comfortably in roundtable discussions for Series C because we can quickly create a union with Naver if a deal which necessitates a large investment ticket, of more than ten millions euros for example, appeals to us. But we also have the capacity to invest in Series A or B, with tickets worth between one and five million euros, or even in Seed Round for even smaller amounts.

Does the competitive venture capital environment make you wary?

When I was a minister delegate in charge of small and medium-sized businesses, innovation and the digital economy, I was very concerned about what we call the 'Death Valley of financing,' which refers to the lack of financing available for late-stage fundraising. It is a good thing for our businesses that there's now more money in the ecosystem, even if that increases competition between the funds. However, new teams are appearing and proposing different things. Our specialty is access to the Asian market and the chance to benefit from the support of a major regional internet player. When I talk about the importance of fostering the birth of European unicorns, it's an almost geopolitical objective in order to create a counterweight to Gafa and BATX. It's a matter of sovereignty. •

Plug and Play Japan want to energize and globalize the start-up community



Interview with **PHILLIP SEIJI VINCENT,** Founder & Managing Partner, **PLUG AND PLAY JAPAN**

"We simply haven't yet seen the sort of killer app which would make consumers feel the need for IoT in the home"

Global startup accelerator and corporate innovation platform Plug and Play were early investors in hugely successful startups such as Dropbox and Paypal. Headquartered in Silicon Valley, they now have over 20 offices worldwide, including the recently opened Tokyo branch. Leaders League spoke to Phillip Seiji Vincent, who manages Plug and Play Japan.

LEADERS LEAGUE. How is Plug and Play different from other startup accelerators and what are you able to offer to the Japanese market?

Phillip Seiji Vincent. Plug and Play is something of a hybrid model between an accelerator, incubator, corporate innovation platform and a venture capital firm. All together, we call ourselves 'the world's largest innovation platform.' We run over 50 accelerator programs globally, including 14 themed accelerators in Silicon Valley in anything from IoT to fintech; within each of these accelerator programs we have a handful of large corporations that sponsor the program and run it with us. Our many Japanese partners include Panasonic, Fujitsu and Rakuten, who help us shape and form the program and we source startups globally within their requests. What makes us different is that we are very industry specific and a one-stop shop for innovation.

What differentiates the Japanese startup environment from other global startup environments?

One of the reasons why Plug and Play targeted Japan was because we see a lot of large corporations with very high interest in the startup community at the moment. We have over 200 corporate partners in Silicon Valley; close to 40 of these partners are Japanese, all of whom are very interested in finding startups to work with via the Plug and Play platform. However, the startup ecosystem in Japan is virtually non-existent; there are not enough startups in general, and those that do exist are very domestic and local. Furthermore, the startups do not have access to enough government support, universities are not producing entrepreneurs and there are not enough corporate partners or investors. As a whole, the startup ecosystem is not up to the scale we would expect of the world's third largest economy. Plug and Play Japan are there to energize and globalize the startup community and hopefully build it into one of the world's premier ecosystems.

What are the key ways in which you plan to make large Japanese corporations accessible to foreign markets?

We have been able to create a large network of firms in Silicon Valley, because Plug and Play became something of a tourist attraction for Japanese firms there. We are continuing to build up this network, being one of the only global startup platforms currently present in Tokyo and we have a lot of interest from firms trying to reach global and not just domestic startups. Plug and Play now has 26 locations worldwide; this means that any startups from these locations which we feel would be a good fit for the Japanese market can be brought to Tokyo and introduced to our corporate partners here.

You were previously director of IoT and mobility at Plug and Play. How do you see this technology developing over the next five years?

As a technology that started in the consumer space, IoT has been transitioning from the B2C space to the B2B space and buzzwords such as AI, computer vision and other horizontal technologies are changing the industrial and enterprise landscape. Five years from now, I can see these consumer IoT products actually being produced; we simply haven't seen a killer application which has made consumers feel the need for IoT in the home yet. Our mobility program focuses on four key areas, abbreviated to CASE (Connected Autonomous Shared Electric). Connected is all about connected devices, such as cars which offer the same features as our phones. There is currently a huge push for autonomous driving, with some companies suggesting they will have fully autonomous vehicles by next year and other saying they already have them. The shared part is all about finding the next Uber or Lyft, and electric concerns the ways in which people are turning away from diesel engines and moving to electric, the world will likely be producing mostly electric engines within the next five years. •

Entrepreneurial culture is growing in Brazil all the time



Interview with **PRISCILA MARTINS** Manager of Institutional Relationships, ARTEMISIA Artemisia is a Brazilian organization which, by connecting startups to investors, is fostering innovation in the country. Focusing on corporate initiatives with the potential to effect positive social impact, Artemisia's goal is to promote social development whilst aiding entrepreneurs to achieve economic growth.

LEADERS LEAGUE. How do you see Brazil's innovation scene?

Entrepreneurial culture is growing in Brazil and has increasingly contributed to the growth of small, medium and large companies in a variety of sectors. The search for innovative startups has become a new way to invest in disruptive models. In our eyes, innovation can do more than create new products and services, Artemisia sees the present era as a unique opportunity to invest in innovative ideas that have the potential to impact society positively. We believe that novel ideas can lead to major companies and create positive social impact on a large scale. In this context, our most recent partners are major names such as Caixa, Facebook, Ford, Eletropaulo and AES Tiete.

"A new generation of professionals are seeking careers which are both profitable and ethical. They want both

With the Brazilian crisis officially over how has the startup market responded? Over recent years, Brazil has played a key role in developing social impact entrepreneurship. This model

has consolidated itself and is now a strong trend due to the efforts of companies investing in solutions to societal problems, particularly those affecting the economically disadvantaged. This trend has been motivated by a new generation of professionals seeking careers which are both profitable and ethical. They want both.

Which social impact initiatives have enjoyed the most success in Brazil?

There is a huge market for technologies which can evaluate the quality or increase the access low-income families have to healthcare. Brazil spends roughly 10 per cent of its GDP on healthcare. In 2013 alone, R\$500 billion was invested in healthcare. Fifty per cent of these funds went into public healthcare, as this is the only option for approximately 70 per cent of the Brazilian population. Due to the vast sums involved, there is a major demand for startups focusing on disease prevention and healthier lifestyles. As far as education is concerned, businesses accelerated by Artemisia have shown it is possible to enhance the quality of education in Brazil. According to figures, Brazil is amongst the top-ten biggest education markets, with spending reaching the heights of R\$53 billion in 2013. As around 85 per cent of the country's students are enrolled in public schools, startups additionally have the opportunity to interact with the government. Moreover, there are plenty of opportunities in the food, energy and transportation sectors to invest in social impact initiatives.

Does the difficulty of securing patents in Brazil influence the local startup market?

As far as the companies we assist are concerned, this issue can be seen in two different lights. On one hand, the procedure to secure a patent directly influences the speed with which startups can offer innovative products and services. However on the other hand, it becomes easier for entrepreneurs to shield their assets from competitors and this can increase the confidence of potential clients and investors in that particular idea.

How do you determine if a startup deserves to be taken to the next level?

Artemisia connects startups to investors, so our criteria will change according to the profile of the investor and their end goal. In general, however, we follow basic guidelines such as if the entrepreneur fully understands the vision and objective behind the startup. Additionally, evidence pointing to the success of the company before investment is key, as is data regarding the financial health of the startup. A proper evaluation of its technology, how it is unique and which problems it might have is also essential.

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73	Patent Litigation	
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75	IT & Outsourcing	
	Chile	
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78	Patent Prosecution	
79	Trademark Prosecution	
79	Plant Breeder's Rights	
80	Technology & Digital Services	
80	Enforcement & Anti-Counterfeiting Actions	
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84	IP Litigation	
85	Enforcement & Anti-Counterfeiting Actions	
85	Data Protection & Privacy	
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88	Trademark Prosecution	
88	Plant Breeder's Rights	
89	TMT	

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162	IT & Software
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174	Patent Litigation
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2	G. Breuer	Jorge Otamendi, Alejandro Breuer-Moreno, Pedro Breuer-Moreno
		EXCELLENT
	Berken IP	Pedro Berkenwald, Alicia Alvarez Berkenwald
	Obligado & Cia	Federico Aulmann, Juan Martin Aulmann
	Richelet & Richelet	Gastón Richelet
		HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
	Berton Moreno + Ojam	Juan Carlos Ojam, Alberto R. Berton Moreno (h.), Ricardo Amigo
	Clarke, Modet & Compañía	Carlos Magnanini
	Estudio Chaloupka	Claudia Serritelli
	Hausheer Belgrano & Fernandez	Graciela Perez
	Noetinger Armando Abogados	Miguel Armando, Matias Noetinger
	Palacio & Asociados	Mingo Palacio
		RECOMMENDED
	Baker McKenzie	Bernard W. Malone
	Moeller IP Advisors	Veronica Vater
	Sena & Berton Moreno	Gustavo Sena, Alfredo M. Sena

OBLIGADO & CÍA: RENOWNED IP BOUTIQUE IN ARGENTINA AND ABROAD



Leader: Juan Martin Aulmann and Federico Aulmann Established: 1889

Juan Martin Aulmann

Track record: The boutique acts for numerous pharmaceutical companies. Their list of clients includes Pfizer and Boheringer and they successfully represented Aventis in a very complex case. The firm manages the Latin America trademark portfolio of Peugeot. They have actively participated in complex patent litigations and are familiar with trademarks and domain names.

Team & differentiation: The team is composed of 12 qualified lawyers and engineers, IP agents and translators. Patent and trademark prosecution are key areas of strength for this IP boutique. Partner Federico Aulmann concentrates on patents, copyright and industrial design models while Juan Martín Aulmann focuses on trademark matters.

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		EXCELLENT
	Berton Moreno + Ojam	Alberto R. Berton Moreno (h.), Juan Berton Moreno, Ricardo Amigo, Mercedes Bullrich
	Hausheer Belgrano & Fernandez	Graciela Perez, Juan Carlos de la Vega
	Noetinger Armando Abogados	Miguel Armando, Matias Noetinger
	Obligado & Cia	Federico Aulmann, Juan Martin Aulmann
	Palacio & Asociados	Hector Palacio, Mercedes Durlach, Diego Palacio
	Richelet & Richelet	Ricardo Richelet III
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	Baker McKenzie	Bernard W. Malone
	Barbat y Cía.	Matty Barbat
	Clarke, Modet & Compañía	Carlos Magnanini, Guadalupe Ocampo
	Ferrer Reyes, Tellechea & Bouche	Santiago Ferrer Reyes, Julia Elena Tellechea
	Sena & Berton Moreno	Gustavo Sena, Alfredo M. Sena
		RECOMMENDED
	Allende & Brea	Pablo Andrés Palazzi
	Brons & Salas	Maria Jose Rodriguez
	Estudio Chaloupka	Paula Galvan, Olga Maidana
	Lauritsen & Asociados	Ivana Betina Lauritsen
	Moeller IP Advisors	Victoria de Lasa Andrés
	O'Connor Power	Santiago Ricardo O'Conor
	PAGBAM IP	Mingo Palacio

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	Marval, O'Farrell & Mairal	Martín Bensadón, Gustavo Giay, Martin Chajchir
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	Obligado & Cia	Federico Aulmann, Juan Martin Aulmann
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	Apellaniz & O'Farrell	Ignacio Apellaniz
	Brons & Salas	Maria Jose Rodriguez
	Clarke, Modet & Compañía	Carlos Magnanini, María Nájera
	Estudio Chaloupka	Claudia Serritelli
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Gusmão & Labrunie - Intellectual Property	José Roberto Gusmão, João Vieira da Cunha, Jacques Labrunie
Kasznar Leonardos - Intellectual Property	Gabriel Leonardos, Elisabeth Kasznar, Claudio Barbosa, Rafael Lacaz Amaral
	EXCELLENT
Bhering Advogados	Pedro Bhering, Philippe Bhering, Isabel Milman
Daniel Legal & IP Strategy	Ricardo Nunes, André Oliveira
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BMA – Barbosa, Müssnich, Aragão	Antonella Carminatti, Claudia Schulz
Di Blasi, Parente & Associados	Gabriel Di Blasi, Paulo Parente
Guerra IP	Flavio Leonardos, Alberto Guerra
Montaury Pimenta, Machado & Vieira de Mello	Luiz Edgard Montaury Pimenta
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David do Nascimento Advogados Associados	Marcello do Nascimento
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Bhering Advogados	Flávia Merola, Rafael Tögel, Philippe Bhering, Pedro Bhering
Gusmão & Labrunie - Intellectual Property	Ana Paula Celidonio, Jacques Labrunie
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Luiz Leonardos & Advogados	Ana Paula Jardim
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BMA – Barbosa, Müssnich, Aragão	Ana Cristina Müller, Claudia Schulz, Antonella Carminatti
Fialho Salles - Fialho Canabrava Andrade Salles Advogados	Lucas Spadano
Gaiarsa, Ferreira & Meyer Propriedade Intelectual	Lucas Martins Gaiarsa, Katia Ferreira
Guerra IP	Alberto Guerra, Flavio Leonardos, Rosane Tavares, Rodrigo Ferreira
Hugo Silva & Maldonado Propriedade Intelectual	Hugo C. Silva, Lucia Maldonado, Pedro Maldonado
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DANNEMANN SIEMSEN: CENTENARY IP EXCELLENCE



Luiz Henrique do Amaral

Leaders: Luiz Henrique do Amaral, Peter Eduardo Siemsen, Elisabeth Siemsen do Amaral, Gustavo de Freitas Morais, Joaquim Eugenio Goulart, Raul Hey Established: 1900 Track record: Market-leading practice actively counselling the biggest names from the German, American and Japanese markets on the complete range of intellectual property matters. Renowned for its strength assisting clients from the pharmaceutical and technology industries in patent applications, technology transfer contracts and software licensing agreements.

Team & differentiation: Numbering close to 400 professionals, Dannemann Siemsen stands out as one of the intellectual property giants of Latin America. With seven offices located in Rio, São Paulo and Brasilia, the firm is widely considered a go-to name for each and every IP matter. Professionals routinely advise on cutting-edge issues involving, e-commerce, biotechnology and genetic patrimony.

MONTAURY PIMENTA, MACHADO & VIEIRA DE MELLO: Relied upon by the best



Eduardo Machado

Leaders: Eduardo Machado, Luiz Edgard Montaury Pimenta, Ricardo P. Vieira de Mello, Roberto P. Vieira de Mello Established: 1929

Track record: Well known by American, French and German multinationals doing business in Brazil, the firm is frequently sought out for its expert handling of patent litigation, trademark prosecution and enforcement mandates. Major clients include leading names such as Bayer, Uber and WeWork. Also recognized for its knowledge of software and copyright issues.

Team & differentiation: Montaury Pimenta, Machado & Vieira de Mello has offices in both Rio and São Paulo and counts on a group of 45 lawyers and engineers to represent its colours in the Brazilian IP market. The team's in-house philosophy focuses on fostering long-term business relationships and working closely with clients.

KASZNAR LEONARDOS: A Household Name in IP Litigation



Elisabeth Kasznar

Leaders: Elisabeth Kasznar and Gabriel Leonardos Established: 1919 Track record: Front-running IP outfit Kasznar Leonardos stands out for its ability to handle all kinds of sectoral disputes such as infringement suits, anti-counterfeiting mandates and cancellation actions. Highly regarded for its knowledge of internet, technology and data protection legislation as well as the strength of its life sciences practice.

Team & differentiation: Captained by widely admired market figures – such as Elisabeth Kasznar and Gabriel Leonardos – the practice consists of nearly 90 legal professionals who are based in Rio, São Paulo and Porto Alegre. Professionals within the team draw on their vast international experience to advise major multinationals on the full range of IP issues.

DANIEL LEGAL & IP STRATEGY: STRENGTH IN DIVERSITY



Alicia Daniel-Shores

Leaders: Alicia Daniel-Shores, Breno Akherman, Rana Gosain, Rafael Rocha and Rafael Salomão Established: 1959 Track record: Established IP player with nearly six decades of experience advising major national and international heavyweights from the pharmaceutical, technology and publishing industries on the full range of intellectual property issues. Well known for its impressive handling of strategic trademark and patent cases. Clients includes high-flyers such as Facebook, Shell, 3M and other multinational giants.

Team & differentiation: Consisting of 180 attorneys, engineers and specialists, Daniel Legal & IP Strategy stands out for being the largest female-owned firm in Latin America. Well-equipped to represent clients before the Brazilian Patent and Trademark office (BPTO) and advise them on patent protection, anti-counterfeiting and trademark litigation mandates.

LICKS ATTORNEYS: A LITIGATION JUGGERNAUT



Otto Licks

Leaders: Otto Licks, Carlos Aboim, Rodrigo Maior, Eduardo Hallak, Liliane Roriz, Felipe Mesquita Established: 2011 Track record: Admired for its excellent track record representing multinational pharmaceutical, medical devices and technology companies in high-stakes IP disputes before and against the BPTO, Anvisa and Anatel. Also recognized for its premier experience in the life sciences sector as well as the food and drug industry. Major clients include heavyweights such as Merck, Novartis and Sanofi.

Team & differentiation: With offices in Rio, São Paulo, Brasília and Tokyo, the team draws on the strength of its experienced litigators and in-house healthcare experts to maintain its impeccable success rate in regulatory disputes. The firm has both the largest food and drug litigation practice as well as the largest 229-C patent litigation group to be found in Brazil.

DI BLASI, PARENTE & ASSOCIADOS: THREE DECADES OF CLIENT SATISFACTION



Gabriel Di Blasi

Leaders: Gabriel Di Blasi and Paulo Parente Established: 1987 Track record: Highly active firm capably assisting local and global players such as Rede D'Or, Samsung and IBM with the full gamut of intellectual property issues. Valuable experience advising clients from the electronics, information technology and life science industries on patent and trademark prosecution, regulatory litigation and copyright law. Offers additional strength in sport and entertainment law.

Team & differentiation: Led by seasoned partners Gabriel Di Blasi and Paulo Parente, the team at Di Blasi, Parente & Associados closely collaborates with in-house biologists and engineers to provide high-grade IP services. With over 30 years of experience under its belt, this trusted group is relied upon by major companies from the biotechnology, chemistry and agriculture sectors.



Our analysis

DAVID DO NASCIMENTO: TRUSTED AT HOME AND ABROAD



Marcello do Nascimento

Leader: Marcello do Nascimento Established: 1970 Track record: With nearly five decades of experience in the market, David do Nascimento Advogados expertly assists Brazilian, American, Dutch and Spanish companies with all of their intellectual property needs. The firm frequently provides counsel to a host of clients from the pharmaceutical, telecommunications and legal sectors on IP litigation, copyright law and franchising agreements.

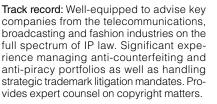
Team & differentiation: With over 55 professionals based in São Paulo and Rio, this well-established practice relies on the know-how of its lawyers and industrial property agents to advise major names such as Disney, Philips and Adidas. Noted for its capabilities in anti-counterfeiting, patent litigation and technology transfer agreements.

SIQUEIRA CASTRO: FOR ALL YOUR IP NEEDS



Márcio Costa De Menezes e Gonçalves Leaders: Márcio Costa De Menezes e Gonçalves, Eduardo Augusto and Daniel Pitanga

Established: 1948



Team & differentiation: Led by three partners – Márcio de Menezes e Gonçalves, Eduardo Augusto and the recently promoted Daniel Pitanga – this compact department sits within one of Brazil's legal giants. A strong IP litigation vein runs through the team which benefits from the firm's impressive territorial presence in all Brazilian capitals as well as in Portugal and in Angola.

BHERING ADVOGADOS: Forty years advising international giants



Philippe Bhering

Leaders: Philippe Bhering and Pedro Bhering Established: 1978

Track record: Excellent record in strategic patent and trademark litigation, technology transfer agreements and anti-counterfeiting

transfer agreements and anti-counterfeiting operations. Valued by clients such as Warner Bros., FIFA and Facebook for its advice on the full range of IP law including patents, copyrights and licensing agreements. Also noted for its expertise in complex data protection mandates

Team & differentiation: Eight partners lead a team of nearly 50 legal professionals in a range of complex IP matters. The practice group's highly international background makes it well-equipped to frequently counsel leading American, German and French clients in challenging cases. Offices are in Rio, São Paulo and Curitiba.

HUGO SILVA & MALDONADO: Local Counsel to Major International Firms



Hugo C. Silva

Leaders: Hugo Silva, Lucia Maldonado and Pedro Maldonado Established: 1998 Track record: Compact team with full-service capabilities routinely representing major law firms from the American, German and Korean markets on the complete range of IP matters in Brazil. Established track record assisting clients with patent prosecution, trademark litigation and regulatory life sciences mandates. Also provides counsel on the latest developments in technology law.

Team & differentiation: With offices in Rio de Janeiro and Washington, the team at Hugo Silva & Maldonado Propriedade Intelectual is well-positioned to counsel its select American clientele which includes leading IP firms such as Finnegan Henderson, Wood Herron and Cooley LLP. Celebrating their twentieth anniversary this year, the group is led by senior partners Hugo Silva, Lucia Maldonado and Pedro Maldonado.

MARIO DE ALMEIDA: A regional brazilian power in intellectual property



Custódio Castro de Almeida

Leaders: Custódio Cesar Castro de Almeida, Jatyr Ranzolin Jr., Marcelo Boller Established: 1958 Track record: Long-standing outfit based in the South of Brazil and well regarded for its experience defending the IP rights of local and foreign clients hailing from the clothing, industrial and food sectors. Draws on its international expertise to assist companies from the United States, China and Argentina on the full range of intellectual property issues.

Team & differentiation: Celebrating six decades of activity in 2018, this time-tested practice is composed of 20 lawyers and IP agents based in the states of Rio Grande do Sul and Santa Catarina. Professionals within the group value long-term business relationships, with the oldest client having worked with the firm for over 55 years.

The criteria are:

METHODOLOGY -

- Recognition & reputation of the firm in its market
- Team size: seniority, education & training level of partners, associates and counsel
- Prestige, diversity and internationalization of the firm's client base
- Team expansion and revenue generated by the activity considered in the ranking

In the course of our research, we gather detailed information from diverse sources:

Law firms: through questionnaires and interviews, our team gets first-hand information about a firm's history, positioning, expertise and recent activity.

Clients: we solicit the feedback of several thousand General Counsel, IP Directors, Patents and Trademarks Counsel of domestic and multinational companies through anonymous questionnaires, meetings and phone interviews

Qualified third-parties: we collect the opinion of professionals who are neither clients nor competitors, such as: investment bankers, accountants, arbitrators, expert witnesses.

Peer-review: We ask lawyers for their feedback on their local market and who they recommend when facing a conflict of interest. We also collect their opinion on lawyers they have worked with in other jurisdictions.

RANKINGS /-



TRADEMARK LITIGATION

Brazil Best Law Firms

FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS LEADING
Dannemann Siemsen Advogados	Luiz Henrique do Amaral, Joaquim Eugenio Goulart, Peter Eduardo Siemsen
Gusmão & Labrunie - Intellectual Property	José Roberto Gusmão, Laetitia d´Hanens, João Vieira da Cunha, Amanda de Siervi
Kasznar Leonardos - Intellectual Property	Claudio Barbosa, Elisabeth Kasznar, Fabiano Rocha, Gabriel Leonardos, Nancy Caigawa, Rafael Lacaz Amaral
	EXCELLENT
Bhering Advogados	Philippe Bhering, Isabel Milman
Daniel Legal & IP Strategy	André Oliveira, Rafael Marques Rocha, Ricardo Nunes
Montaury Pimenta, Machado & Vieira de Mello	Luiz Edgard Montaury Pimenta, Eduardo Magalhães Machado
BMA – Barbosa, Müssnich, Aragão	Antonella Carminatti, Claudia Schulz
Guerra IP	Ricardo Pinho, Patricia Lusoli, Flavio Leonardos
Licks Attorneys	Otto Licks, Carlos Aboim, Eduardo Hallak, Rodrigo Maior, Liliane Roriz, Felipe Mesquita
Luiz Leonardos & Advogados	Gustavo Leonardos, Rodrigo de Aguiar
Pinheiro Neto Advogados	André Giacchetta, José Mauro Machado, Márcio Junqueira Leite
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
David do Nascimento Advogados Associados	Marcello do Nascimento
Di Blasi, Parente & Associados	Paulo Parente Marques Mendes, Gabriel Di Blasi, Renata Hohl
Murta Goyanes Advogados	Marcelo Goyanes, Antonio Murta Filho
Siqueira Castro Advogados	Marcio Costa de Menezes e Gonçalves, Eduardo Ribeiro Augusto, Daniel Pitanga
Soerensen Garcia Advogados Associados	Mario Augusto Soerensen Garcia
Trench Rossi Watanabe Advogados	Marcela Trigo de Souza
Veirano Advogados	Valdir Rocha
	RECOMMENDED
Araripe & Associados	Luiz de Alencar Araripe Jr.
Ariboni, Fabbri & Schmidt Sociedade de Advogados	Lélio Denicoli Schmidt, Hélio Fabbri Jr.
Demarest Advogados	Tatiana Campello, Marcelo Inglez de Souza, Claudio Mattos
Fialho Salles - Fialho Canabrava Andrade Salles Advogados	Lucas Spadano
KLA - Koury Lopes Advogados	Tania Liberman
Murad PMA Intellectual Property	Flavia Murad, Erika Tramarim
Müller Mazzonetto	Nathalia Mazzonetto, Karina Müller
Ouro Preto Advogados	Rodrigo de Ouro Preto Santos
Souto, Correa, Cesa, Lummertz & Amaral Advogados	Leticia Provedel
Tinoco Soares Sociedade de Advogados	José Carlos Tinoco Soares Jr.
TozziniFreire Advogados	Marcela Waksman Ejnisman

TRADEMARK PROSECUTION

Brazil Best Law Firms

FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS
	LEADING
Dannemann Siemsen Advogados	L. Henrique O. do Amaral, P. Eduardo Siemsen, A. Loureiro, G. Piva, F. Fonteles
Bhering Advogados	EXCELLENT Pedro Bhering, Philippe Bhering, Jiuliano Maurer, Mina Spitz
Daniel Legal & IP Strategy	Isabella Cardozo, Roberta Arantes, George de Lucena, Hannah Fernandes
Gusmão & Labrunie - Intellectual Property	Laetitia d'Hanens, José Roberto Gusmão, João Vieira da Cunha, Jacques Labrunie
Kasznar Leonardos - Intellectual Property	Elisabeth Kasznar, Claudio Barbosa, Fabiano Rocha, Liz Starling
Montaury Pimenta, Machado & Vieira de Mello	Eduardo Magalhães Machado, Ricardo P. Vieira de Mello HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
Ariboni, Fabbri & Schmidt Sociedade de Advogados	Hélio Fabbri Jr.
BMA – Barbosa, Müssnich, Aragão	Antonella Carminatti, Claudia Christina Schulz
David do Nascimento Advogados Associados	Marcello do Nascimento
Di Blasi, Parente & Associados	Paulo Parente, Renata Hohl
Guerra IP	Diego Vieira, Ricardo Pinho
Luiz Leonardos & Advogados	Gustavo Starling Leonardos
Soerensen Garcia Advogados Associados	Mario Augusto Soerensen Garcia, Renata Corrêa Cardozo Pereira Carneiro
Demarest Advogados	Tatiana Campello
Mário de Almeida - Marcas e Patentes	Jatyr Ranzolin Jr., Custódio Almeida, Marcelo Boller
Matos & Associados Advogados	Luís Fernando Matos Jr.
Murad PMA Intellectual Property	Flavia Murad
Peduti Sociedade de Advogados	Cesar Peduti, Laila dos Reis Araujo
Souto, Correa, Cesa, Lummertz & Amaral Advogados	Leticia Provedel
	RECOMMENDED
Araripe & Associados	Luis de Alencar Araripe Jr.
Derraik & Menezes Advogados	Deliane Flausino, Maysa Zardo
Dias Teixeira Sociedade de Advogados	Diogo Dias Teixeira
Müller Mazzonetto	Karina Haidar Müller
Murta Goyanes Advogados	Marcelo Goyanes
Ouro Preto Advogados	Rodrigo A. de Ouro Preto Santos, Samantha Bancroft Vianna Braga
Pinheiro Neto Advogados	José Mauro Machado, Andre Zonaro Giacchetta
Ricci & Associados	Antonio Ricci
Siqueira Castro Advogados	Eduardo Ribeiro Augusto, Márcio Costa de Menezes e Gonçalves
Tinoco Soares Sociedade de Advogados	José Carlos Tinoco Soares Jr.
Trench Rossi Watanabe Advogados	Flaviá Maria Vasconcelos Pereira
Veirano Advogados	Valdir Rocha
Zancaner Costa e Spiewak Advogados	Benny Spiewak



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FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS
	LEADING
Bitelli Advogados	Marcos Alberto Sant'Anna Bitelli
Cesnik, Quintino & Salinas Advogados	Guilherme Carboni, Rodrigo Salinas, Gilberto Toscano, Leo Wojdyslawski
	EXCELLENT
Bhering Advogados	Philippe Bhering, Pedro Bhering, J. Maurer, C. de La Cerda, I. Milman, M. Spitz
Dannemann Siemsen Advogados	Peter Eduardo Siemsen, Attilio Gorini, José Henrique Werner, Gustavo Piva de Andrade
Gusmão & Labrunie - Intellectual Property	J. Labrunie, J. Roberto Gusmão, L. D'Hanens, J. Vieira da Cunha, A. de Siervi
Murta Goyanes Advogados	Marcelo Goyanes
Souto, Correa, Cesa, Lummertz & Amaral Advogados	Leticia Provedel
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
BVA - Barreto Veiga & Advogados	Felipe Barreto Veiga, Danniel Barbosa Rodrigues
Kasznar Leonardos - Intellectual Property	Fernanda Magalhães
KLA - Koury Lopes Advogados	Tania Liberman
Pinheiro Neto Advogados	André Zonaro Giacchetta, José Mauro Machado, Márcio Junqueira Leite
	RECOMMENDED
Di Blasi, Parente & Associados	Paulo Parente Marques Mendes
Siqueira Castro Advogados	Márcio Costa de Menezes e Gonçalves, Daniel Pitanga, Eduardo Ribeiro Augusto

DATA PROTECTION

Brazil Best Law Firms

FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS
	LEADING
Mattos Filho, Veiga Filho, Marrey Jr. e Quiroga Advogados	Fábio Kujawski, Thiago Luís Sombra
Opice Blum, Bruno, Abrusio e Vainzof Advogados Associados	Caio César Carvalho Lima
Pinheiro Neto Advogados	R. de Cunto, A. Giacchetta, J. Mauro Machado, L. Galimberti, M. Junqueira Leite
	EXCELLENT
Artese e Advogados	Gustavo Artese
Baptista Luz Advogados	Pedro H. Ramos, Renato Leite
Bhering Advogados	Pedro Bhering, Philippe Bhering, Jiuliano Maurer, Clarisse de La Cerda
Cortez, Rizzi & Miranda Advogados	Maria Cristina Cortez
Dannemann Siemsen Advogados	Filipe Fonteles Cabral, Gustavo Piva de Andrade
Demarest Advogados	Tatiana Campello, Julia Pazos, Vanessa Ferro
Kasznar Leonardos - Intellectual Property	Claudio Barbosa, Nancy Caigawa, Fernanda Magalhães, Pedro Vilhena
Peck Advogados	Patricia Peck, Márcio Mello Chaves
Sette Câmara, Corrêa e Bastos Advogados Associados	Alexandre Atheniense
Silveiro Advogados	Rodrigo Azevedo, Leonardo Braga Moura, Mauricio Brum Esteves
TozziniFreire Advogados	Marcela Waksman Ejnisman
Veirano Advogados	Fábio Luiz Barboza Pereira, Guilherme Peres Potenza
н	IGHLY RECOMMENDED
BMA – Barbosa, Müssnich, Aragão	José Eduardo de V. Pieri
Campos Mello Advogados	Paula Mena Barreto
CGM Advogados	Adriano Chaves
KLA - Koury Lopes Advogados	Tania Liberman
Lobo de Rizzo Advogados	Luiza Sato

TECHNOLOGY

Brazil Best Law Firms

The firms are listed alphabetically within each band

FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS
	LEADING
Licks Attorneys	Otto Licks, Liliane Roriz, Rodrigo Maior, Carlos Aboim
Mattos Filho, Veiga Filho, Marrey Jr. e Quiroga Advogados	Fábio Kujawski, Thiago Luís Sombra
Opice Blum, Bruno, Abrusio e Vainzof Advogados Associados	
Pinheiro Neto Advogados	Bruno Balduccini, Raphael de Cunto, André Giachetta, J. Mauro Machado, L. R. Peroba,
	L. Galimberti
	EXCELLENT
Azevedo Sette Advogados	Paulo Brancher, Ricardo Barretto
Pinhão e Koiffman Advogados	Hélio Moraes
TozziniFreire Advogados	Marcela Waksman Ejnisman
Trench Rossi Watanabe Advogados	Flávia Rebello Pereira
Veirano Advogados	Fábio Luiz Barboza Pereira, Guilherme Peres Potenza
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
Baptista Luz Advogados	Pedro Ramos. Renato Leite
Cascione, Pulino, Boulos & Santos Advogados	Eduardo Juaçaba, Marcelo Padua Lima
Cortez, Rizzi & Miranda Advogados	Maria Cristina Cortez. Heitor Carmássio Miranda
Demarest Advogados	Tatiana Campello, Julia Pazos
Machado, Meyer, Sendacz e Opice	Elton Minasse
Peck Advogados	Patricia Peck, Márcio Mello Chaves
Silveiro Advogados	Rodrigo Azevedo, Leonardo Braga Moura, Mauricio Brum Esteves
Bialer Falsetti Associados	Ana Paula Bialer Ingham
Cescon, Barrieu, Flesch & Barreto Advogados	Luiz Felipe Di Sessa
Dannemann Siemsen Advogados	P. Eduardo Siemsen, L. Henrique do Amaral, R. Hey, G. Morais, J. Goulart
Gusmão & Labrunie - Intellectual Property	Jacques Labrunie, José Roberto Gusmão, Laetitia D'Hanens, Ana Celidonio
Kasznar Leonardos - Intellectual Property	Claudio Barbosa, Pedro Vilhena, Nancy Caigawa, Fernanda Magalhães
KLA - Koury Lopes Advogados	Tania Liberman, Karin Alvo
Montaury Pimenta, Machado & Vieira de Mello	Dirceu Santa Rosa
	RECOMMENDED
Artese e Advogados	Gustavo Artese
BVA - Barreto Veiga & Advogados	Felipe Barreto Veiga, Danniel Barbosa Rodrigues
Bhering Advogados	Pedro Bhering, Philippe Bhering, Clarisse de La Cerda, Mina Spitz
Cesnik, Quintino e Salinas Advogados	Guilherme Carboni, Rodrigo Salinas, Gilberto Toscano, Leo Wojdyslawski
CGM Advogados	Adriano Chaves, Martim Machado, René Gelman, Bernadete Dias
COTS Advogados	Márcio Cots, Ricardo Oliveira
Dias Teixeira Sociedade de Advogados	Diogo Dias Teixeira
Fialho Salles - Fialho Canabrava Andrade Salles Advogados	Lucas Spadano
Motta Fernandes Advogados	Fernando Stacchini, Renata Ciampi
Mundie Advogados	Elinor Cotait, Ana Claudia Beppu
Sette Câmara, Corrêa e Bastos Advogados Associados	Alexandre Atheniense
Souto, Correa, Cesa, Lummertz & Amaral Advogados	Luis Felipe Spinelli
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BARRETO VEIGA & ADVOGADOS: AT THE FOREFRONT OF TECHNOLOGY LEGISLATION



Leaders: Felipe Barreto Veiga and Danniel Barbosa Rodrigues Established: 2015 Track record: Recently established boutique specializing in startups, technology and copyright law. Actively represents e-commerce, pharmaceutical and telecommunications players in data privacy, sector-related acquisitions and contractual mandates. Well-equipped to handle the legal side of setting up, developing and launching startups in the Brazilian ecosystem. Team & differentiation: Consisting of seven professionals, this São Paulo-based team is captained by partners Felipe Barreto Veiga and Danniel Rodrigues both of whom have close ties with the startup and innovation scene. The group is relied upon for the quality of its legal advice by both seasoned and innovative names such as Goldman Sachs, Eventbrite and VTEX.

Felipe Barreto Veiga

TRENCH ROSSI WATANABE: INTERNATIONAL LEGAL EXCELLENCE

Leaders: Flavia Babello

Flavia Vasconcelos and

Marcela Trigo.

Established: 1959



Flavia Rabello

Track record: Practice group with an impressive track record advising Brazilian and international heavyweights from the pharmaceutical, technology and media sectors on patent prosecution, regulatory litigation and technology transfer agreements. Singled out for its strength in copyright law, trademark prosecution and licensing agreements.

Team & differentiation: Compact team at the heart of international legal giant Baker McKenzie led by partners Flavia Rabello, Flavia Vasconcelos and Marcela Trigo. The practice stands out for its valuable experience providing guidance to multinationals from the healthcare, e-commerce, luxury goods and cosmetics sectors.





STARTUPS & INNOVATION

Brazil Best Law Firms

The firms are listed alphabetically within each band

FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS	
LE	ADING	
Baptista Luz Advogados	Pedro Ramos, Luis Felipe Baptista Luz	
Demarest Advogados	Thiago Maia, Luciana Tornovsky, Tatiana Campello	
Pinheiro Neto Advogados	Bruno Balduccini, José Mauro Machado	
EXC	ELLENT	
BVA – Barreto Veiga & Advogados	Felipe Barreto Veiga, Danniel Barbosa Rodrigues	
Cascione, Pulino, Boulos & Santos Advogados	Eduardo Juaçaba, Marcelo Padua Lima	
Cescon, Barrieu, Flesch & Barreto Advogados	Luiz Felipe Di Sessa	
Felsberg Advogados	Evy Marques	
KLA – Koury Lopes Advogados	Karin Alvo, Tania Liberman	
Opice Blum, Bruno, Abrusio e Vainzof Advogados Associados	Renato Opice Blum, Caio César Carvalho Lima	
Veirano Advogados	Guilherme Peres Potenza	
HIGHLY RE	COMMENDED	
Fialho Salles - Fialho Canabrava Andrade Salles Advogados	Lucas Spadano	
NELM - Nogueira, Elias, Laskowski e Matias Advogados	Eduardo Felipe Matias	
Olivério Dal Fabbro Advogados	João Otavio Pinheiro Olivério, João Guilherme Dal Fabbro	
RECOMMENDED		
CGM Advogados	Adriano Chaves, Martim Machado, René Gelman, Bernadete Dias	
Freitas Ferraz Capuruço Braichi Riccio Advogados	Bernardo Freitas, Adriano Ferraz, Thiago Braichi	
Machado, Meyer, Sendacz e Opice	Elton Minasse, Fernanda Soler	
STRONG	EXPERTISE	
Kestener, Granja & Vieira Advogados	Fabio Alonso Vieira, Beatriz Kestener, Rubens Granja	
L.O. Baptista Advogados	Esther Jerussalmy Cunha, Renata Castro Veloso	
Queiroz Cavalcanti Advocacia	Manuela Moura, Camila Oliveira, Leonardo Maciel	
Souto, Correa, Cesa, Lummertz & Amaral Advogados	Rodrigo Tellechea	

FELSBERG ADVOGADOS: AT THE HEART OF INNOVATION



Leaders: Evy Marques Established: 2004 Track record: Highly active team capably assisting both startups and emerging innovators with business structuring, tax planning, funding and day to day legal matters. Significant experience counselling fintechs, healthtechs, agritechs and legaltechs on regulatory issues, incentives and market consolidation. Additionally noted for its comprehensive knowledge of fashion law. Team & differentiation: Felsberg's venture capital and innovation practice is captained by partner Evy Marques, known for her strong background in M&A and commercial contracts. She leads a team of ten associates specialized in areas such as intellectual property, tax and corporate law. The group has close relationships with the Brazilian Association of Startups and the Smart City Institute.

Evy Marques

L.O. BAPTISTA: FROM STARTUPS TO CATWALKS



Leaders: Esther Jerussalmy Cunha, Renata Castro Veloso and André Mendes Espírito Santo Established: 1938 Track record: Significant experience catering to startups and social impact ventures from a range of industries such as finance, energy and agribusiness. Valued by innovators for its counsel on structuring new businesses, contractual mandates, intellectual property and dispute resolution. Additional strength representing fashion heavyweights such as Hugo Boss on all issues related to IP violations. Team & differentiation: The startups & innovation team is led by partners Esther Jerussalmy and Renata Veloso whilst the fashion law group is headed by partner André Mendes Espírito Santo. Both practices benefit from the firm's complementary expertise in tax, dispute resolution, international trade and corporate law.

Renata Castro Veloso

BAPTISTA LUZ ADVOGADOS: TECHNOLOGY LAW EXTRAORDINAIRES

Leaders: Luis Felipe Baptista Luz, Pedro Ramos and Renato Leite

Established: 2004



Luis Felipe Baptista Luz

Track record: Renowned for its expertise advising leading startups and technology companies on every stage of strategic contractual, regulatory and data privacy issues, heavyweights such as 99, Facebook and Movile rely on the firm due to its in-depth and up-to-date knowledge of Brazilian technology and data protection legislation. Team & differentiation: São Paulo based, the team has some 40 lawyers, geared towards technology and data protection law. Over 70% hold a postdoctoral degree and regularly author white-papers on tech-related issues. In 2017, the firm launched 'Espaço Startup,' a digital platform to give emerging businesses and entrepreneurs legal guidance.

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MEDIA, SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT

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Bitelli Advogados	LEADING Marcos Alberto Sant'Anna Bitelli
Cesnik, Quintino & Salinas Advogados	Fábio Cesnik, Rodrigo Salinas, Gilberto Toscano, Roberto Jucá
Cesnik, Quintino & Sainas Auvoyauos	-
Dishara & Matta Advagadaa	EXCELLENT Marcos Motta
Bichara & Motta Advogados	
BMA – Barbosa, Müssnich, Aragão	Antonella Carminatti, Claudia Schulz
Dannemann Siemsen Advogados	Peter Eduardo Siemsen, Attilio Gorini, José Henrique Werner, Gustavo Piva de Andrad
Demarest Advogados	Tatiana Campello, Marcelo Inglez de Souza, Claudio Mattos
Machado, Meyer, Sendacz e Opice	Guilherme Anders
Murta Goyanes Advogados	Marcelo Goyanes
Pinheiro Neto Advogados	Raphael de Cunto, Luiz Roberto Peroba, José Mauro Machado
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
ASBZ Advogados	Alfredo Zucca
Baptista Luz Advogados	Pedro H. Ramos
Levy & Salomão Advogados	Simone Lahorgue Nunes
Lilla Huck Otranto Camargo Advogados	Maurício Vedovato
Lins de Vasconcelos Advogados Associados	Cláudio Lins de Vasconcelos
Mattos Filho, Veiga Filho, Marrey Jr. e Quiroga Advogados	Fabio Kujawski
Schivartche Advogados	André Schivartche
Souto, Correa, Cesa, Lummertz & Amaral Advogados	Leticia Provedel
Veirano Advogados	Valdir Rocha, Fábio Pereira
	RECOMMENDED
Bhering Advogados	Pedro Bhering, Philippe Bhering, Jiuliano Maurer, Mina Spitz, Isabel Milman
Kasznar Leonardos - Intellectual Property	Fernanda Magalhães
KLA - Koury Lopes Advogados	Tania Liberman
Mundie Advogados	Elinor Cotait, Ana Claudia Beppu
Silveiro Advogados	Rodrigo Azevedo, Leonardo Braga Moura, Mauricio Brum Esteves
Campos Mello Advogados	Paula Mena Barreto
CSMV Advogados	André Sica
Garcia & Keener Advogados	Carlos Eugenio Lopes
Guerra IP	Alberto Guerra
Gusmão & Labrunie - Intellectual Property	João Vieira da Cunha
Machado Alves Advogados	Tarsila Machado Alves
Santoro, Almeida & Andries Advogados	Luiz Felipe Guimarães Santoro



FASHION LAW

Brazil Best Law Firms

The firms are listed alphabetically within each band

FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS	
	LEADING	
Bhering Advogados	Pedro Bhering, Philippe Bhering, Jiuliano Maurer, Mina Spitz	
D. Portilho	Deborah Portilho	
Gusmão & Labrunie - Intellectual Property	Laetitia D'Hanens	
EXCELLENT		
CGM Advogados	Martim Machado	
Daniel Legal & IP Strategy	Robert Daniel-Shores	
Kasznar Leonardos - Intellectual Property	Elisabeth Kasznar, Nancy Caigawa, Gabriel Leonardos, Fabiano Rocha	
HIGHLY RECOMMENDED		
DC Associados	Bruna Rego Lins	
Felsberg Advogados	Maria Carolina Guazzelli	
L.O. Baptista Advogados	André Mendes Espírito Santo	
Murad PMA Intellectual Property	Flavia Murad, Cassio Mosse	
Souto, Correa, Cesa, Lummertz & Amaral Advogados	Leticia Provedel	

LIFE SCIENCES

Brazil Best Law Firms

The firms are listed alphabetically within each band

FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS
	LEADING
Kestener, Granja & Vieira Advogados	Beatriz Kestener, Rubens Granja
Licks Attorneys	Otto Licks, Eduardo Hallak
Pinheiro Neto Advogados	Angela Fan Chi Kung, Camila Martino Parise
	EXCELLENT
A. Lopes Muniz Advogados Associados	Marcos de Freitas Levy
Correia da Silva Advogados	Rodrigo Correia da Silva
Dannemann Siemsen Advogados	Gustavo de Freitas Morais
Demarest Advogados	Tatiana Campello, Camila Biral, Luciana Penteado
Fialdini Einsfeld	Pedro Fialdini
Fukuma Advogados	Patrícia Fukuma Jannini
Kasznar Leonardos - Intellectual Property	Anderson Ribeiro, João Vianna
Mattos Filho, Veiga Filho, Marrey Jr. e Quiroga Advogados	Maria Fernanda Prado e Silva
TozziniFreire Advogados	Elysangela de Oliveira Rabelo
Vicente Nogueira Advogados	Vicente Nogueira
Zancaner Costa e Spiewak Advogados	Benny Spiewak
Н	IGHLY RECOMMENDED
Campos Mello Advogados	Terence Trennepohl
CGM Advogados	Bernadete Dias, Adriano Chaves
KLA - Koury Lopes Advogados	Tiago Cortez, Paulo Prado
Machado, Meyer, Sendacz e Opice	Ana Karina de Souza, Laura Garcia de Freitas Souza
Veirano Advogados	Renata Fialho de Oliveira, Priscila Sansone
Zeigler e Mendonça de Barros Sociedade de Advogados	Silvia Zeigler, Gerardo Figueiredo Junior

CAMPOS MELLO: LOCAL QUALITY WITH GLOBAL HORIZONS



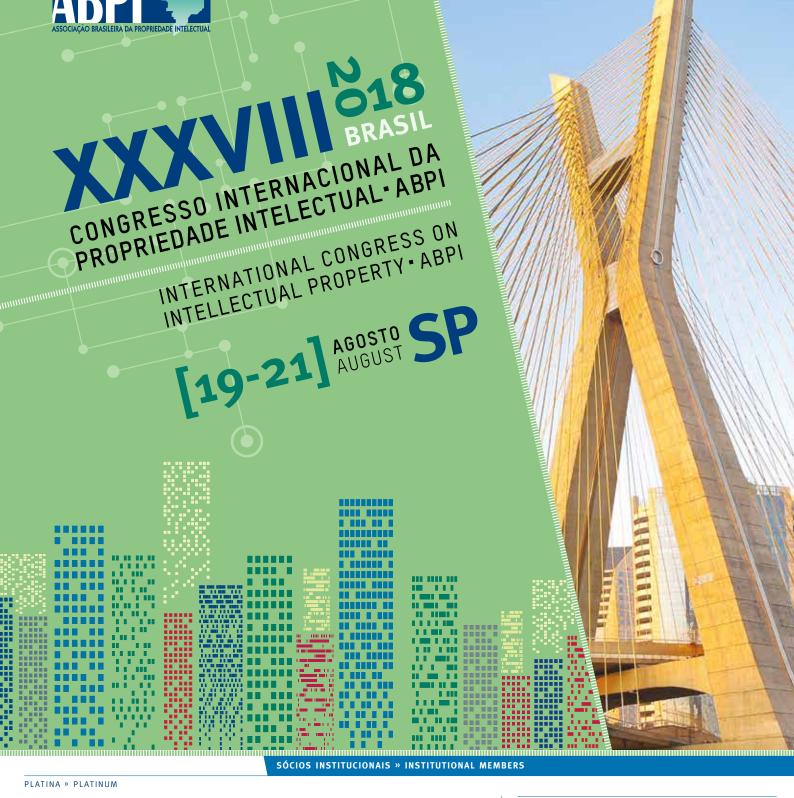
Leader: Terence Trennepohl Established: 1981

Terence Trennepohl

Track record: Robust practice assisting major names from the pharmaceutical, consumer goods and medical devices sectors with the full range of life sciences mandates. Proven record advising on regulatory compliance, strategic litigation and sector-related M&A transactions. Additionally recognized for its capabilities advising on Brazilian data privacy legislation and media licensing agreements.

Team & differentiation: A cooperation agreement with DLA Piper gives Campos Mello's clients access to over 300 life sciences practitioners in over 50 locations worldwide. Locally, the firm's offering comprises legal professionals with scientific and industry-specific backgrounds. The life sciences department is run by partner Terence Trennepohl. Partner Paula Barreto leads the data protection team.











ТМТ

Canada Best Investment Banks

BANK	KEY LEADERS
	LEADING
BMO Capital Markets	Daniel Barclay (Head of Global Investment & Corporate Banking, Canada and International), John Armstrong (Deputy head)
Cibc World Markets	Roman S. Dubczak (Managing director, Head Global Investment Banking)
Rbc Capital Markets	Derek Neldner (Managing director, Head of Canadian and Asia Pacific Investment Banking)
TD Securities	Patrick Meneley (Head of Global Corporate and Investment Banking)
	EXCELLENT
Goldman Sachs	Peter Enns (CEO, Canada)
Evans & Evans	Michael A. Evans (Principal), Jennifer Lucas (Managing Partner)
Pagemill Partners - Duff & Phelps	Christian Bennett (Managing Director)
PwC	Eric Castonguay (Partner, National Corporate Finance Leader)
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
Canaccord Genuity	Chris Blackwell (Head of Investment Banking, Canada), Dan Coyne (Head of US Investment Banking)
Barclays	Tim Kitchen (Head of Investment Banking, Canada)
Martin Wolf Securities	Martin D. Wolf (President), Seth Collins (Managing Director)
PJT Partners	Ivan Brockman (Partner), James Murray (Partner)
	RECOMMENDED
National Bank Financial	Michael Levin (Group Head of M&A), Peter Jelley (Head of Investment Banking, Canada)
UBS Investment Bank	Alain Auclair (Head of Investment Banking, Canada)

RANKINGS *⊢*





CANADA VENTURE CAPITAL FUNDS

The firms are listed alphabetically

FIRM	INDUSTRY
32 Degrees Capital	Oil & Gas
500 Startups	Startups
Alternative Capital Group	CleanTech, Consumer & Retail, Forestry, IT & Services, Industrial & Manufacturing, Infrastructure, Oil & Gas
Annapolis Capital	Oil & Gas
ArcTern Ventures	CleanTech, Industrial & Manufacturing
AVAC	CleanTech, Forestry, IT & Services
Avrio Ventures Management Group	CleanTech, Food, Beverages & Agribusiness
BDC Caputal	CleanTech, IT & Services, Industrial & Manufacturing, Life Sciences
Bioentreprise Capital Ventures	Food, Beverages & Agribusiness
Celtic House Venture Partners	IT & Services
Chrysalix EVC	CleanTech, Energy & Power
Covington Capital Corporation	CleanTech, Consumer & Retail, IT & Services, Infrastructure, Life Sciences, Other
CTI LifeScience Fund	Life Sciences
Cycle Capital Management	Automotive & Transportation, CleanTech, Industrial & Manufacturing
Discovery Capital Management	CleanTech, IT & Services
Espresso Capital Partners	CleanTech, Energy & Power, Oil & Gas
Eventi Capital Partners	CleanTech, Consumer & Retail, IT & Services, Life Sciences, Mining & Resources
Fondaction	IT & Services, Life Sciences
Fonds de solidarité (FTQ)	Automotive & Transportation, CleanTech, Consumer & Retail, Financial, IT & Services, Industrial & Manufacturing, Infrastructure, Life Sciences, Real Estate
Genesys Capital Management	Life Sciences
Georgian Partners Inc	IT, Softwares
Golden Venture Partners	IT & Services
iGan Partners	IT & Services, Industrial & Manufacturing, Life Sciences
Impression Ventures	IT & Services
Innovacorp	CleanTech, IT & Services, Life Sciences, Other
inova Capital	IT & Services
Investeco Capital	CleanTech, Industrial & Manufacturing
Lumira Capital	Life Sciences
LX Ventures / Oak Mason Investments	Financial, Food, Beverages & Agribusiness, IT & Services, Life Sciences, Real Estate
McRock Capital	IT & Services, Industrial & Manufacturing, Oil & Gas
Mistral Venture Partners	IT, Startups
New Brunswick innocation Foundation	IT & Services, Industrial & Manufacturing, Life Sciences, Mining & Resources
NexusCrowd	Automotive & Transportation, CleanTech, Consumer & Retail, Financial, IT & Services, Industrial & Manufacturing, Infrastructure, Life Sciences, Real Estate
Nova Scotia Business Venture Capital	CleanTech, IT & Services, Industrial & Manufacturing, Life Sciences
Pangaea Ventures	Automotive & Transportation, CleanTech, Electronic & Semiconductor, Energy & Power, Industrial & Manufacturing, Life Sciences, Mining & Resources
Pycap Venture Partners	IT & Services
Real Ventures	IT & Services
Relay Venture	IT, Telecom
Rho Capital Ventures	CleanTech, IT & Services
Roadmap Capital	CleanTech, IT & Services, Industrial & Manufacturing, Life Sciences
Ryerson Futures	Consumer & Retail, Financial, IT & Services, Infrastructure, Life Sciences
Summerhill Venture Partners	Digital Media, IT & Services, Mobile & Telecom, Other
Tandem Expansion Fund	CleanTech, IT & Services, Life Sciences, Mobile & Telecom
Tech Capital Partners	Digital Media, Electronic & Semiconductor, IT & Services, eCommerce
Technology Venture CoporationTop Renergy	IT & Services, Life Sciences, Other
Trellis Capital	CleanTech, IT & Services, Life Sciences
TVM Life Science Management	Life Sciences
Vanedge Capital Partners	Digital Media, IT & Services, Mobile & Telecom, Other, eCommerce
Version One Ventures	IT & Services

Source: Canadian Venture Capital & Private Equity Association



PATENT PROSECUTION

Canada Best Law Firms

FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS LEADING
Gowling WLG	Anthony G. Creber, Robert MacDonald, Christopher Van Bar
Smart & Biggar/Fetherstonhaugh	Yoon Kang, David Schwartz, Matthew Zischka
	EXCELLENT
Bereskin & Parr	Philip C. Mendes da Costa, Micheline Gravelle
Borden Ladner Gervais	Jason Howg
Norton Rose Fulbright	Paul J. Field, Sébastien Clark
Osler	Bradley J. White
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
Baker Mckenzie	Christopher Aide
Bennett Jones	Martin P.J. Kratz
Blake Cassels & Graydon	Anthony Prenol, Sheldon Burshtein
Deeth Williams Wall	Gervas Wall
Marks & Clerk	lan Clark
McCarthy Tétrault	Alfred A. Macchione
Ridout & Maybeee	Mitchell B. Charness
Sim & McBurney	Michael I. Stewart, David A. Ruston
Torys	Eileen M. McMahon
	RECOMMENDED
Cassan Maclean	Lynn S. Cassan, Scott P. Maclean
DLA Piper	Bruce W. Stratton
Fasken Martineau	Armand M. Benitah, Richard Y. Cheung
Goudreau Gage Dubuc	Alain M. Leclerc
Kirby Eades Gale Baker	Trevor Mee
McMillan	Keith Bird
Moffat & Co Macera & Jarzyna	John Macera
Oyen Wiggs Green & Mutala	Bruce M. Green
Riches McKenzie & Herbert	Paul L. Herbert

RANKINGS *⊢*



TRADEMARK PROSECUTION

Canada Best Law Firms

FIRM LEADING Bereskin & Parr Cynthia Rowden, Robert MacFarlane, Donald Cameron, Daniel Bereskin Gowling WLG Kelly Gill, Robert MacDonald, Brian Kingwall Smart & Biggar/Fetherstonhaugh Keltie Sim Luft, Phillip Lapin, Christian Bolduc EXCELLENT Blake Cassels & Graydon Anthony Prenol, Sheldon Burshtein Borden Ladner Gervais Mary Jane Lemenchick Norton Rose Fulbright Jean-François Drolet Osler J. Bradley White	
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Osler J. Bradley White	
Ridout & Maybee Timothy C. Bourne	
Robic Laurent Carrière	
2 Fasken Martineau Jean-Philippe Mikus	
Torys Eileen M. McMahon	
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Bennett Jones Martin P. J. Kratz	
Cassels Brock & Blackwell Shane Hardy	
Deeth Williams Wall Douglas N. Deeth	
DLA Piper Ronald E. Dimock	
Marks & Clerk Coleen Morrison	
McMillan Keith Bird	
Moffat & Co Macera & Jarzyna John S. Macera	
Riches McKenzie & Herbert Michael Adams	
Sim & McBurney Kenneth D. McKay	
Shapiro Cohen Chantal Bertoša	
RECOMMENDED	
Fasken Martineau Jean-Philippe Mikus	
Goudreau Gage Dubuc Chantal Desjardins	
McCarthy Tétrault Charles S. Morgan	



PATENT LITIGATION

Canada Best Law Firms

	FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS	
1.	Goodmans	Andrew Brodkin, Harry Radomski	
	Smart & Biggar/Fetherstonhaugh	François Guay, Steven Garland, Gunars Gaikis	
2	DLA Piper	Ronald E. Dimock, Bruce W. Stratton, Alan Macek	
2	Gowling WLG	Anthony G. Creber, Hélène D'Iorio	
		EXCELLENT	
	Aitken Klee	David Aitken, Marcus Klee	
	Bereskin & Parr	Robert MacFarlane	
	Borden Ladner Gervais	Christine Pallota	
	McCarthy Tétrault	Andrew J. Reddon, Steven Mason	
	Norton Rose Fulbright	Paul J. Field, Judith Robinson	
	Osler	J. Bradley White, John C Cotter	
	Robic	François M. Grenier, Adam Mizera	
	Torys	Andrew M. Shaughnessy, Andrew Bernstein	
		HIGHLY RECOMMENDED	
	Baker Mckenzie	Christopher Aide, Kamleh Nicola, Stephanie Vaccari	
	Bennett Jones	Martin P.J. Kratz	
	Belmore Neidrauer	Lindsay Neidrauer	
	Deeth Williams Wall	Douglas N. Deeth, Gervas W. Wall	
	Fasken Martineau	Julie Desrosiers	
		RECOMMENDED	
	Baker McKenzie	Christopher Aide, William Richardson	
	Blake Cassels & Graydon	Anthony Prenol, Francis Rouleau	
	Gilbert's	Tim Gilbert	
	Goudreau Gage Dubuc	Alain M. Leclerc	
	Jolicœur Lacasse	Greg Moore	
	Lenczner Slaght	Andrew Skodyn, Sana Halwani	
	McMillan	David W. Kent	
	Oyen Wiggs Green & Mutala	Bruce M. Green, Craig A. Ash, David McGruder	
	Ridout & Maybee	Mitchell B. Charness	
	Stikeman Eliott	Jonathan N. Auerbach, Justine M. Whitehead	

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TRADEMARK LITIGATION

Canada Best Law Firms

	FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS
		LEADING
	Bereskin & Parr	Donald M. Cameron, Cynthia Rowden
	Gowling WLG	Anthony G. Creber
-	Smart & Biggar/Fetherstonhaugh	Mark Evans, François Guay, Steven Garland
		EXCELLENT
1	Baker Mckenzie	Christopher Aide, Kamleh Nicola, Stephanie Vaccari
-	Borden Ladner Gervais	Jason Howg, Christine Pallotta
-	Blake Cassels & Graydon	Sunny Handa, Anthony Prenol
-	Goodmans	Andrew Brodkin, Amalia Berg
_	Norton Rose Fulbright	Brian W. Gray, Mark Edward Davis
-	Osler	Bradley J. White
-	Robic	François Grenier
2		Danald F. Dimady, Cangapatha Duppingmoarthy
-	DLA Piper	Ronald E. Dimock, Sangeetha Punniyamoorthy
-	DLA Piper	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
	DLA Piper Aitken Klee	
-		HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
	Aitken Klee	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED Jonathan Stainsby
-	Aitken Klee Aird & Berlis	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED Jonathan Stainsby Timothy M. Lowman
	Aitken Klee Aird & Berlis Bennett Jones	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED Jonathan Stainsby Timothy M. Lowman Martin Kratz
-	Aitken Klee Aird & Berlis Bennett Jones Cassels Brock & Blackwell	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED Jonathan Stainsby Timothy M. Lowman Martin Kratz Shane Hardy
-	Aitken Klee Aird & Berlis Bennett Jones Cassels Brock & Blackwell Deeth Williams Wall	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED Jonathan Stainsby Timothy M. Lowman Martin Kratz Shane Hardy Gervas Wall
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IT & OUTSOURCING

Canada Best Law Firms

FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS	
LEADING		
Baker McKenzie	Christopher Aide	
Blake Cassels & Graydon	Sunny Handa, Christine Ing	
McCarthy Tétrault	Charles S. Morgan	
	EXCELLENT	
Borden Ladner Gervais	Mark J. Fecenko	
Fasken Martineau	John Beardwood	
Osler Hoskin & Harcourt	Michael Fekete, Wendy Gross	
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED	
Bennett Jones	Duncan Card, Martin Kratz	
Deeth Williams Wall	Michael Erdle	
Dentons	Michael Beairsto	
McMillan	Elisa Henry, Bruce McMillan	
Norton Rose Fulbright	Robert Percival	
Smart & Biggar/Fetherstonhaugh	Sanjay Goorachurn, Matthew Zischka, Theodore Sum	
RECOMMENDED		
Stikeman Elliott	Wesley R. Ng	
Torys	Adam Armstrong	

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GENERAL IP LITIGATION

Chile Best Law Firms

FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS
	LEADING
Carey	Francisco Carey, Guillermo Carey
Sargent & Krahn	Juan Pablo Egaña, Alfredo Montaner
	EXCELLENT
Albagli Zaliasnik	Ariela Agosin, Gabriel Zaliasnik, Eugenio Gormaz
Alessandri	Rodrigo Velasco, Loreto Bresky
Claro & Cia	Felipe Claro
Silva & Cia	Andrés Grunewaldt
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
Covarrubias & Cia	Arturo Covarrubias
Dellafiori Abogados	Enrique Dellafiori, Mauro Dellafiori
Johansson & Langlois	Christopher Doxrud, Max Montero
Porzio Rios García	Hernan Rios, Cristobal Porzio, Marcelo Correa
Villaseca Abogados	Felipe Pavez S.
	RECOMMENDED
Beuchat- Barros & Pfenniger	Andrés Melossi
Clarke Modet & C°	Carolina del Rio
CMS Carey & Allende	Matias Somarriva
De la Barra, Ernst & Siebel	Helena Siebel
Garay IP	Jorge Garay
García Magliona	Nicolás Yuraszeck
Guerrero Olivos	Diego Morandé
Larrain & Asociados	Pablo Ruiz Tagle
Mackenna, Irarrázaval, Cuchacovich & Paz	Rodrigo Marre
Marinovic & Cia	Antonio Marinovic
Puga IP	Juan Enrique Puga
Shen Contreras Reyes (SCR Abogados)	Juan Francisco Reyes

RANKINGS *+*



PATENT PROSECUTION

Chile Best Law Firms

The firms are listed alphabetically within each band

FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS LEADING
Carey	Francisco Carey
Sargent & Krahn	Juan Pablo Egaña
Johansson & Langlois	Felipe Langlois
Villaseca Abogados	Eduardo Molina V.
Villaseta Abogauos	EXCELLENT
Alessandri	Rodrigo Velasco, Francesca Rodriguez
Clarke Modet & co	Carolina del Rio
Covarrubias & Cia	Arturo Covarrubias
Porzio Rios García	Marino Porzio
Silva & Cia	Francisco Silva, Rodrigo León
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
Albagli Zaliasnik	Eugenio Gormáz
Beuchat, Barros & Pfenniger	Andrés Melossi, Santiago Ortúzar
Claro & Cia	Felipe Claro
Garay IP	Jorge Garay
Llovet IP	Raul Llovet
	RECOMMENDED
Baker McKenzie	Valentina Venturelli
Cooper & Cia	Rodrigo Cooper
De la Barra, Ernst & Siebel	Patricio de la Barra
Dellafiori Abogados	Enrique Dellafiori, Mauro Dellafiori
García Magliona	Nicolás Yuraszeck
Larrain & Asociados	Pablo Ruiz Tagle
Puga IP	Juan Enrique Puga
Puga Ortiz	Cristian Mir Balmaceda
Shen Contreras Reyes (SCR Abogados)	Juan Francisco Reyes

COVARRUBIAS & CÍA: EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE IN PATENT AND COPYRIGHT ISSUES

Leader: Arturo Covarrubias

Established: 2010



Arturo Covarrubias

Track record: The firm's main focus is IP filing advisory, prosecution and enforcement of patents, trademarks, internet domain names and copyright. The firm provides services in the area of invention patents, utility models and industrial design to national and international companies, including Shiseido, Novartis, Kia Motors and Samsung. Team & differentiation: The team has 13 professionals including lawyers, biologists, chemists, engineers, designers and paralegals with deep knowledge of foreign and domestic IP, copyright, technologies, privacy and media regulations. Founding partner Arturo Covarrubias is experienced in patents, industrial property litigation and copyright issues. *

TRADEMARK PROSECUTION

Chile Best Law Firms

The firms are listed alphabetically within each band

FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS
	LEADING
Carey	Francisco Carey
Sargent & Krahn	Alfredo Montaner
Silva & Cia	Juan Pablo Silva, Francisco Silva, Ricardo Montero
	EXCELLENT
Albagli Zaliasnik	Eugenio Gormaz
Alessandri	Loreto Bresky
Claro & Cia	Felipe Claro
Johansson & Langlois	Christopher Doxrud
Porzio Rios García	Cristobal Porzio
Villaseca Abogados	Max Villaseca, Bernardo Serrano S.
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
Beuchat, Barros & Pfenniger	Andrés Melossi
Covarrubias & Cia	Arturo Covarrubias
Larrain & Asociados	Pablo Ruiz Tagle
Puga IP	Juan Enrique Puga
Puga Ortiz	Cristian Mir Balmaceda
	RECOMMENDED
Baker McKenzie	Valentina Venturelli
Barrios Muñoz Jeanneret y Cia	Noëlle Jeanneret, Carmen Paz
Cooper & Cia	Rodrigo Cooper
Clarke Modet & Co	Carolina del Rio
Dellafiori Abogados	Enrique Dellafiori
Shen Contreras Reyes (SCR Abogados)	Juan Francisco Reyes
	STRONG EXPERTISE
CMS Carey & Allende	Matias Somarriva
De la Barra, Ernst & Siebel	Christian Ernst S.
Garay IP	Jorge Garay
García Magliona	Nicolás Yuraszeck
Guerrero Olivos	Marcos Morales
Mackenna, Irarrázaval, Cuchacovich & Paz	Rodrigo Marré
Marinovic	Antonio Marinovic
Paiva & Cia	Gabriela Paiva
Pereira Covarrubias Montes	Rafael Covarrubias

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Chile Best Law Firms

FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS
	LEADING
1 Sargent & Krahn	Juan Pablo Egaña
2 Villaseca Abogados	Max Villaseca
	EXCELLENT
Diaz Wiechers	Juan Alberto Diaz
Paiva & Cia	Gabriela Paiva
Shen Contreras Reyes (SCR Abogados)	Juan Francisco Reyes
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
Alessandri	Rodrigo Alessandri, Francesca Rodriguez
Araya & Cía	Matías Araya
Beuchat- Barros & Pfenniger	Andrés Melossi
Cooper & Cia	Rodrigo Cooper
Johansson & Langlois	Felipe Langlois, Flavio Belair
Larrain & Asociados	Pablo Ruiz-Tagle
Moretic Contreras & Cía Abogados	Alvaro Contreras, Jorge Echevarría





TECHNOLOGY & DIGITAL SERVICES

Chile Best Law Firms

The firms are listed alphabetically within each band

FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS
	EXCELLENT
Alessandri	Rodrigo Velasco Alessandri
Carey	Guillermo Carey, Paulina Silva
Sargent & Krahn	Rodrigo Lavados
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
García Magliona	Claudio Magliona M., Nicolás Yuraszeck
Gutierrez & Arrieta	Raúl Arrieta Cortés
Jijena & Cia	Renato Jijena Leiva
Silva & Cia	Rodrigo León
Valencia & Reusser Abogados	Carlos Reusser Monsálvez
	RECOMMENDED
Alster Legal	Andrés Jara
Albagli Zaliasnik	Ariela Agosin, Oscar Molina
Barros Errazuriz	José Ignacio Ovalle
Bofill Mir & Alvarez Jana Abogados	Guillermo de la Jarra
Bordoli Doren	Carla Bordoli
Claro & Cia	Felipe Claro
Estudio Juridico Otero	Macarena Lopez
Palma & Palma Abogados	Pablo Palma Calderón
Pereira Covarrubias Montes	Rafael Covarrubias
Porzio Rios García	Marcelo Correa, Cristobal Porzio
Quiroz Abogados	Hernán Quiroz Valenzuela
Villaseca Abogados	Max F. Villaseca M.

ENFORCEMENT & ANTI-COUNTERFEITING ACTIONS

Chile Best Law Firms

The firms are listed alphabetically within each band

FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS
	LEADING
1 Marinovic y Cia	Antonio Marinovic
2 CMS Carey & Allende	Matias Somarriva
	EXCELLENT
Albagli Zaliasnik	Oscar Molina, Gabriel Zaliasnik
Alessandri	Rodrigo Velasco
Carey	Francisco Carey
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
Beuchat, Barros & Pfenniger	Andrés Melossi
Garay IP	Jorge Garay
Johansson & Langlois	Max Montero
Mackenna, Irarrázaval, Cuchacovich & Paz	Rodrigo Marre
Puga Ortiz	Cristian Mir Balmaceda
Silva & Cia	Andrés Grunewaldt

MARINOVIC Y CIA ABOGADOS: EXPERTS IN ENFORCEMENT & ANTI-PIRACY ACTIONS



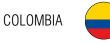
Leaders: Antonio Marinovic and Luis Olmedo Established: 1987

Antonio Marinovic

Track record: The team has represented leading worldwide companies in different industries such as footwear and clothing e.g. Puma, Nike, Adidas and Converse. They've also acted for members of the film industry in the protection of their associated merchandising as they did for Disney, Warner, DC Comics and Marvel. Other names in the clients list includes Epson, Canon, Kyocera and Mattel Inc. Team & differentiation: Intellectual property is the firm's core practice, specifically trademarks and copyrights. Its expertise includes the implementation of anti-piracy campaigns in the most diverse industries. With more than 30 years of experience, founder Antonio Marinovic assisted the National Congress with the modification of copyright and trademark laws.



RANKINGS /-



TRADEMARK PROSECUTION

Colombia Best Law Firms

FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS
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Brigard & Castro	Juan Pablo Cadena, Martin Torres Cardozo
Cavelier Abogados	Luz Clemencia de Paéz
Gomez-Pinzón	Mauricio Jaramillo
	EXCELLENT
Baker McKenzie	Juan Pablo Concha Delgado
Dentons Cardenas & Cardenas	Luz Helena Adarve, Juanita Acosta
Lloreda Camacho & Co	Alicia Lloreda Ricaurte, Tatiana Carrillo
OlarteMoure	Juan Moure
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
Castellanos & Co	Ximena Castellanos, Margarita Castellanos
Clarke Modet & Co	Alejandra Salazar
Philippi Prietocarrizosa Ferrero DU & Uría	Mauricio Patiño
Posse Herrera Ruiz	Helena Camargo
Triana Uribe & Michelsen	Laura Michelsen, Juan Carlos Uribe
Vera Abogados	Jorge Vera
Wolf Mendez Abogados Asociados	Mónica Wolf, José María Méndez B
	RECOMMENDED
Barrios Montenegro Abogados	Myriam Montenegro
Castillo Grau Abogados	Felipe Castillo
Cuesta & Asociados	Juan Carlos Cuesta
Holland & Knight	Danilo Romero Raad
Humberto Rubio & Cia	Humberto Rubio, Felipe Rubio
Márquez Barrera Castañeda & Ramírez	Natalia Barrera Silva
MDE Intelectual Property	Patricia Delgado del Sordo, Clemencia Delgado Villegas
Pinzón Pinzón & Asociados	Mauricio Pinzón
Pons IP	Claudia Caro
Raisbeck & Castro	lan Raisbeck

PATENT PROSECUTION

Colombia Best Law Firms

The firms are listed alphabetically within each band

FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS LEADING
Cavelier Abogados	Andrés Rincón
Clarke Modet & Co	Alejandra Salazar
OlarteMoure	Carlos Olarte
	EXCELLENT
Baker McKenzie	Juan Pablo Concha Delgado
Brigard & Castro	Juan Pablo Cadena
Gomez-Pinzón	Mauricio Jaramillo
Lloreda Camacho & Co	Alicia Lloreda, Ana María Castro Wey
Posse Herrera Ruiz	Helena Camargo, Monica Bonnet*
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
Dentons Cardenas & Cardenas	Luz Helena Adarve, Juanita Acosta
Pinzón Pinzón & Asociados	Mauricio Pinzón
Triana Uribe & Michelsen	Laura Michelsen, Juan Carlos Uribe
Wolf Mendez Abogados Asociados	Mónica Wolf, José María Méndez B
	RECOMMENDED
Barrios Montenegro Abogados	Myriam Montenegro
Castellanos & Co	Margarita Castellanos
Cuesta & Asociados	Juan Carlos Cuesta
Humberto Rubio & Cia	Humberto Rubio, Felipe Rubio
MDE Intelectual Property	Patricia Delgado del Sordo, Clemencia Delgado Villegas
Vera Abogados	Jorge Vera
*Associate	

*Associate

OLARTEMOURE: PROVIDING THE COMPLETE PORTFOLIO OF IP SERVICES

Leader: Carlos Olarte

Established: 2003



Carlos Olarte

Track record: The firm handles a wide range of patent mandates, prosecution and litigation matters as well as licensing and anti-piracy issues. OlarteMoure successfully represented Microsoft in an anti-piracy campaign. Their client list includes Grupo Nutresa, Merck, Boehringer Ingelheim, Pfizer, Novartis and AGP. Team & differentiation: The team has two partners and 24 qualified lawyers. Head of department Carlos Olarte has over 20 years' experience. His practice focuses on patent prosecution, litigation, including strategic planning for the protection and value assessment of new technologies, as well as plant variety protection. Juan Moure has a reputation for his knowledge of IP matters.



IP LITIGATION

Colombia Best Law Firms

The firms are listed alphabetically within each band

FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS
	EXCELLENT
Baker McKenzie	Juan Pablo Concha Delgado
Brigard & Castro	Juan Pablo Cadena, Martin Torres Cardozo
Cavelier Abogados	Luz Clemencia de Paéz, Andrés Rincón
OlarteMoure	Carlos Olarte, Juan Moure
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
Dentons Cardenas & Cardenas	Luz Helena Adarve, Juanita Acosta
Gomez-Pinzón	Mauricio Jaramillo
Lloreda Camacho & Co	Alicia Lloreda
Philippi Prietocarrizosa Ferrero DU & Uría	Mauricio Patiño
Posse Herrera Ruiz	Helena Camargo, Monica Bonnet*
Triana Uribe & Michelsen	Laura Michelsen, Juan Carlos Uribe
	RECOMMENDED
Barrios Montenegro Abogados	Myriam Montenegro
Castellanos & Co	Margarita Castellanos, Ximena Castellanos
Clarke Modet & Co	Alejandra Salazar
Pinzón Pinzón & Asociados	Mauricio Pinzón Pinzón
Vera Abogados	Jorge Vera
Wolf Mendez Abogados Asociados	Mónica Wolf, José María Méndez B

*Associate

GOMEZ-PINZÓN: RESPECTED REPUTATION IN A WIDE VARIETY OF IP MATTERS

Leader: Mauricio Jaramillo

Established: 1992



Mauricio Jaramillo

Track record: Gomez-Pinzón has a vast portfolio of clients including Grupo Argos, Grupo Aval and Bancolombia. The firm is very strong dealing with intellectual property and competition issues, sanitary registration and patent engineers. It also has a litigation department specializing in proceedings involving infringement of intellectual property rights.

Team & differentiation: The IP area has one partner and 15 other qualified lawyers that handle a wide variety of IP matters, patent and trademark filings and anti-counterfeiting cases. Head of department Mauricio Jaramillo focuses on advising companies in the administration of worldwide IP portfolios and the negotiation of licensing and franchising agreements etc.





ENFORCEMENT & ANTI-COUNTERFEITING ACTIONS

Colombia Best Law Firms

The firms are listed alphabetically within each band

FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS
	EXCELLENT
Baker McKenzie	Juan Pablo Concha
Wolf Mendez Abogados Asociados	Mónica Wolf, José María Méndez B
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
A to Z Legal Consulting	Andrés Zapata
Barrios Montenegro Abogados	Myriam Montenegro
Brigard & Castro	Juan Pablo Cadena
Cavelier	Eduardo Varela
Dentons Cardenas & Cardenas	Luz Helena Adarve
Estrategia Jurídica	Claudette Vernot
Muñoz Abogados	Diego Muñoz
OlarteMoure	Juan Moure
Gomez-Pinzón	Mauricio Jaramillo

DATA PROTECTION & PRIVACY

Colombia Best Law Firms

FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS	
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED	
Baker McKenzie	Carolina Pardo Cuellar	
Bermudez Durana Asociados	José Alejandro Bermudez	
Data & Tic	Rafael Gamboa Bernate	
Dentons, Cardenas y Cardenas	Juanita Acosta, Luz Helena Adarve	
Lorenzo Villegas Consultores	Lorenzo Villegas Carrasquilla	
	RECOMMENDED	
Garrigues Colombia	Jose Miguel de la Calle	
Gomez-Pinzón	July Galindo Quintero*	
Marquez Barrera Castañeda & Ramirez Natalia Barrera		
Vanegas Morales	Stella Vanegas	
STRONG EXPERTISE		
Alzate & Asociados Asesores Jurídicos Juan Pablo Alzate Ospina		
Peña Macero	Daniel Peña, Diego Arévalo	
*Associate		

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Ecuador Best Law Firm

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FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS EXCELLENT
Bustamante & Bustamante	José Rafael Bustamante, Roque Bernardo Bustamante, Carmen Robayo
CorralRosales	Francisco Gallegos, Maria Cecilia Romoleroux
Fabara & Compañía	Maria Rosa Fabara, Pablo Fabara
Falconi Puig Abogados	Carlos Alberto Arroyo, Sasha Mandakovic
Meythaler & Zambrano	José Meythaler, Margarita Zambrano
PBP - Pérez Bustamante & Ponce	Francisco Pérez-Gangotena
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
Bermeo & Bermeo	Pablo Bermeo Rosales, Rodrigo Bermeo Rosales
Julio C Guerrero B	Edmundo Aguirre Guerrero, Johana Aguirre Guerrero
Paz Horowitz	Bruce Horowitz, Byron Robayo
Quevedo & Ponce	Alejandro Ponce Martinez
Romero Corral	Margarita Romero, Alfredo Corral
Solines & Asociados	Juan Carlos Solines, Pablo Solines
	RECOMMENDED
Arocemena Burbano & Asociados	Flavio Arosemena Burbano
Ferrere	Pedro Cordoba
Legacy Soluciones Legales	Juan Pablo Serrano
Lexvalor Abogados	Hernán Ponce
Tobar ZVS Spingarn	Bernardo Tobar

FABARA & COMPAÑÍA: HIGHLY REGARDED IP PRACTICE



Leader: María Rosa Fabara Established: 2003

María Rosa Fabara

Track record: Fabara has a very strong IP practice and is one of the major full-service law firms in Ecuador. The firm covers matters related to portfolio management, competition, patent infringement, trademark prosecution, IP litigation and plant variety protection. They represented Abbott Laboratories in a patent issue and Indualca in an unfair competition case.

Team & differentiation: The IP team is made up of one partner and four other lawyers. Founding partner María Rosa Fabara leads the most significant IP cases for the firm and has a very strong reputation in Ecuador and elsewhere. The team regularly advises on software licenses and medical patents for clients in the telecom, retail and pharmaceutical industries.

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TRADEMARK PROSECUTION

Ecuador Best Law Firms

The firms are listed alphabetically within each band

FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS
	LEADING
Bustamante & Bustamante	José Rafael Bustamante, Carmen Robayo
CorralRosales	Maria Cecilia Romoleroux, Francisco Gallegos
Falconi Puig Abogados	Sasha Mandakovic
	EXCELLENT
Bermeo & Bermeo	Rodrigo Bermeo Andrade
Fabara & Compañía	Maria Rosa Fabara, Mónica Jarrin
Julio C Guerrero B	Edmundo Aguirre Guerrero
PBP - Pérez Bustamante & Ponce	Francisco Pérez-Gangotena
Quevedo & Ponce	Alejandro Ponce Martinez
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
Meythaler & Zambrano	Margarita Zambrano
Paz Horowitz	Bruce Horowitz, Byron Robayo
Romero Corral	Margarita Romero
Tobar ZVS Spingarn	Alfonso Rivera
RECOMMENDED	
Ferrere	Pedro Cordoba
Lexim Abogados	Maria de los Angeles Lombeyda
Lexvalor Abogados	Hernán Ponce
Solines & Asociados	Juan Carlos Solines, Pablo Solines

PLANT BREEDER'S RIGHTS

Ecuador Best Law Firms

FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS
	LEADING
Fabara & Compañía	Maria Rosa Fabara
Tobar ZVS Spingarn	Alvaro Sevilla, Alfonso Rivera
HIGHLY RECOMMENDED	
CorralRosales	Francisco Gallegos, Maria Cecilia Romoleroux
Falconi Puig Abogados	Carlos Alberto Arroyo del Rio
Neidl & Asociados	Andrew Neidl
PBP - Pérez Bustamante & Ponce	Francisco Pérez-Gangotena



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Ecuador Best Law Firms

The firms are listed alphabetically within each band

FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS
	LEADING
Barzalio & Barzalio	Jose Luis Barzallo
Solines & Asociados	Juan Carlos Solines, Pablo Solines
	EXCELLENT
Bustamante & Bustamante	Carmen Robayo
Falconi Puig Abogados	Carlos Alberto Arroyo
Paz Horowitz	Byron Robayo
Tobar ZVS Spingarn	Alvaro Sevilla
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
Bermeo & Bermeo	Rodrigo Bermeo Andrade
CorralRosales	Xavier Rosales
Fabara & Compañía	Maria Rosa Fabara, Andrés Becdach
Legaltech Asesores & Consultores	Janette Colamarco
PBP - Pérez Bustamante & Ponce	Francisco Pérez

BARZALLO & BARZALLO: EXPERTS IN TELECOMUNICATIONS & IT



Leader: José Luis Barzallo Established: 1995

José Luis Barzallo

Track record: The firm is a pioneer in advisory services relating to information technology law. They led preparation for the Ecuadorian Electronic Commerce Law coordinating the project in the ational Congress. Also they advise important technology corporations and technology business matters for their clients. Outside Ecuador, the firm collaborates with American and European law firms.

Team & differentiation: The team has strong expertise in the information technology field, dealing with international and national information, telecommunications, competition, litigation, e-commerce and consumers. The IT team is composed of three partners and five lawyers. Partner José Luis Barzallo is recognized by peers for his expertise in technology and telecommunication matters.

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	FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS
		LEADING
	Olivares	Sergio Olivares
	Uhthoff, Gómez Vega & Uhthoff	Javier Uhthoff Orive
		EXCELLENT
1	Basham Ringe y Correa	José Hinojosa
	Becerril, Coca & Becerril	Héctor Chagoya
	Clarke Modet & Co	Angelica Pardavell
2	Dumont Bergman Bider	Armando Pinto, Laura Collada
	Herrero & Asociados	Eric Alávez
	Panamericana De Patentes y Marcas	Andrés Esteva
		HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
	Arochi & Lindner	Jorge Mier y Concha
	AVA	Tomás Arankowsky
	Breakthrough	Israel Jiménez
	Bufete Soni	Mariano Soni
	Calderon & De la Sierra	César Ramos
	COREip	Jorge Gómez
	Gonzalez Rossi Abogados	Alejandro Gonzalez Rossi
	Goodrich Riquelme y Asociados	Enrique Díaz, Juan Suárez
	Méndez + Cortés	Jose Juan Méndez, Emmanuel Cortés
		RECOMMENDED
	Alegria Martinez & Fernandez Wong	Abraham Alegria, Sergio Guttierrez
	Axkati Legal	Martin M. Pereyra
	Baker McKenzie	Sergio Legorreta
	Beltran Fortuni	Rafael Beltran Rivera
	Mcoy Abogados	Alejandro Cárdenas
	Noriega + Escobedo Abogados	Alfredo Rangel
	Ortiz Monasterio Marcas y Patentes	Fernanda Ortíz Monasterio
	Santamarina + Steta	José Pablo Pérez Zea

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TRADEMARK PROSECUTION

Mexico Best Law Firms

FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS LEADING
Basham Ringe y Correa	Eduardo Kleinberg
Olivares	Sergio Olivares, Antonio Belaunzaran, Alonso Camargo
Uhthoff, Gómez Vega & Uhthoff	Eryck Castillo Orive, Consuelo Gonzalez Rodríguez
	EXCELLENT
Arochi & Lindner	Maria Teresa Eljure
Calderón & De la Sierra	Carlos Salazar, Mariel Vélez
Dumont Bergman Bider	Laura Collada
Goodrich Riquelme y Asociados	Enrique Díaz
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
Axkati Legal	Luis Alcaraz, Eduardo Toledo
Becerril - Coca & Becerril	Juan Carlos Amaro
Bufete Soni	Mariano Soni
González Rossi Abogados	Alejandro Gonzalez
Hogan Lovells	Bernardo Herrerias
Ortiz Monasterio Marcas y Patentes	Fernanda Ortíz Monasterio
Panamericana De Patentes y Marcas	Miguel Esteva
	RECOMMENDED
Baker McKenzie	Sergio Legorreta
Clarke Modet & Co	Jesús Sepúlveda
COREip	Nelia Amero, Carla Sánchez
Isla Del Campo	Gloria Isla
Mcoy Abogados	Alejandro Cárdenas, Eduardo Miravete
Mansur, Birman, Guakil y, Wolff	Eduardo Birman
Méndez + Cortés	Jose Juan Méndez
Müggenburg Gorches y Peñalosa	Jean Yves Peñalosa
Noriega y Escobedo Abogados	Alfredo Rangel
	STRONG EXPERTISE
Breakthrough	Alma Álvarez, Sarita Mosqueda
Camelo Perez Ariza	Pablo Carrillo Riva, Eduardo Ostos
C&L Attorneys	Ana Castañeda
Easymark	Oly Ayala
En sus marcas	Carla Gavaldon
García Barragán Abogados	Adriana López Gonzalez
Gonzalez Calvillo	Pablo Hooper
Iberbrand	Gilberto Martínez, Ana L. Vargas
Legarreta y Asociados	Luis Legarreta
Lex Informatica Abogados	Cynthia Solis
Malpica Iturbe Buj & Paredes	Álvaro Huerta Gonzalez
R10S Abogados	Agustin Rios Aguilar
Suarez Venturo	Sebastian Suarez Venturo
TMI Abogados	Kiyoshi Tsuru



IP LITIGATION

Mexico Best Law Firms

FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS
	LEADING
Arochi & Lindner	Heidi Lindner, Roberto Arochi
Basham Ringe y Correa	Martin Michaus, Adolfo Athié
Olivares	Daniel Sánchez, Alejandro Luna
Uhthoff, Gómez Vega & Uhthoff	Saul Santoyo Orozco, Xavier Hadad
	EXCELLENT
Becerril - Coca & Becerril	Juan Carlos Amaro
Calderón & De la Sierra	Carlos Pérez de la Sierra, Alberto Huerta Bleck
Hogan Lovells	Bernardo Herrerias
Méndez + Cortés	José Juan Méndez, Emmanuel Cortés
Panamericana De Patentes y Marcas	Miguel Esteva
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
AVA	Tomas Arankowsky, Elias Ríos
Baker McKenzie	Sergio Legorreta, Fernando Robles
Bufete Soni	Mariano Soni, Miguel Ortíz
Coreip	Jorge Gómez
Dumont Bergman Bider	Laura Collada
Müggenburg Gorches y Peñalosa	Esteban Gorches
Goodrich Riquelme y Asociados	Enrique Diaz, Guillermo Sosa
SOLCARGO	Guillermo Solorzano
TMI Abogados	Kiyoshi Tsuru
	RECOMMENDED
Axkati Legal	Manuel Augusto Pérez, Eduardo Toledo
Iberbrand	Ana L. Vargas
Malpica Iturbe Buj & Paredes	Alvaro Huerta Gonzalez, Rodrigo Buj
Mansur, Birman, Guakil y, Wolff S. C.	Eduardo Birman, Isaac Guakil
Mcoy Abogados	Alejandro Cárdenas
Noriega y Escobedo Abogados	Alfredo Rangel
Von Wobeser y Sierra	Rupert Hüttler
	STRONG EXPERTISE
Alegria Martinez & Fernandez Wong	Abraham Alegria, Sergio Guttierrez
Camelo Pérez Ariza	Pablo Carrillo Riva, Eduardo Ostos
Cuesta Campos	Mauricio Chozas
Cuesta Llaca Esquivel	Gaston Esquivel
Gonzalez Rossi Abogados	Alejandro Gonzalez
Ortiz Monasterio Marcas y Patentes	Fernanda Ortiz Monasterio
R10S Abogados	Agustin Rios Aguilar
Santamarina y Steta	José Pablo Pérez Zea
Specific IP	Gilberto Sánchez

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Mexico Best Law Firms

The firms are listed alphabetically within each band

FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS
	LEADING
BGBG	Carlos Bello
Acedo Santamarina	Andrés Acedo
	EXCELLENT
Hogan Lovells	Federico Hernández
Rios Ferrer Guillén-Llarena Trevino y Rivera	Ricardo Ríos Ferrer
Ruiz Moreno y Asociados	Ivan Ruiz Moreno
Sesma Sesma & McNeese	Carlos M. Sesma
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
Baker McKenzie	Sergio Legorreta, Carlos Valencia-Barrera
Deschamps y Asociados	Jaime Deschamps González
Holland & Knight	Luis Rubio Barnetche, Octavio Lecona Morales
Lex Informatica Consultores	Joel Gómez Treviño
Lexel Abogados	Genaro Fernández, Jesus Martínez
Olivares	Luis Schmidt
Ramírez de Arellano y Abogados	Rosa Ma. Ramírez de Arellano y Haro
Robles Miaja Abogados	Rafael Robles Miaja
SOLCARGO	Guillermo Solorzano
Uhthoff, Gómez Vega & Uhthoff	Ignacio Dominguez
	RECOMMENDED
Arochi & Lindner	Roberto Arochi
Basham Ringe y Correa	Daniel del Río, Juan José López de Silanes
Bufete Quijano	Rebeca Servin, Clara Luz Álvarez
Calderón & De la Sierra	Luis Mario Lemus, Alberto Huerta Bleck
DLA Piper Gallastegui y Lozano	Eduardo Gallástegui Armella
Malpica Iturbe Buj & Paredes	Rodrigo Buj
MGO Legal & Finance	Jorge Moreno
Nader Hayaux & Goebel	Julián Garza
R10S	Agustin Rios Aguilar
Santamarina + Steta	Jorge Leon-Orantes
Soria Abogados	Gerardo Soria

LEXEL ABOGADOS: ENTERTAINMENT, TMT AND IP AS ITS CORE BUSINESS

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Leaders: Genaro Fernández and Jesús Martínez Established: 2006

Genaro Fernández

Track record: Lexel Abogados has an outstanding list of clients. Among them we find TV channels from various countries, television and cinema producers, and distributors of entertainment content. They also work for an international technology giant helping it with different issues concerning its Mexican interests. An important name in Mexican gastronomy circle trusts the firm to handle its interests.

Team & differentiation: This boutique law firm mainly focuses on entertainment, ICT, IP and data protection issues. Before joining in 2006, following his Boston University LLM, Genaro Fernandez was legal counsel at Sky, Mexico City. Jesús Martínez (Northwestern University LLM) held the same position at Grupo Televisa. Both men have vast knowledge of TMT companies from the client perspective.



DATA PROTECTION

Mexico Best Law Firms

The firms are listed alphabetically within each band

	FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS LEADING
	BGBG	Héctor Guzmán
	Davara Abogados	Isabel Davara
	Davara Aboyauos	EXCELLENT
1	Axkati Legal	Rosa Maria Franco
	Basham Ringe y Correa	Adolfo Athié, Teresa Espinosa*
	Bufete Soni	Mauricio Hernández
	Lex Informatica Consultores	Joel Gómez
	R10S	Agustín Ríos Aguilar, Fatima Cambronero
2	Laurant Abogados	Cedric Laurant
	Lex Informática Abogados	Alfredo Reyes, Cynthia Solis
	Olivares	Abraham Diaz
		HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
	Baker McKenzie	Sergio Legorreta, Carlos Vela Treviño*
	Bufete Quijano	Carmen Quijano
	Calderón & De la Sierra	Luis Mario Lemus
	ProtDataMx	Cristos Velasco
	Santamarina + Steta	Rodrigo Orenday
	Uhthoff, Gómez Vega & Uhthoff	Ignacio Domínguez
		RECOMMENDED
	Data Protección	Mario Gómez
	Lexel Abogados	Genaro Fernández, Jesus Martínez
	Lopez Luna Abogados	Paulo Lopez Luna
	Ortiz Monasterio Marcas Y Patentes	Fernanda Ortíz Monasterio
	Sesma Sesma & McNeese	Carlos M. Sesma, Maria Rivero Del Paso
	TMI Abogados	Kiyoshi Tsuru
	*Senior associate	

*Senior associate

LEX INFORMATICA CONSULTORES: EXPERTS IN DATA PROTECTION & TECH LAW

Leader: Joel Gómez Treviño

Established: 2015



Joel Gómez Treviño

Track record: This boutique law firm provides services to important national and international companies from diverse sectors such as pharma, insurance, aviation, automotive, tourism, banking and finance, cybersecurity and IT. On its clients' list we find important companies such as NCR, Grupo Vidanta, VW, Aspel, Quálitas Compañía de Seguros, Odessa, IMCYC and Instituto Nacional de Medicina Genómica.

Team & differentiation: The firm specializes in IT & internet law, data protection and domain name recovery. It also provides IP and information security services. Founder Joel Gomez is very active as lecturer and provides tailor-made courses for clients. He has been appointed as chairman of the data protection and IT law committee of the National Association of Corporate Lawyers (ANADE).

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Our analysis

UHTHOFF, GOMEZ VEGA & UHTHOFF: TRADITION, MODERNITY AND EXCELLENCE DEVOTED TO IP & IT



Javier Uhthoff Orive

Leaders: Javier Uhthoff Orive, Mario Ponce, Saul Santoyo, Consuelo Gonzales, Xavier Hadad, Eryck Castillo Orive, Eugenio Pérez, Marcela Bolland and Ignacio Domínguez-Torrado Established: 1905 Track record: Ever-present leader in patent filings and sought after for its expertise in the trademark field handling portfolios of the most notable international brands, Uhthoff also helps important Mexican clients with their expansion abroad. The client-roster is impressive, with names such as BBVA (Spain), Nestlé, F. Hoffmann-La Roche, Grupo Televisa, Pepsico, Grupo Mexico Sab and Hermes International.

Team & differentiation: With more than one hundred years' experience handling IP issues for top clients, Uhthoff is not only the oldest but probably the biggest IP firm in Mexico, with 11 partners and 41 associates. The vast array of IP services offered and the prominent level of sophistication of its professionals make Uhthoff one of the best options for taking care of your intellectual property in Mexico and abroad.

AXKATI: YOUNG MEXICAN BOUTIQUE WITH EXPERIENCED LAWYERS



Manuel A. Perez

Leaders: Manuel A. Pérez, Eduardo Toledo, Luis Alcaraz, Martin Pereyra and Rosa María Franco Established: 2016 Track record: Axkati partners have kept long-lasting relationships with clients from almost every industry such as telecoms, apparel, food, entertainment, education, aerospace and military, biotech and other technology fields. Its growing list includes prominent companies such as Telmex, W.L. Gore, Aéropostale, Puig, Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey (TEC), Columbia Sportswear, Televisa, Microsoft and Distroller.

Team & differentiation: The firm was created by five partners with extensive experience (16+ years) in prestigious Mexican and international law firms, specializing in the full range of IP and data protection issues. They advise and represents in the acquisition, exploitation, protection and litigation of IP rights. The partners also focus on corporate law and regulatory compliance.

R10S ABOGADOS: Integral protection of physical and digital assets



Agustin Rios

Leader: Agustin Rios Established: 1999 Track record: The firm works with clients from different industries such as entertainment, banking & finance, cybersecurity, tourism, digital marketing and e-commerce and construction. The team works with all sizes of companies including micro, medium and large corporations, entrepreneurs and large enterprises.

Team & differentiation: R10S has the capability to advise in corporate and litigation, but the core business is to provide integral protection for its clients' physical and digital assets. Highly regarded in technology law including e-commerce and data protection & privacy, founder Agustin Rios heads the practice alongside Fatima Cambronero. The firm also work in the media and telecoms spheres.

BASHAM: Full-Service LAW FIRM with Several Niche Specialties



Martin Michaus

Leaders: Martin Michaus, Eduardo Kleinberg, Adolfo Athié and José Hinojosa Established: 1912 Track record: The team advises several Fortune 500 companies and medium sized-companies from different industries on issues concerning industrial creations, industrial secrets, distinctive signs, copyright, domain names, licenses and litigation. On the filing side, the team has handled more than 1,400 patents and over 3,000 trademarks last year.

Team & differentiation: Basham has the largest IP team of any full-service law firm in Mexico. Seven partners and 18 associates staff the firm. Basham continues to improve and adapt new practices to satisfy client need. It has developed niche practices such as the data protection and privacy team, which has been very active managing the Mexican aspects of global projects related to data protection and privacy.

BGBG: Outstanding TMT and data privacy practitioners



Carlos Bello

Leaders: Carlos Bello and Héctor Guzmán Established: 2001 Track record: The TMT group has more than 50 active clients. The team advises Orange Business Service Hispasat, Lycamobil, EchoStar, Sony Pictures Entertainment and Microsoft, for example. On the data protection and privacy specific side, many local and international companies that want to comply with Mexico's data protection framework have looked to the team for assistance.

Team & differentiation: The TMT team, led by Carlos Bello and seconded by partner Rolando Guevara is very active and has been growing around six associated work there today. The data protection & privacy team, run by Hector Guzman, is also very dynamic - one senior counsel and one associate help Guzman with various issues such as data protection compliance projects.

LEX INFORMATICA ABOGADOS: EXPERTS IN IP, TMT AND PRIVACY



Alfredo Reyes

Leaders: Alfredo Reyes and Cynthia Solis Established: 2011 Track record: Clients of the firm come from every industry in the country including retail, finance, bank, fintech, health, media and insurance. They advise big local and international companies but also startups and entrepreneurs. Among the list of clients, we find Advantage Security Systems, Profuturo, Henkel, IBM and Comercial Mexicana.

Team & differentiation: The boutique specializes in IP, IT and data privacy and has two partners, two counsel and eight associates. Partner Cynthia Solis handles trademark prosecution, media and fashion law but also works closely with Alfredo Reyes in data protection and privacy issues including electronic signature, e-business, certified digitalization, data privacy and cybersecurity.



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PATENT PROSECUTION

Peru Best Law Firms

The firms are listed alphabetically within each band

FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS
	LEADING
Barreda Moller	Alfredo Barreda, Fernando Barreda
	EXCELLENT
Clarke Modet & Co	Ana Teresa Barreto
Estudio Colmenares & Asociados	Maria del Carmen Arana
Estudio Echecopar - Baker McKenzie	Luis Alonso García Muñoz-Najar
Fernandez - Davila & Bueno	Carlos Fernandez-Davila
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
Allende & Garcia Abogados	Dafne Ramos
Espinosa Bellido Abogados	Francisco Espinosa Reboa
Estudio Muñiz	Bruno Merchor
Kresalja IP	Rosa Maria Kresalja, Marcela Robles
Mertz Peru	Claudia Fernandini, Stephany Soto
Valencia Law Office	Alfredo Valencia
	RECOMMENDED
Barlaw - Barrera & Asociados	Adriana Barrera
BRDA Abogados	Jose Barreda, Gonzalo Barreda, Gisella Barreda
Carolina Ore Gomez & Asociados	Alexander Trujillo
Osterling Abogados	Arturo Tello
Thorne Echeandia & Lema Abogados	Alvaro Echeandía Bustamante
	STRONG EXPERTISE
CMS Grau	Maria Delia Oxley
Durand Abogados	Juan Carlos Durand Grahammer
Pacon & Schiantarelli	Juan Pablo Schiantarelli
Pierola & Asociados	Jose de Pierola
Rodrigo Elías & Medrano Abogados	María del Carmen Alvarado, Hector Alvarez

PATENT LITIGATION

Peru Best Law Firm

FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS	
	LEADING	
Estudio Muñiz	Bruno Merchor	
EXCELLENT		
Barreda Moller	Alfredo Barreda, Fernando Barreda	
Estudio Echecopar - Baker McKenzie	Luis Alonso García Muñoz-Najar	
Fernandez-Davila & Bueno	Carlos Fernandez-Davila	
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED	
Estudio Colmenares & Asociados	María del Carmen Arana	
Allende & Garcia	Dafne Ramos	
Mertz Peru	Claudia Fernandini, Stephany Soto	
Pacon & Schiantarelli	Juan Pablo Schiantarelli	



TRADEMARK PROSECUTION

Peru Best Law Firms

The firms are listed alphabetically within each band

FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS
	LEADING
Barreda Moller	Micaela Mujica, Alfredo Barreda
	EXCELLENT
1 Estudio Colmenares & Asociados	María del Carmen Arana
Estudio Echecopar - Baker McKenzie	Luis Alonso García Muñoz-Nájar
2 Allende & Garcia Abogados	Magali Garcia, Jorge Allende
Clarke Modet & Co	Ana Teresa Barreto
Espinosa Bellido Abogados	Francisco Espinosa Reboa
Estudio Muñiz	Marta Fernandez P.
Rodrigo Elías & Medrano Abogados	María del Carmen Alvarado, Hector Alvarez
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
Barlaw - Barrera & Asociados	Adriana Barrera, María Inés Herrera
BRDA Abogados	José Barreda, Gonzalo Barreda
Casahierro Abogados	Javier Duany Garcia
Durand Abogados	Juan Carlos Durand Grahammer
Kresalja IP	Baldo Kresalja, Rosa Maria Kresalja, Marcela Robles
OMC Abogados	Oscar Mago
Osterling Abogados	Arturo Tello
Pacon & Schiantarelli	Juan Pablo Schiantarelli
Thorne Echeandia & Lema Abogados	Alvaro Echeandía Bustamante
Valencia Law Office	Alfredo Valencia
	RECOMMENDED
Carolina Ore Gomez & Asociados	Alexander Trujillo
CMS Grau	Maria Delia Oxley
Estudio Olaechea	Monica Germany
Fernandez-Davila & Bueno	Carlos Fernandez - Davila
Hernandez & Cia	Enrique Cavero Safra
León e Iparraguirre Abogados	Jimena Carrera
Mertz Peru	Claudia Fernandini, Stephany Soto
Perez-Albela & Asociados	Jorge Perez-Albela
Pierola & Asociados	José de Pierola, Christel Canthal de Pierola
Rodriguez Garcia	Gustavo Rodriguez

FASHION & DESIGN LAW

Peru Best Law Firms

FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS
HIGHLY RECOMMENDED	
Estudio Muñiz	Annalucia Fasson Llosa*
Osterling Abogados	Ximena Souza Ferreira
Rodriguez García	Gustavo Rodriguez García
Pacon & Schiantarelli	Juan Pablo Schiantarelli
*Sanior accociata	

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IP LITIGATION

Peru Best Law Firms

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FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS
	LEADING
Rodrigo Elías & Medrano Abogados	Maria del Carmen Alvarado, Hector Alvarez
Estudio Echecopar - Baker McKenzie	Luis Alonso Garcia Muñoz-Najar
	EXCELLENT
Barreda Moller	Alfredo Barreda, Fernando Barreda
Espinosa Bellido Abogados	Francisco Espinosa Reboa
Thorne Echeandia & Lema Abogados	Alvaro Echeandia Bustamente
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
Allende & Garcia Abogados	Jorge Allende, Magali Garcia
Barlaw - Barrera & Asociados	Adriana Barrera, Maria Ines Herrera
BRDA Abogados	José Barreda, Gonzalo Barreda
Estudio Colmenares & Asociados	Maria del Carmen Arana
Estudio Muñiz	Marta Fernandez Pepper, Bruno Merchor
Kresalja IP	Baldo Kresalja, Rosa Maria Kresalja
Osterling Abogados	Arturo Tello
Pacon & Schiantarelli	Juan Pablo Schiantarelli, Ana Maria Pacon
Rodriguez Garcia	Gustavo Rodriguez
Valencia Law Office	Juver Valencia
	RECOMMENDED
Barrios & Fuentes Abogados	Enrique Berckholtz
Clarke Modet & co	Ana Teresa Barreto*, Jimena Ugarte**
CMS Grau	Maria Delia Oxley
Estudio Olaechea	Monica Germany
Fernandez, Heraud & Sanchez	Gustavo Heraud Perez
Hernandez & Cia	Enrique Cavero Safra
León e Iparraguirre Abogados	Jimena Carrera
Mertz Peru	Claudia Fernandini
Perez-Albela & Asociados	Jorge Pérez-Albela B.
Pierola & Asociados	José de Piérola
*General Manager **Manager	



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ENFORCEMENT & ANTI-COUNTERFEITING ACTIONS

Peru Best Law Firm

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FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS
	LEADING
Barlaw - Barrera & Asociados	Adriana Barrera
	EXCELLENT
Barreda Moller	Alfredo Barreda, Fernando Barreda
Casahierro Abogados	Javier Duany Garcia
Estudio Muñiz	Piero Calderon Oliva
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
Osterling Abogados	Ximena Souza Ferreira
Ugarteche & Di Censo	Ruben Ugarteche, Maria Di Censo

BARLAW BARRERA & ASOCIADOS: TALENTED IP TEAM WITH A STRONG ENFORCEMENT AREA

Adriana Barrera

ESTUDIO MUÑIZ: A FULL-SERVICE IP TEAM IN A FULL-SERVICE FIRM



Leaders: Marta Fernandez Pepper, Bruno Merchor. Piero Calderon and Maritza Reategui-Valdivieso

Leaders: José Barreda,

Gonzalo Barreda and

Gisella Barreda

Established: 2012

Leaders: Adriana Barrera

and Maria Inés Herrera

Established: 2011

Track record: Microsoft Corporation and Compagnie Gervais Danone are among the department's clients. On the patent side, Bruno Merchor is advising Eli Lilly in a group of more than 15 infringement requests. He is also defending Bristol-Myers Squibb in the first Peruvian case of compulsory license. In April 2018, Piero Calderon handled a huge case relating to counterfeit Peru national soccer team jerseys.

Track record: The firm is a leader in Peru when

it comes to handling enforcement matters and

has a strong trademark & copyright prosecu-

tion area. They handle IP litigation and matters

related with retail, pharmaceutical, agroche-

micals, automotive, banking, construction,

media and entertainment law. Their client list

includes Procter & Gamble, Honda, Chanel,

Gucci, BBVA and Telefonica.

Team & differentiation: The team is composed of 12 lawyers and several other qualified professionals (engineers, translators and paralegals). Partners Adriana Barrera and Maria Inés Herrera have a strong reputation for handling complex enforcement and trademark prosecution cases and IP litigation. The team also advises companies on data privacy, life sciences and patent law matters.

Team & differentiation: Marta Fernandez Pepper, with more than 20 years of experience in the IP field, needs no introduction. She heads a department of five partners and eight other lawyers. Bruno Merchor, former head of the Peruvian Patent Office, handles patent issues with the help of in house engineers and chemists. Also covered are enforcement and anti-piracy (Piero Calderon) and life-sciences (Maritza Reategui-Valdivieso).

Marta Fernandez Pepper

BRDA: EXPERIENCED AND DYNAMIC TEAM



José Barreda

Track record: Their client list contains AJE Group (multinational beverage company), Corporación Rey and Reprind. BRDA operates along the entire IP protection chain advising companies from different industries. Their principal areas of focus include patents, trademarks, copyright registration matters, unfair competition, data protection with a particular emphasis on IP litigation.

Team & differentiation: The firm is led by three partners who made the switch from one of the largest IP boutiques in Peru. José and Gonzalo are both lawyers with extensive experience in trademarks, copyright and litigation and Gisella who is an engineer leads the patent area. This combination of profiles has been helping the firm to acquire important new clients since its foundation.

RANKINGS *+*



Our analysis

BARREDA MOLLER: MORE THAN 70 YEARS OF TRADITION AND IP EXPERIENCE



Alfredo Barreda

Leaders · Alfredo Barreda and Fernando Barreda Established: 1940

Track record: Barreda Moller operates in all areas of the IP universe: trademarks, patents and copyright matters including oppositions and infringement cases. The firm advised Whatsapp Inc and Nike in oppositions against trademark applications to prevent a third party using a similar mark. Among their clients are Kimberly-Clark, Merck, McDonalds and Avon.

Team & differentiation: he team is composed of two partners and 18 gualified lawyers and two engineers. They actively participate in domes-tic and international IP law associations such as INTA, AIPPI and ECTA. Partners Alfredo and Fernando Barreda have considerable experience in a wide range of areas in the IP field. Rising star Micaela Mujica specializes in trademark matters.

KRESALJA IP DEVOTED TO THE PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY



Rosa Maria Kresalia

Leaders: Baldo Kresalja, Rosa Maria Kresalja, Marcela Robles Established: 1972

Track record: The team successfully represented a pharmaceutical company in a judicial case against INDECOPI for violations against the right of defense in a patent matter. National clients include Corporacion TDN SAC and Ferreycorp SAA, and international groups such as YPF, Bayer Group, Sally Beauty International INC, UBS Group, Quintiles IMS and Ferrero are also clients.

Team & differentiation: Founder Baldo Kresalja has over 40 years' experience in IP and competition and is a reference in legal doctrine and law schools. Managing Partner Rosa Maria Kresalja has more than 15 years' experience. The team has 4 partners and 4 other lawyers, including Alysa Arcos and Roselina Liza who've worked for the Ecuadorian and Peruvian IP authorities respectively.

CLARKE MODET & C° PERU: TOP FOR TRADEMARK AND PATENT PROSECUTION



Ana Teresa Barreto

Leaders: Ana Teresa Barreto and Jimena Ugarte Established: 2002

Track record: With offices in ten countries, eight in Latin America and one each in Spain and Portugal, Clarke Modet & C° advises a large number of international companies. The client list of the local team includes companies from different industries such as pharmaceuticals, biotech, distribution and retail, gastronomy, mining and manufacturing. They are also active with startups and universities.

Team & differentiation: The Peruvian team is composed of legal, scientific and technical professionals, including six highly skilled patent and trademark attorneys. General Manager Ana Teresa Barreto has more than 16 years' experience in intellectual property. She is an expert in unfair competition, advertising regulation and commercial law. Jimena Ugarte was appointed manager of legal and technical services.

ESPINOSA BELLIDO ABOGADOS: TRUSTWORTHY IP EXPERTISE



Francisco Espinosa Reboa

Leader: Francisco Espinosa Reboa Established: 1941

Track record: Espinosa Bellido Abogados has a list of very prestigious clients like Revlon, Sodimac, Grupo Bimbo, Grupo Elektra, Nautica Apparel, Bayer and is able to assist other important clients through the international law firms they partner with. They successfully represented local financial company MIBANCO in a complex trademark infringement and unfair competition action against a competitor.

Team & differentiation: The team provides integral IP counsel including prosecution, registration, litigation and enforcement of trademarks, patents and copyrights. Senior Partner Francisco Espinosa Reboa is very well known in the market for managing IP-related litigation, unfair competition, consumer law and advertising issues, with personal involvement or supervision in most matters.

PACON & SCHIANTARELLI: **STRONG SKILLS IN IP LITIGATION**



Juan Pablo Schiantarelli

Leaders: Juan Pablo Schiantarelli and Ana María Pacón Established: 2013

Track record: The firm has strong expertise in trademarks, copyright, patents and IP litigation. They also cover advertising, consumer protection, media law, data protection and technology-related IP. They were recently involved in several trademark litigation cases representing national and international companies. Their client roster includes Nestlé, . Telefonica and Kimberly-Clark.

Team & differentiation: Partners Schiantarelli and Pacón each have more than 20years' experience in trademarks, patents, designs, copyright, unfair competition and IT. The team comprises also three associates with experience dealing with complex cases. Rising star Rosalina Susano is a specialist in trademark litigation and data protection cases



RODRIGUEZ GARCÍA:

YOUNG AND DYNAMIC IP & COMPETITION BOUTIQUE

Gustavo Rodriguez García

Leader: Gustavo Rodriguez García Established: 2016

Track record: The firm advises companies from different sectors such as food, auto manufacturing, construction and education. They assisted Dajav solutions (owner of wabu app) in the implementation of IP policies. Also the team acted for Foresta International regarding a trademark opposition procedure filed by an important competitor. Clients include Molitalia, Productos Paraiso.

Team & differentiation: The team specializes in handling complex IP litigation and trademark prosecution matters. The firm recently entered into an alliance with the fashion law institute of Argentina in order to develop their fashion law practice. Founding partner Gustavo Rodriguez combines academic experience with handling complex IP litigation and fashion law matters.



TELECOMS

Peru Best Law Firms

The firms are listed alphabetically within each band

FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS
	EXCELLENT
Estudio Echecopar - Baker McKenzie	Javier Tovar Gil, Teresa Tovar Mena, Jorge Danós
Miranda & Amado	Luis Vinatea
Montezuma & Porto	José Miguel Porto
Rodrigo Elías & Medrano Abogados	María Teresa Quiñones, Verónica Sattler
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
Bullard Falla Ezcurra Abogados	Alejandro Falla, Eduardo Quintana Sánchez
CMS Grau	Ramon Huapaya
Estudio Muñiz	Pierino Stucchi
Payet, Rey, Cauvi, Pérez Abogados	Carlos Patrón,Gerardo Soto
	RECOMMENDED
Bracamonte, Haaker, Castellares	David Ruiz
Diez Canseco Abogados	Luis Diez Canseco
Moar Abogados	Carlos Monteza

MONTEZUMA & PORTO: LEADING BOUTIQUE IN TELECOM, MEDIA AND TECHNOLOGY

Leader: Oscar Montezuma and José Miguel Porto Urrutia

Established: 2012



Oscar Montezuma

Track record: The firm has extensive experience in managing national and international clients from the telecoms, media, IT and digital business. The firm also has a strong privacy and data protection practice and a startup and venture capital practice that provides legal advice to startups. Clients include UTEC Ventures, Andean Tower Partners Peru, South American Bytes Perú.

Team & differentiation: Partner Oscar Montezuma is a former in-house counsel at Telefonica. Partner Jose Miguel Porto has more than fifteen years of experience in the telecommunications and information technologies sector, and has worked as legal manager of Nextel. The firm is the only one in the Peruvian market combining both technology, regulatory and transactional expertise.

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DATA PROTECTION

Peru Best Law Firms

The firms are listed alphabetically within each band

FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS
	LEADING
Montezuma & Porto	Oscar Montezuma
	EXCELLENT
Estudio Echecopar - Baker McKenzie	Teresa Tovar
Estudio Muñiz	Pierino Stucchi
Hernandez & Cia	Enrique Cavero
Rodrigo Elías & Medrano Abogados	María del Carmen Alvarado
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
Allende & Garcia Abogados	Jorge Allende
CMS Grau	Andrea Pulgar*
Iriarte & Asociados	Erick Iriarte
Osterling Abogados	Arturo Tello
Pacon & Schiantarelli	Juan Pablo Schiantarelli, Rosalina Susano
Revoredo.pe	Abel Revoredo
	RECOMMENDED
Barlaw - Barrera & Asociados	Adriana Barrera
Diez Canseco Abogados	Luis Diez Canseco
Zegarra & Schipper Abogados	Diego Zegarra
*Senior Associate	

*Senior Associate

ESTUDIO MUÑIZ: EXPERTISE IN TELECOM, REGULATION AND COMPETITION LAW

Leader: Pierino Stucchi

Established: 1981



Pierino Stucchi

Track record: Muñiz data protection area has clients from different sectors such financial services, commercial airlines and telecoms. The team advised Makro in all compliance issues arising from the Peruvian data protection regulation for providing financial services to its customers through credit cards. Clients includes British Telecom, Fox Network Group, Entel Perú.

Team & differentiation: The team has strong expertise in telecommunications, media, electronic commerce and privacy. The firm recently hired three telecom and privacy experts to respond to clients' growing needs in this area. Most of the team's members have worked in the public sector, either at the telecom regulator (Osiptel) or the competition and consumer protection agency (Indecopi).



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IP LITIGATION

Uruguay Best Law Firms

The firms are listed alphabetically within each band

FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS	
	LEADING	
Cervieri Monsuarez & Asociados	Virginia Cervieri, Natalia Paladino	
Ferrere Abogados	Agustín Meyer West	
Fischer Abogados	Mercedes Castells, Gustavo Fischer	
EXCELLENT		
Cikato Abogados	Matias Cikato, Mauro Marin	
Fernandez Secco & Asociados	Gonzalo Fernandez Secco, Agustina Fernández Giambruno	
Vanrell Propiedad Intelectual Abogados	Juan Vanrell, Veronica Vanrell	
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED	
Barbosa Caravia	Nora Morgade, Carlos Ruiz Lapuente	
Dubourg & Cia	Andrés Gallo Dubourg	
Fox & Lapenne	Victoria Fox, Juan Lapenne	
Jones & Cia	Hugo Esteves	
Pittaluga Abogados	Martin Pittaluga	

ENFORCEMENT & ANTI-COUNTERFEITING ACTIONS

Uruguay Best Law Firms

The firms are listed alphabetically within each band

FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS	
	LEADING	
Cervieri Monsuarez & Asociados	Virginia Cervieri, Natalia Paladino	
	EXCELLENT	
Cikato Abogados	Matias Cikato, Mauro Marin	
Fischer Abogados	Mercedes Castells, Gustavo Fischer	
Fox & Lapenne	Victoria Fox, Juan Lapenne	
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED	
Bacot & Bacot	Oscar Bacot Silveira	
Fernandez Secco & Asociados	Agustina Fernández Giambruno	
Ferrere Abogados	Agustín Meyer West	
Pittaluga Abogados	Martin Pittaluga	
Vanrell Propiedad Intelectual Abogados	Juan Vanrell, Veronica Vanrell	

CERVIERI MONSUAREZ & ASOCIADOS: A HIGHLY REGARDED IP PRACTICE

Leaders: Virginia Cervieri and Natalia Paladino

Established: 2009



Virginia Cervieri

Track record: The firm is very strong in anti-counterfeiting, copyright, trademark litigation and prosecution. They advised Adidas on a trademark case concerning the association of the three stripes with the Adidas brand. Companies that entrust the firm include Dior, New Balance, Hugo Boss, Cartoon Network, Gucci, Bulgari, and Procter among others. Team & differentiation: The IP team is composed of five partners and twelve qualified lawyers. Head of department Virginia Cervieri is experienced in enforcement and anti-counterfeiting issues. Head of Trademark and Patent Prosecution Natalia Paladino has been represented several clients in trade dress cases that set precedent in the country.





TRADEMARK PROSECUTION

Uruguay Best Law Firms

The firms are listed alphabetically within each band

FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS
	LEADING
Cikato Abogados	Matias Cikato, Mauro Marin
Fernandez Secco & Asociados	Agustina Fernández Giambruno
	EXCELLENT
Bacot & Bacot	Oscar Bacot Silveira
Fox & Lapenne	Victoria Fox, Juan Lapenne
Vanrell Propiedad Intelectual Abogados	Juan Vanrell, Veronica Vanrell
HIGHLY RECOMMENDED	
Barbosa Caravia	Nora Morgade, Carlos Ruiz Lapuente
Cervieri Monsuarez & Asociados	Natalia Paladino
Ferrere Abogados	Agustín Meyer West
Fischer Abogados	Mercedes Castells, Gustavo Fischer
Pittaluga Abogados	Martin Pittaluga
	RECOMMENDED
Clarke Modet & Cia	Fabiana Penades
Dubourg & Cia	Andrés Gallo Dubourg
Jones & Cia	Hugo Esteves
Mercomark	Carlos Sarlabós

PATENT PROSECUTION

Uruguay Best Law Firms

FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS	
	LEADING	
Fernandez Secco & Asociados	Agustina Fernández Giambruno	
Fischer Abogados	Mercedes Castells, Gustavo Fischer	
Fox & Lapenne	Victoria Fox, Juan Lapenne	
	EXCELLENT	
Cikato Abogados	Matias Cikato, Mauro Marin	
Ferrere Abogados	Agustín Meyer West	
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED	
Bacot & Bacot	Oscar Bacot Silveira	
Barbosa Caravia	Nora Morgade, Carlos Ruiz Lapuente	
Cervieri Monsuarez & Asociados	Natalia Paladino	
Pittaluga Abogados	Martin Pittaluga	
Vanrell Propiedad Intelectual Abogados	Juan Vanrell, Veronica Vanrell	







TMT (LARGE CAP)

USA Best Investment Banks

The banks are listed alphabetically within each band

BANK KEY LEADERS		
LEADING		
Bank of America Merrill Lyn	ch Anwar Zakkour (Global Co-Head of TMT Investment Banking)	
Goldman Sachs	George C. Lee II (Chief Information Officer and Co-Chairman of TMT), Daniel Dees (Head of TMT)	
J.P. Morgan	Fred Turpin (Head of TMT, North America)	
	EXCELLENT	
Barclays Gregory Dalvito (Co-Head TMT M&A), Richard Hardegree (Co-Head TMT M&A)		
Citi	iti Mark Shafir (Global Head of TMT and Global Co-Head of M&A)	
Credit Suisse David Wah (Co-Head of Global TMT Banking), Greg Weinberger (Co-Head of Global M&A)		
Deutsche Bank Mark V. Keene (Global Co-Head of TMT Investment Banking)		
Morgan Stanley Drew Guevara (Head of Global Technology Investment Banking), Michael Wyatt (Managing Director & Head of Global Technology M&A)		
UBS Investment Bank Jason Auerbach (Global Head of Tech M&A), Sam Powers (Co-Head of TMT, Americas)		
HIGHLY RECOMMENDED		
Centerview Partners	Adam Beshara (Partner), John C. Bosacco (Partner)	
Guggenheim Partners	Ken Sena (Senior Managing Director, TMT)	
LionTree Advisors Aryeh Bourkoff (CEO)		

TMT (SMALL TO MID CAP)

USA Best Investment Banks

The banks are listed alphabetically within each band

BANK	KEY LEADERS	
LEADING		
Barclays Gregory J. Dalvito (Co-Head TMT M&A), Richard B. Hardegree (Co-Head TMT M&A)		
Deutsche Bank	Mark Keene (Global Co-Head of TMT Investment Banking)	
J.P. Morgan	Fred Turpin (Head of TMT, North America)	
Morgan Stanley	Drew Guevara (Head of Global Technology Investment Banking) Michael Wyatt (Head of Global Technology M&A)	
	EXCELLENT	
Bank of America Merrill Lynch	Anwar Zakkour (Global Co-Head of TMT Investment Banking)	
Credit Suisse	David Wah (Co-Head of Global TMT Banking), Greg Weinberger (Co-Head of Global M&A)	
Houlihan Lokey Christopher Wilson (Managing Director)		
Jefferies	William Brady (Chairman of Technology Investment Banking), Phil Berkowitz (Co-Head of Technology Investment Banking)	
Qatalyst Group George Boutros (Chief Executive Officer)		
RBC Capital Markets Blair Fleming (Head of US Investment Banking)		
William Blair Jonathan Skinner (Head of Technology Investment Banking)		
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED	
BMO Capital Markets Peter Myers (Head of US Investment & Corporate Banking)		
Citi	Mark Shafir (Global Head of TMT and Global Co-Head of M&A)	
Foros	Jean Manas (Chief Executive Officer), Drew Ackert (Managing Director, Technology)	
Luma Partners	Brian Andersen (Partner & Head of Digital Marketing), Mark Greenbaum (Partner & Head of M&A)	
Raymond James & Associates	David Castagna (Co-Head of Technology & Services), Brendan T. Ryan (Co-Head of Technology & Services)	

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HEALTH & PHARMA (LARGE CAP)

USA Best Investment Banks

The banks are listed alphabetically within each band

BANK	NNK KEY LEADERS	
LEADING		
J.P. Morgan Jeffrey A. Stute (Head of Healthcare Investment Banking, Co-Head - North America M&A)		
	EXCELLENT	
Barclays Jason Haas (Head of Healthcare, Americas), David Levin (Co-Head of Healthcare M&A)		
Centerview Partners Kenneth Berliner (Partner, Consumer Retail and Healthcare), Stuart Smith (Parnter, Healthcare)		
Citi	Chris Hite (Global Head of Healthcare Investment Banking)	
Goldman Sachs	Idman Sachs FX de Mallmann (Global Co-Head of Consumer Retail and Healthcare)	
Morgan Stanley John Collins (Co-Head of Global Healthcare), Michele Colocci (Co-Head of Global Healthcare)		
HIGHLY RECOMMENDED		
Bank of America Merrill Lynch Brian McCarthy (Vice Chairman Healthcare Investment Banking), Charles Newton (Co-Head of Healthcare)		
Credti Suisse	Punit Mehta (Co-Head of Healthcare Americas), Michael Muntner (Co-Head of Healthcare Americas),	
Greenhill & Co	Christopher Grubb (Co-Head of US M&A), Jeffrey Wasserstein (Managing Director, Healthcare)	
Guggenheim Partners	Jeffrey Hoffman (Senior Managing Director, Healthcare), Joseph Kohls (Senior Managing Director, Healthcare)	
Houlihan Lokey	Mark Francis (Head of Healthcare)	
Lazard	Jason R. Bernhard (Managing Director Healthcare, North America)	

HEALTH & PHARMA (SMALL TO MID CAP)

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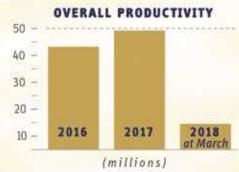
BANK	NK LEADING PARTNERS	
LEADING		
J.P. Morgan Jeffrey A. Stute (Head of Healthcare Investment Banking, Co-Head - North America M&A)		
	EXCELLENT	
Barclays Jason Haas (Head of Healthcare, Americas), David Levin (Co-Head of Healthcare M&A)		
Centerview Partners Kenneth Berliner (Partner, Consumer Retail and Healthcare), Stuart Smith (Parnter, Healthcare)		
Citi	Chris Hite (Global Head of Healthcare Investment Banking)	
Goldman Sachs FX de Mallmann (Global Co-Head of Consumer Retail and Healthcare)		
Morgan Stanley John Collins (Co-Head of Global Healthcare), Michele Colocci (Co-Head of Global Healthcare)		
HIGHLY RECOMMENDED		
Bank of America Merrill Lynch Brian Mccarthy (Vice Chairman Healthcare Investment Banking), Charles Newton (Co-Head of Healthcare		
CREDIT SUISSE Punit Mehta (Co-Head of Healthcare Americas), Michael Muntner (Co-Head of Healthcare Americas),		
Greenhill & Co Christopher Grubb (Co-Head of US M&A), Jeffrey Wasserstein (Managing Director, Healthcare)		
Guggenheim Partners Jeffrey Hoffman (Senior Managing Director, Healthcare), Joseph Kohls (Senior Managing Director, Health		
Houlihan Lokey	Mark Francis (Head of Healthcare)	
Lazard	Jason R. Bernhard (Managing Director Healthcare, North America)	



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THE MIDAS LIST 2018: TOP 100 TECH INVESTORS (1/2)

	NAME	FIRM	NOTABLE DEAL
1.	Neil Shen	Sequoia Capital China	Alibaba
2.	Bill Gurley	Benchmark	Uber
3.	Jim Goetz	Seguoia Capital	Whatsapp
4.	Carl Gordon	OrbiMed	Acerta
5.	Robert Nelsen	ARCH Venture Partners	Juno Therapeutics
6.	Mary Meeker	Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers	Spotify
7.	Peter Fenton	Benchmark	Docker
8.	J.P. Gan	Qiming Venture Partners	Meitu
9.	Douglas Leone	Seguoia Capital	ServiceNow
10.	Brian Singerman	Founders Fund	Stemcentrx
11.	Eric Paley	Founder Collective	Uber
12.	Mike Maples Jr.	Floodgate	Okta
13.	Kui Zhou	Sequoia Capital China	New Dada
14.	Roelof Botha	Sequoia Capital	Square
15.	Byron Deeter	Bessemer Venture Partners	Twilio
16.	Scott Sandell	New Enterprise Associates	MuleSoft
17.	Rob Hayes	First Round Capital	Uber
18.	Dennis Phelps	IVP	Snap
19.	Josh Kopelman	First Round Capital	Flatiron Health
20.	Hans Tung	GGV Capital	Musical.ly
21.	Neeraj Agrawal	Battery Ventures	Coupa
22.	Joe Lonsdale	8VC	Wish
23.	Xiaojun Li	IDG Capital	Xiaomi
24.	Xiao Ping Xu	ZhenFund	Meicai
25.	Jeff Jordan	Andreessen Horowitz	Airbnb
26.	Tony Florence	New Enterprise Associates	Jet.com
27.	Steve Anderson	Baseline Ventures	Stitch Fix
28.	Bryan Roberts	Venrock	10x Genomics
29.	John Doerr	Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers	Twitter
30.	Sameer Gandhi	Accel	Dropbox
31.	Rebecca Lynn	Canvas Ventures	Lending Club
32.	Alfred Lin	Sequoia Capital	Airbnb
33.	Anton Levy	General Atlantic	Alibaba
34.	Scott Shleifer	Tiger Global Management	Despegar
35.	Vinod Khosla	Khosla Ventures	Square
36.	Deven Parekh	Insight Venture Partners	Fanatics
37.	Shailendra Singh	Sequoia Capital India	Go-Jek Indonesia
38.	Marc Andreessen	Andreessen Horowitz	Samsara
39.	Jeremy Liew	Lightspeed Venture Partners	Snap
40.	Mitch Lasky	Benchmark	Snap
41.	Jeremy Levine	Bessemer Venture Partners	Pinterest
42.	Allen Zhu	GSR Ventures	DiDi Chuxing
43.	Lee Fixel	Tiger Global Management	Spotify
44.	Jim Tananbaum	Foresite Capital	10x Genomics
45.	Ryan Sweeney	Accel	Qualtrics
46.	Ravi Mhatre	Lightspeed Venture Partners	AppDynamics
47.	Hemant Taneja	General Catalyst	Stripe
48.	Jonathan Silverstein	OrbiMed	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
49.	David Cowan	Bessemer Venture Partners	Twitch
	Matt Cohler	Benchmark	Ascendis Pharma Twitch Tinder
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THE MIDAS LIST 2018: TOP 100 TECH INVESTORS 2/2

	NAME	FIRM	NOTABLE DEAL
51.	Andrew Braccia	Accel	Slack
52.	Yuri Milner	Digital Sky Technologies	Airbnb
53.	Aydin Senkut	Felicis Ventures	Adyen
54.	Jeff Horing	Insight Venture Partners	Airwatch
55.	Ann Miura_Ko	Floodgate	Lyft
56.	Gaurav Garg	Wing Venture Capital	FireEye
57.	Jim Breyer	Brever Capital	Etsy
58.	David Weiden	Khosla Ventures	RingCentral
59.	James Mi	Lightspeed China Partners	Rong360
60.	Frank Rotman	QED Investors	Credit Karma
61.	Erhai Liu	Joy Capital	Mobike
62.	Beth Seidenberg	Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers	Flexus Biosciences
63.	Fred Wilson	Union Square Ventures	Coinbase
64.	Hurst Lin	DCM Ventures	58.com
65.	Jeff Lieberman	Insight Venture Partners	Delivery Hero
66.	Klaus Hommels	Lakestar	Spotify
67.	Peter Thiel	Founders Fund	Palantir
68.	Ben Horowitz	Andreessen Horowitz	Okta
69.	Joel Cutler	General Catalyst	Lemonade
70.	Bryan Schreier	Sequoia Capital	Dropbox
71.	Todd Chaffee	IVP	Twitter
72.	Kevin Comolli	Accel	SimpliVity
73.	Yi Cao	Source Code Capital	Bytedance
74.	Jenny Lee	GGV Capital	YY.com
75.	Michael Eisenberg	Aleph	Wix.com
76.	David Yuan	Redpoint Ventures	APUS
77.	Kirsten Green	Forerunner Ventures	Dollar Shave Club
78.	Quan Zhou	IDG Capital	CreditEase
79.	Roger Ehrenberg	IA Ventures	The Trade Desk
80.	Navin Chaddha		
81.	Ron Conway	SV Angel	Airbnb
82.	Peter Levine	Andreessen Horowitz	GitHub
83.	Neil Rimer	Index Ventures	Funding Circle
84.	David Chao	DCM Ventures	SoFi
85.	Randy Glein	DFJ Growth	Ring
86.	Ted Schlein	Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers	Shape Security
87.	Jules Maltz	Institutional Venture Partners	Yext
88.	Mamoon Hamid	Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers	Slack
89.	Theresia Gouw	Aspect Ventures	ForeScout
90.	Steven Ji	Sequoia Capital China	Ganji
91.	Rich Wong	Accel	UiPath
92.	Asheem Chandna	Greylock Partners	AppDynamics
93.	Jeff Crowe	Norwest Venture Partners	Spotify
94.	Salil Deshpande	Bain Capital Ventures	MuleSoft
95.	Sonali De Rycker	Accel	Spotify
96.	Young Guo	IDG Capital	Meitu
97.	Aileen Lee	Cowboy Ventures	Good Technology and a second s
98.	Ping Li	Accel	Heptio Heptio
99.	John Vrionis	Unusual Ventures	AppDynamics
100.	Jan Hammer	Index Ventures	Robinhood

Our analysis

JIM GOETZ: THE HISTORY CREATOR



JIM GOETZ

Position: Partner, Sequoia Capital Age: 51 Track record: For the fifth straight year Jim Goetz retains top spot on the Midas List, just three years after the sale of WhatsApp to Facebook for nearly \$22 billion. The deal saw Goetz transform \$60 million over three rounds into more than \$3 billion in Facebook stock. The operation returned Sequoia's \$434 million 2010 fund six times over on one deal, making it one of the best deals in venture capital history. Goetz is still a board member at all five of his billion-plus valued public companies, but announced in January 2017 that he would be stepping aside as leader of the firm's US business to pursue and enjoy other aspects of life.

JIM BREYER: A PASSION FOR AI



JIM BREYER

Position: Founder & Partner, Breyer Capital Age: 55 Track record: Investing through his own firm, Breyer Capital – which opened in 2006 – Breyer is focused on companies that apply artificial intelligence to transform a range of industries from digital health to finance. Breyer is very active in Asia where in 2005 he teamed up with IDG Capital partners and raised \$1 billion in venture funding. He is a former Accel Partners VC and now sits on the boards of Blackstone and 20th Century Fox.

MARY MEEKER: TOP RANKING FEMALE VENTURE CAPITALIST



MARY MEEKER

Position: Partner, Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers Age: 56

Track record: Highest ranking female VC and market growth expert Mary Meeker ranks as the only woman in the top ten on the Midas list. She wisely bet on the Chinese commerce site JD.com, Square, Spotify, Facebook, Airbnb and Houzz. Other investments she has led include Legal Zoom, Twitter, and Instacart. She has previously served as a managing director at Morgan Stanley and each spring Meeker publishes her Internet Trends report, which details where the tech world is heading across 200 chart-and-dataladen slides.

PETER FENTON: BUSINESS WITH HUMAN VALUES



PETER FENTON

Position: Partner, Benchmark Age: 44

METHODOLOGY

Track record: Peter Fenton, one of five partners from Benchmark, was famous for backing Twitter in 2009 during a Series C and amassed a 6.6% stake in what was a \$25 billion deal. Fenton made headlines when in April 2017 Twitter revealed that he would be stepping down from a long-held position on the social media company's board. In 2014 Hortonworks and New Relic, which are two of his investments, went public on the same day. He also helped exit Zendesk and Yelp, and has since joined the board of his newest unicorn, Docker.

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USA BEST VENTURE CAPITAL FIRMS BY CAPITAL RAISED (2007-2017)

FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS
	LEADING
1 Tiger Global Management	Lee Fixel, Scott Shleifer
2 Accel Partners	Sameer Gandhi, Rich Wong
Benchmark Capital	Peter Fenton, Bill Gurley
Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers	Mary Meeker, John Doerr
New Enterprise Associates	Scott Sandell, Forest Baskett
Sequoia Capital	Jim Goetz, Douglas Leone
	EXCELLENT
1 Andreessen Horowitz	Marc Andreessen, Jeff Jordan
2 Founders Fund	Peter Thiel, Brian Singerman
GGV Capital	Hans Tung, Jenny Lee
Greylock Partners	David Sze, Asheem Chandna
IVP	Todd Chaffee, Sandy Miller
OrbiMed	Carl Gordon, Jonathan Silverstein
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
Bain Capital Ventures	Salil Deshpande, Ben Nye
Charles River Ventures (CRV)	George Zachary, Izhar Armony
DCM Ventures	Hurst Lin, David Chao

PATENT PROSECUTION

USA Best Law Firms – Nationwide

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	FIRM LEADING PARTNERS		
LEADING Finnegan Henderson Farabow Garrett Erika Harman Arnar, Barbara Clarka MaCurdy, Dabart C. Staplay, Christophar D. Folay			
	& Dunner	Erika Harmon Arner, Barbara Clarke McCurdy, Robert C. Stanley, Christopher P. Foley	
	Fish & Richardson	Hans R. Troesch, Mark S. Ellinger	
		EXCELLENT	
	Foley & Lardner	Pavan K. Agarwal, Benjamin Berkowitz, Richard J. McKenna, Eley O. Thompson	
	Knobbe Martens Olson & Bear	Steven Nataupsky, Joseph Reisman, David Weiss	
	Sterne Kessler Goldstein & Fox	Michael B. Ray, Carla Ji-Eun Kim, Michael V. Messinger	
	Covington & Burling	Michael K. Plimack, Christopher N. Sipes, Andrea G. Reister	
	Fitzpatrick Cella Harper & Scinto	Scott K.Reed, Elizabeth F. Holowacz,	
	Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton	Charles Calkins, Steven Gardner, Darin Gibby	
	McDermott Will & Emery	Mark J. Itri	
	Morrison & Foerster	Gladys H. Monroy	
	Oblon McClelland Maier & Neustadt	Richard L. Treanor, Bradley D. Lytle, Philippe Signore	
		HIGHLY RECOMMENDED	
	Banner & Witcoff	Gary D. Fedorochko	
	Birch Stewart Kolasch Birch	Craig Zalk	
	Blakely Sokoloff Taylor & Zafman	Jacob T. Aikin	
	Brinks Gilson & Lione	John F. Nethery	
	Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney	Matthew Schneider, Charles F. Wieland, Erin Dunston, Todd Walters	
	Cantor Colburn	Michael Cantor, Philmore Colburn	
	Cooley	Michael Tucsan, Bill Galliani	
	DLA Piper	Peter M. Astiz	
	Fenwick & West	John T. McNelis	
	Harness Dickey & Pierce	John Castellano	
	Jenner & Block	Terrence Truax, Brad Lyerla, Harry Roper	
	Ladas & Parry	Malcolm J. Macdonald	
	Merchant & Gould	Robert A. Kalinsky	
	Perkins Coie	Aaron Poledna	
	Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman	William P. Atkins	
	Ropes & Gray	Edward G. Black	
	Schwegman Lundberg & Woessner	Robin A. Chadwick	
	Sughrue Mion	Michael R. Dzwonczyk, Alan J. Kasper, Peter Park	
RECOMMENDED		RECOMMENDED	
	Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer	Louis Ederer	
	Alston & Bird	Jason P. Cooper, Guy R. Gosnell	
	Choate Hall & Stewart	Brenda Jarrell	
	Greenberg Traurig	Jonathan D. Ball	
	Norton Rose Fulbright	Jim Repass	
	White & Case	Dimitrios T. Drivas	
	WilmerHale	Donald R. Steinberg	





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	LEADING
Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner	Laura Masurosvky, James B. Monroe, Cortney S. Alexander, J. Michael Jakes
Fish & Richardson	Kurt L. Glitzenstein, Michael J. McKeon, Juanita Brooks
Kirkland & Ellis	William A. Streff, Dale Cendali
Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan	Edward J. DeFranco, David A. Nelson
WilmerHale	Donald R. Steinberg, William F. Lee
	EXCELLENT
Cravath Swaine & Moore	David Kappos, David Marriott, Evan Chesler, Keith Hummel
Desmarais	John M. Desmarais, Paul A Bondor
Morrison & Foerster	Eric M. Acker, Charles S. Barquist, G. Brian Busey
Sidley Austin	David Pritikin
Cooley	Thomas J. Friel, Jr., Jim Brogan
Covington & Burling	Gary M. Rubman
Fitzpatrick, Cella, Harper & Scinto	Scott K. Reed. Robert Baechtold
Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton	Wab Kadaba, Steve Gardner, Jamie L. Graham
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
Rushanan Ingersell & Deeney	Philip L. Hirschhorn, Todd Walters, Lloyd Smith
Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney	David H. Bernstein
Debevoise & Plimpton	John Allcock. Mark D. Fowler
DLA Piper	
Foley & Lardner	Matthew B. Lowrie
Gibson Dunn & Crutcher	Josh Krevitt
Goodwin Procter	Douglas J. Kline
Hogan Lovells	Eric J. Lobenfeld
Irell & Manella	Morgan Chu, Andrei Iancu, David Nimmer
Jones Day	Anthony M. Insogna
Keker & Van Nest	Robert A. Van Nest
Knobbe, Martens, Olson & Bear	William Zimmerman, John Sganga
Latham & Watkins	Kenneth G. Schuler, Matthew Moore, Douglas E. Lumish
Leydig Voit & Mayer	Bruce M. Gagala
McDermott Will & Emery	Sarah Columbia
McKool Smith	Mike McKool, Benjamin Levi, Samuel Baxter
Ropes & Gray	Richard T. McCaulley Jr.
Susman Godfrey	Stephen D. Susman
Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox	Robert Sterne,
Weil, Gotshal & Manges	Jared Bobrow, Brian E. Ferguson
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Alston & Bird	Keith E. Broyles, Michael J. Newton
Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer	Matthew M. Wolf, Aaron Stiefel
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Baker Botts	Bart Showalter
Jenner & Block	Andrew Bart, Susan Kohlman, Craig Martin
K&L Gates	Tara C. Clancy
Norton Rose Fulbright	Jim Repass
O'Melveny & Myers	Darin Snyder, Brett J. Williamson, Mark Samuels
Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler	William F. Cavanaugh
Paul Hastings	Joseph O'Malley
Perkins Coie	Paul Parker, Amy E. Simpson
Robins Kaplan	Ronald J. Schutz
Steptoe & Johnson	John Caracappa
White & Case	Dimitrios T. Drivas
Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati	Vern Norviel, Michael B. Levin
Winston & Strawn	Michael L. Brody, George Lombardi, David P. Enzminger
	STRONG EXPERTISE
Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld	Karol Kepchar, Cono A. Carrano
Banner & Witcoff	
Banner & Witcom Brinks Gilson & Lione	Joseph Potenza
	James P. Naughton, Gary M. Ropski
Fenwick & West	Michael J. Sacksteder
King & Spalding	Holmes J. Hawkins III
Mayer Brown	Alan Grimaldi
Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison	Nicholas P. Groombridge
	Nicholas P. Groombridge B. Trent Webb James Elacqua, David W. Hansen

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Our analysis

BUCHANAN INGERSOLL & ROONEY: Flexible, Candid, Easy-to-Work-With Firm



Philip L. Hirschhorn

Leaders: Philip L. Hirschhorn, Todd Walters and Lloyd Smith Established: 1850 Track record: The firm represented Ethox Chemicals regarding certain inventions that were allegedly wrongfully taken resulting in a decision in favor of Ethox that corrected inventorship by adding a co-inventor. The firm has also represented Tetra Pak, ABB Schweiz, Mallinckrodt Pharmaceuticals, Lamb Research and Zoetis.

Team & differentiation: Philip L. Hirschhorn acts as the co-chair of the firm's IP Section. The firm has prevailed for clients in complex multi-party and multi-patent related proceedings, including reversing decisions of the USPTO in US district courts and the Patent Office. The firm has a pool of over 60 attorneys and professionals, many of whom possess advanced degrees in science and technology.

STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX: Range of technical know-how



Robert Sterne

Leaders: Robert Sterne, David Cornwell, Jorge Goldstein Michael B. Ray, Carla Ji-Eun Kim and Michael V. Messinger Established: 1978 Track record: Most notably, the firm has helped Apple through the process of protecting a design patent in China. They were counsel to Alice Corporation in a district court infringement dispute with CLS Bank, which had patentability at the heart of the case. Other clients include, Adidas, Biogen, Broadcom Corp, ImmunoGen, Purdue Pharma.

Team & differentiation: Founder and Director Robert Sterne leads this impressive IP boutique which is valued for its ability to prepare and prosecute patents for companies in a variety of industry sectors including computer software, engineering and life sciences. Mr. Sterne recently led the firm in publishing the definitive book on PTAB litigation and the PTO litigation chapter for the ABA's Patent Litigation Strategies Handbook.

FITZPATRICK, CELLA, HARPER & SCINTO: GO-TO FOR INNOVATORS AND BRAND LEADERS



Scott K. Reed

Leaders: Scott K. Reed and Robert Baechtold Established: 1971 Track record: On November 9th 2017, the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit affirmed a victory on behalf of Fitzpatrick's client Sanofi against Watson and Sandoz in a Hatch-Waxman patent lawsuit concerning Sanofi's Multaq product. Furthermore in December 2017, Fitzpatrick successfully defended Novartis method of use Afinitor Patents.

Team & differentiation: Chairman of the firm's litigation practice group, Scott Reed leads the firm's 49 partners and 70 associates. They work closely with the clients' in-house legal team on all aspects of the litigation process. The firm announced that Susanne Flanders, Natalie Lieber, and Dennis McMahon became partners, effective January 1st 2017.

COVINGTON & BURLING: Trial Depth and Technical Knowledge



Gary M. Rubman

Leaders: Gary M. Rubman and Andrea G. Reister Established: 1919

METHODOLOGY

Track record: Covington & Burling is renowned for representing the biggest names in the life sciences and hi-tech sectors. In 2016, they successfully defended UCB's Vimpat anti-epileptic drug from an IPR challenge before the PTAB, brought by a number of pharmaceutical companies seeking to bring generics to market.

Team & differentiation: The firm's patent litigation practice consists of more than 120 attorneys. Gary Rubman is an experienced partner based at the firm's Washington DC office and vice-chairman of the patent litigation practice. To date, lawyers at Covington & Burling have litigated in excess of 500 patent cases covering a wide range of technologies.

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TRADEMARK PROSECUTION

USA Best Law Firms

FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS
	LEADING
Finnegan Henderson Farabow Garrett & Dunner	Douglas A. Rettew, Julia Anne Matheson
Fross Zelnick Lehrman & Zissu	Susan Upton Douglass, Allison Strickland Ricketts
Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton	Theodore H. Davis Jr., William H. Brewster, Dennis L. Wilson
	EXCELLENT
Arent Fox	Ricardo Fischer
Cowan Liebowitz & Latman	Jonathan King, Deborah K. Squiers
Fitzpatrick Cella Harper & Scinto	Brian L. Klock, Jason M. Okun
Knobbe, Martens, Olson & Bear	Catherine Holland, Art Rose
Oblon, McClelland, Maier & Neustadt	Eric W. Schweibenz
Pattishall McAuliffe Newbury Hilliard & Geraldson	Joseph N. Welch II
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
Amster Rothstein & Ebenstein	Holly Pekowsky, Max Vern
Cooley	Peter Willsey, Bobby Ghajar
Davis Wright Tremaine	G. Roxanne Elings
Dechert	Glenn A. Gundersen
DLA Piper	Ann K.Ford
Fenwick & West	Sally M. Abel, Jeffrey H. Greene
Fish & Richardson	Cynthia Johnson Walden, Keith A. Barritt
Greenberg Traurig	Susan L. Heller
Haynes and Boone	Purvi Patel Albers, Jeffrey M. Becker
Hogan Lovells	Raymond A. Kurz
Hunton Andrews Kurth	James E. Rosini
Ladas & Parry	Matthew Asbell, Dennis S. Prahl, Bharati Bakshani
Loeb & Loeb	Jonathan Zavin
McDermott Will & Emery	John J. Dabney
Merchant & Gould	Scott W, Johnston
Morgan Lewis	Michael J. Abernathy
Pirkey Barber	Louis Pirkey
Sughrue Mion	Gary Krugman
	RECOMMENDED
Abelman Frayne & Schwab	Lawrence E. Abelman
Alston & Bird	Nadya Sand
Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer	Robert W. Unikel
Barnes & Thornburg	Julia Spoor Gard
Dorsey & Whitney	Lee R. Osman
Duane Morris	Joseph A. Powers
Foley & Lardner	Mark Diliberti; Kay Schwartz
Katten Muchin Rosenman	Karen Artz Ash, Floyd Mandell
Leydig Voit & Mayer	David M. Airan
Perkins Coie	Grace Han Stanton



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1	Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton	Wab Kadaba, William H. Brewster, Theodore H. Davis Jr.
	Kirkland & Ellis	Dale M. Cendali, Christopher M. Lawless, Joshua L. Simmons, Gregory S. Arovas
	Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan	Robert Raskopf, Margret Caruso
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2	Cravath, Swaine & Moore	Evan R. Chesler, Richard W. Clary
	Cooley	Peter Willsey, Bobby Ghajar
	Cowan Liebowitz & Latman	Christopher J. Jensen
	Fitzpatrick Cella Harper & Scinto	Edmund J. Haughey, Steven E. Warner
	Hunton Andrews Kurth	James E. Rosini
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	Knobbe Martens Olson & Bear	Steven Nataupsky
	Morrison & Foerster	Michael R. Ward
	Norton Rose Fulbright	Timothy M. Kenny
	Pattishall, McAuliffe, Newbury, Hilliard & Geraldson	Jonathan S. Jennings
	Proskauer Rose	Brendan J. O'Rourke
	Sughrue Mion	Jody Haller Drake
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	Fish & Richardson	John B. Pegram
	Goodwin Procter	I. Neel Chatterjee

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Our analysis

KILPATRICK TOWNSEND & STOCKTON: RESULTS-ORIENTED COUNSEL FOR CORPORATIONS



William H. Brewster

Leaders: William H. Brewster, Anthony J. Malutta, Wab Kadaba and Theodore H. Davis Jr. Established: 1860 Track record: Obtained summary judgment and a permanent injunction against a computer company utilizing Apple's copyrighted operating system software on non-Apple devices. Represented a Fortune 500 company and major producer of chemicals, fibers and plastics, by providing a full range of intellectual property counseling and litigation services. Other clients include General Electric, Adidas and Motorola Mobility.

Team & differentiation: Co-chair of the firm's 80-lawyer trademark & copyright team, William H. Brewster has appeared across the country in jury and bench trials, handled dozens of preliminary injunction and summary judgment motions, and argued numerous appeals. Key offices include Atlanta, Denver, New York, Winston-Salem and Washington DC.

ARENT FOX: GLOBAL RECOGNITION



Ricardo Fischer

Leaders: Ricardo Fischer and Cristina Carvalho Established: 1942 Track record: A go-to resource for global names, Arent Fox is noted for its work in the media and entertainment industry, but it also has many clients in the technology, fashion and food sectors. Key client Mars is being assisted with portfolio management and other trademark matters in the Americas. Other key clients include Discovery Communications, Google/YouTube, HBO, Lacoste and Pixar.

Team & differentiation: With key offices in New York, Washington DC, and San Francisco, practice head Ricardo Fischer and Cristina Carvalho lead a team of 50+ legal professionals in the trademarks practice. The firm's US office is currently responsible for more than 11,900 active trademark applications and registrations.

JENNER & BLOCK: HIGH VALUE ACHIEVEMENTS



Craig Martin

Leaders: Craig Martin, Andrew Bart and Susan Kohlman Established: 1914 Track record: The litigation powerhouse of Jenner & Block is reputed for work in biotechnology, pharmaceuticals and many other industries. In 2016 Craig Martin successfully defended Duroc where a jury ruled that they did not infringe on a patent covering rotary cutters and that the patent was invalid. The firm iscurrently representing AOL in a cutting-edge claims case regarding the scope of trademark protection for domain names.

Team & differentiation: In 2018 Jenner is representing AOL in a case involving claims for trademark infringement and unfair competition regarding use of AOL's Advertising.com and Ad.com trademarks for an online display advertising network. The case involves cuttingedge issues regarding the scope of trademark protection for domain names.

FROSS ZELNICK: TRADEMARK & COPYRIGHT LEADER



Barbara Solomon

Leader: Barbara Solomon and Roger L. Zissu Established: 1969

METHODOLOGY

Track record: With an excellent track record advising global brands on litigation, commercial deals and anti-counterfeiting matters. The firm offers expertise in domain name registration and enforcement. Recently the firm worked for The Gap in successfully opposing a motion for a preliminary injunction by a competitor.

Team & differentiation: Partner Barbara Solomon, based at the New York boutique, has been a leading litigator in areas of trademark, trade dress, copyright and other areas. The firm is recommended for its US trademark prosecution expertise and has extensive experience protecting global brands. Ms. Solomon has handled several matters for the luxury goods company Chanel. She is also listed as a WIPO Neutral.



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1	Cooley	Barbara Kosacz, Ivor R. Elrifi, Robert L. Jones
	Covington & Burling	John A. Hurvitz, Emily I. Leonard, James C. Snipes
	Knobbe Martens Olson & Bear	Mark R. Benedict, Salima A. Merani
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2	Fish & Richardson	Jonathan Singer
	Latham & Watkins	Alan Mendelson
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	Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner	Charles E. Lipsey, Leslie A. McDonell, Sanya Sukduang
	Goodwin Procter	Kingsley Taft
	Kirkland & Ellis	Leora Ben-Ami
	Ropes & Gray	Steven A. Wilcox, Marc A. Rubenstein
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	Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati	Kenneth A. Clark
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	McDermott Will & Emery	Byron S. Kalogerou
	Morgan, Lewis & Bockius	Stephen Paul Mahinka
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	Pillsburry Winthrop Shaw Pittman	John R. Wetherell, Steven L. Meltzer
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	Reed Smith	Carol Colborn Loepere, Scott T. Hasselman
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	Cravath, Swaine & Moore	Evan R. Chesler
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Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman	Aaron M. Oser, Glenn S. Richards, Robert E. Zahler
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Kirkland & Ellis	Neil Hirshman, Gregg Kirchhoefer
Loeb & Loeb	Akiba Stern
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Weil, Gotshal & Manges	Jeffrey D. Osterman
WilmerHale	Steven D. Barrett, Belinda M. Juran
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Baker Botts	John W. Martin
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GIBSON DUNN: EXPERTISE IN COMPLEX TECH TRANSACTIONS



Leaders: Daniel Mummery, William Peters and Stephen D. Nordahl Established: 1872

Daniel Mummery

Track record: The strategic sourcing and commercial transactions practice group at Gibson Dunn works in areas such as IT, business processes and CRM, handling complex technology and commercial transactions in e-commerce, data protection and related fields. They recently handled DuPont's \$250 million outsourcing renegotiation of its IT systems with CSC. Other clients include Johnson & Johnson, Hyundai, Affinion, Credit Suisse.

Team & differentiation: Dan Mummery is co-chair of this practice group and is based at the firm's Palo Alto office in California. He specializes in complex on-shore, near-shore and off-shore information technology matters. His team is well-known for developing strategies and project plans tailored to individual clients, and delivering high-quality work time and again.





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	Ropes & Gray	Joseph M. Guiliano, Jesse Jenner, James Haley
	WilmerHale	Robert Gunther
2	Cooley	Michael Tuscan, Matthew E. Langer
	Polsinelli	Peter Thurlow, Patrick C. Woolley
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	Baker Botts	Robert Scheinfeld
	Greenberg Traurig	Alan N. Sutin
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	White & Case	Dimitrios T. Drivas
	RECOMMENDED	
	Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy	Errol Taylor
	Proskauer Rose	Joseph A. Capraro Jr.
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Leaders:

Brennan

1878

Established:



Samuel Borodach

Track record: With a commendable record in electronics and life sciences cases, Fish & Richardson maintains strong ties with the USPTO. They successfully defended Doctor's Associates, owners of Subway, from a patent infringement suit brought by DietGoal Innovations. Biomedical Enterprises, Honda Motor and Novozymes are amongst some of its clients. Team & differentiation: A real IP powerhouse, with 220+ patent attorneys and agents, boasting over 65 PhDs in relevant technical areas, Fish & Richardson uses specialized technology to guarantee efficient access to USPTO correspondence and clients' files from anywhere in the world. Principal Samuel Borodach specializes in in patent prosecution, strategic counseling and due diligence.

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	Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton	Barry M. Benjamin
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1	Cooley	Peter Willsey, Janet Cullum
	Cowan Liebowitz & Latman	Kieran G. Doyle
	Fish & Richardson	Kristen McCallion
	Foley & Lardner	Mark J. Diliberti
	McCarter & English	Timothy J. Kelly
2	Amster Rothstein & Ebenstein	Holly Pekowsky
	Ladas & Parry	Bharati Bakshani, Matthew Asbell
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	Davis Wright Tremaine	Alexandra Nicholson
	Greenberg Traurig	Masahiro Noda
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CRAVATH SWAINE & MOORE: TOP-NOTCH LITIGATORS WITH GREAT EXPERIENCE IN PATENT LITIGATION



Leaders: Evan Chesler, David Kappos, David Marriott and Keith Hummel Established: 1820

Track record: Cravath, Swaine & Moore is well known for its long-standing expertise in patent litigation, on top of its leading practice in corporate and financial fields. It recently represented Qualcomm in a patent litigation regarding wifi encryption technology and advised Medinol in a patent infringement action against Abbott Laboratories. Team & differentiation: The firm's New York team includes highly respected patent leader David Kappos, a former Under Secretary of Commerce and Director of the USPTO, as well as partner David Marriott, a redoutable litigator in both state and federal courts on dispute resolution cases.

David Marriott

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Debevoise & Plimpton	David H. Bernstein, Jeremy Feigelson
Hunton Andrews Kurth	James E. Rosini
Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton	Lisa Pearson, Joseph Petersen
Kirkland & Ellis	Dale Cendali, Claudia Ray
Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan	Robert L. Raskopf
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
Amster Rothstein & Ebenstein	Daniel S. Ebenstein, Max Vern
Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer	Paul C. Llewellyn, Louis S. Ederer
Cooley	Janet Cullum
Cravath Swaine & Moore	Darin McAtee, David Kappos
Fish & Richardson	R. David Hosp, Kristen McCallion
Jenner & Block	Andrew Bart, Susan Kohlmann
Ladas & Parry	Ralph H. Cathcart
Loeb & Loeb	Barry I. Slotnick
Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe	Peter D. Vogl, Lisa T. Simpson
Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler	Robert P. LoBue
Proskauer Rose	Brendan J. O'Rourke, Lawrence Weinstein
Weil, Gotshal & Manges	Randi W. Singer, R. Bruce Rich
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Cohen & Gresser	Karen H. Bromberg
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Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer	Paul C. Llewellyn
Covington & Burling	Nigel L. Howard
Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher	Stephen D. Nordahl
Greenberg Traurig	Alan N. Sutin, Scott J. Bornstein
Loeb & Loeb	Kenneth A. Adler
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Proskauer Rose	Jeffrey D. Neuburger
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Hogan Lovells	Eric J. Lobenfeld
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Fenwick & West	Rajiv P. Patel
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Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan	Charles K. Verhoeven, Claude M. Stern, Jennifer A. Kash
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Fish & Richardson	Kathi Vidal (Lutton), Juanita Brooks
Keker & Van Nest	Jeffrey R. Chanin, Robert A. Van Nest
2 Fenwick & West	Michael J. Sacksteder
Goodwin Procter	I. Neel Chatterjee
K&L Gates	Britt L. Anderson
Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton	Susan M. Spaeth
Kirkland & Ellis	Michael W. De Vries, Adam R. Alper
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Alston & Bird	Michael S. Conno
Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer	Ronald L. Johnston
Baker Botts	Bryant C. Boren, Jr.
Foley & Lardner	Shawn E. McDonald
Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher	Wayne Barsky
Knobbe Martens Olson & Bear	John Sganga, Joseph Re
Latham & Watkins	Douglas E. Lumish
Morgan Lewis & Bockuis	Richard de Bodo
Weil, Gotshal & Manges	Jared Bobrow, Edward Reines
WilmerHale	Mark D. Selwyn
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DLA Piper	John Allcock, Mark D. Fowler
Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner	Robert F. McCauley III
Jones Day	Anthony M. Isogna
Manatt, Phelps & Phillips	Robert Becker
McDermott Will & Emery	David Henry Dolkas
Perkins Coie	Amy E. Simpson
Ropes & Gray	James R. Batchelder
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IRELL & MANELLA: A FORMIDABLE LEADER IN PATENT LITIGATION



Leaders: Ellisen Turner, Morgan Chu, David Gindler and Benjamin Hattenbach Established: 1941

Ellisen Turner

Track record: Highly recommended by its clients for having a deep understanding of the statutes, Irell & Manella actively represents both plaintiffs and defendants. Mr. Chu recently represented B/E Aerospace in an IPR victory and also won a \$234m jury verdict for WARF. The firm's notable clients include Ariosa Diagnostics, Tessera, City of Hope, Columbia University, Genentech.

Team & differentiation: With a staff of 95 lawyers and 45 partners, Irell & Manella has offices in Los Angeles and Newport Beach. Alongside star litigator Morgan Chu, managing partner Andrei lancu represents clients across the technology spectrum, and Benjamin Hattenbach puts particular emphasis on the trial of patent infringement matters.



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	EXCELLENT
Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer	John C. Ulin
Fenwick & West	Sally M. Abel
irell & Manella	Ellisen Turner, David Nimmer
Keker & Van Nest	James R. Slaughter, Michael S. Kwun
Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton	Theodore H. Davis Jr.
Kirkland & Ellis	Diana Torres
Knobbe Martens Olson & Bear	John Sganga, Gregory B. Phillips
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
Durie Tangri	Michael Page
Manatt, Phelps & Phillips	Shari M. Wollman
Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp	Karin Pagnanelli
Morrison & Foerster	Jennifer Lee Taylor
Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan	Charles K. Verhoeven
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Fish & Richardson	Lisa Greenwald-Swire
Greenberg Traurig	Ian C. Ballon
Venable	Susan E. Hollander
Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati	Aaron D. Hendelman
Winston & Strawn	David P. Enzminger

COOLEY: WHERE INNOVATION MEETS LAW



Leaders: Anne H. Peck and John W. Crittenden Established: 1920

Anne H. Peck

Track record: Cooley continues to justify its reputation in the Valley with work highlights such as defending Global Personals, creator of an online dating platform. The firm puts significant emphasis on technology, life sciences and other high-growth industries, and represents major IT firms such as HTC, LinkedIn, Google and RedPad.

Team & differentiation: Headquartered in Palo Alto, Cooley has four offices total in California. Its IP practice chair Jim Brogan has served as lead trial counsel for various technology and life sciences companies, and Head of National and Bay Area IP Litigation practice, Thomas Friel, is a seasoned expert handling a wide range of IP disputes.

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Foley & Lardner	Michael R. Overly
Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher	Daniel R. Mummery
Keker & Van Nest	Robert Van Nest
Kirkland & Ellis	John Lynn
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Fenwick & West	David L. Hayes
Goodwin Procter	Karen A Spindler, Neel I. Chatterjee
Jones Day	Greg Lanier
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Weil Gotshal & Manges	John Brockland, Karen N. Ballack
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MORRISON & FOERSTER: ELITE INTERNATIONAL SERVICES IN IP TRANSACTIONS

Leader: Paul E. Jahn

Established:

1883



Paul E. Jahn

Track record: Much appreciated for providing stable and accurate IP counseling services, Morrison & Foerster is particularly active in advising electronic, semiconductor, software, and communication technology companies. Its clientele includes Celgene, Oracle America, Palo Alto Networks and Verizon Communications.

Team & differentiation: The firm was the first to have a specialist internal group to focus on investor-side IP due diligence and identify the legal issues surrounding life sciences and academia-originated technology. San Francisco-based partner Paul Jahn specializes in transactions involving the development, licensing, and transfer of complex technology and intellectual property.



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DN Capital	Nenad Marovac	_
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Piton Capital	Andrin Bachmann, Greg Lockwood	_
Point Nine Capital	Pawel Chudzinski, Christoph Janz	_
PrimeVentures	Sake Bosch	_
Rocket Internet	Oliver Samwer	_
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Sofinnova Partners	Antoine Papiernik, Denis Lucquin	
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Summit Partners	Matthias G. Allgaier	
Target Partners	Berthold von Freyberg	
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TVM Capital Life Science	Helmut M.Schuehsler	aders L
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Denk IP	Davy Wauters, Kris Hertoghe
Gevers	Francis Leyder
IP Lodge	Michaël A.T. Beck, William Bird
Kirkpatrick	Gérard Bloch
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Brantsandpatents	Johan Brants
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Cabinet Bede	Philippe Overath
Icosa Europa	Claire Verschelde
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Novagraaf	Ingrid Mennens		
EXCELLENT			
Arnold & Siedsna	Sandra Bouwens		
Pronovem	Nicole Desmet, Dominique Rifon, Marianne Stanislaus		
V.O.	Denys Bertels, Noëlle Wolfs		
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED		
Brantsandpatents	Christophe Bourgeois		
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NLO	Marlous Stal-Hilders		

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Leader: Gérard Bloch

Established: 1852

and Lidy-Anne Jeswiet-van Westenbrugge

Lidy-Anne Jeswiet-van Westenbrugge

Track record: Long-established in the Belgian market, Kirkpatrick is active in patents, trademarks, design, copyright and domain names, protecting, defending and monitoring the IP assets of its clients. From large international market leaders to innovative SMEs, the firm provides a tailor-made and multidisciplinary approach. Team & differentiation: Thanks to their scientific and legal expertise, Kirkpatrick's multilingual team handles a wide array of IP matters. Former head of Gevers trademarks department, Lidy-Anne Jeswiet – van Westenbrugge, joined the firm in 2017 as chief executive officer. For patent issues, clients can count on the experience and strategic vision of Gérard Bloch.

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PATENT LITIGATION

Belgium Best Law Firms

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Altius	LEADING Christophe Ronse
Bird & Bird	Jean-Christophe Troussel, Bruno Vandermeulen
Crowell & Moring	Kristof Roox
Hoyng Rokh Monegier	Carl De Meyer, Benoît Strowel, Liesebeth Weynants, Steven Cattoor
	EXCELLENT
Fieldfisher	Stijn Debaene
Janson Baugniet	Mireille Buydens
NautaDutilh	Philippe Peters, Florence Verhoestraete
Simont Braun	Eric De Gryse, Fernand de Visscher, Philippe Campolini
Stibbe	Ignace Vernimme
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
Allen & Overy	Geert Glas
Baker McKenzie	Koen De Winter
Linklaters	Pieter Van Den Broecke
LMBD Prioux	Louis Puts
Olswang	Michael Burdon
	RECOMMENDED
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DLA Piper	Nicolas Becker
Inteo	Sofie Cubitt, Kristof Neefs
Lexing	Alexandre Cruquenaire
Liedekerke Wolters Waelbroeck Kirkpatrick	Etienne Kairis
Praetica	Serge Dufrene, Dieter Geernaert
Van Bael & Bellis	Peter L'Ecluse
Van Innis & Delarue	Dieter Delarue

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Bird & Bird	Jean-Christophe Troussel, Benoit Van Asbroeck, Bruno Vandermeulen
CMS DeBacker	Tom Heremans, Reanud Dupont
Lydian	Annick Mottet Haugaard
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Simont Braun	Emmanuel Cornu, Eric De Gryse
Stibbe	Ignace Vernimme
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Cape IP	Veronique Pede, Patricia Cappuyns
Fieldfisher	Stijn Debaene
Janson Baugniet	Mireille Buydens
Koan	Christine De Keersmaeker
Liedekerke Wolters Waelbroeck Kirkpatrick	Etienne Kairis
Linklaters	Pieter Van Den Broecke
LMBD Prioux	Louis Puts
Monard Law	Daan De Jaeger
Van Innis & Delarue	Thierry Van Innis
	RECOMMENDED
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DALDEWOLF	Valentin De le Court
& De Bandt	Jeff Keustermans
Inteo	Sofie Cubitt, Kristof Neefs
Lexing	Alexandre Cruquenaire
Praetica	Serge Dufrene, Dieter Geernaert
Time.lex	Frederic Debusseré
Van Bael & Bellis	Peter L'Ecluse

LYDIAN: ACCOMPLISHED TRADEMARK LITIGATION TEAM



Leader: Annick Mottet Haugaard Established: 2001

Annick Mottet Haugaard

Track record: The IP team has outstanding experience on anti-counterfeiting issues, and offers clients strategic operational advice on these matters. Acting for a large variety of industries, the team is able to offer prestigious international and local clients tailor-made advice on a wide range of IP law. The team has experience in assisting clients before all judicial courts and arbitral tribunals in Belgium.

Team & differentiation: Annick Mottet Haugaard heads the IP department, working with a team of seven lawyers entirely focused on IP matters. She has solid experience in litigation and negotiation and is very active at the institutional level. Between 2010 and 2012 Annick Mottet was president of the European Communities Trade Mark Association (ECTA). For trademark and data protection matters Bastiaan Bruyndonckx is the key partner.



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BAKER MCKENZIE: PRAGMATIC AND EXPERIENCED IT LAWYERS



Leader: Daniel Fesler Established: 1957

Daniel Fesler

Track record: Baker McKenzie's IT, media and telecoms team combines a strong litigation culture with a technical and scientific background, advising major actors in the media, notably in relation to competition with public broadcasters on the Internet market, publicity and advertisement and press law. The team also focuses on data protection regulatory matters.

Team & differentiation: Thanks to his tenures as a former member of the French speaking High Audiovisual Council, former vice-chairman of the Federal Telecommunication Ethics Committee, and current deputy member of the Press Ethics Committee for the French-speaking community, Daniel Fesler is well placed to provide clients with practical solutions. Elisabeth Dehareng focuses on healthcare and finfech.



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	LEADING
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Morgan Stanley France	Jean Abergel, Enrique Pérez-Hernandez
	EXCELLENT
Bank of America Merrill Lynch	Stéphane Courbon, Antoine Lepagnot
BNP Paribas	Thierry Varène, Laurence Beghin, Jean-Baptiste Natali
DC Advisory	Éric Hamou
Goldman Sachs	Pierre Hudry
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Deutsche Bank	Emmanuel Hasbanian, Julien Fabre
Crédit Agricole CIB	Mathieu Gross
Crédit Suisse	Laurence Hainault
JP Morgan	Xavier Bindel
Natixis Partners	Bruno Stern, Patrick Maurel
Ohana & Co	Karine Ohana, Ariel Ohana
Perella Weinberg	Arnaud Dassy, Paulo Pereira
Qatalyst Partners	Jean Tardy-Joubert
Rothschild et Cie	Christophe Desprez
Société Générale	Team of partners
RECOMMENDED	
Barclays	Nicolas Paquet, Makram Azar
Citigroup Global Markets	Wilhelm Schulz
Nomura	Roy Kabla, Virginie Banet
Oddo Corporate Finance	Jean-François Delpech
UBS Investment Bank	Grégoire Haemmerlé

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TMT (SMALL & MID-CAP)

France Best Investment Banks

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	BANK	KEY LEADERS
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	Bryan, Garnier & Co	Thibaut de Smedt, Greg Revenu
	Transaction R (Rothschild)	Virginie Lazes
		EXCELLENT
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	Capitalmind	Michel Degryck, Jean-Arthur Datté, Ron Belt
	Drake Star Partners	Francis Lorentz, Lawrence Giesen
	Goetzpartners	Guillaume Piette
	Oaklins Aelios	Éric Félix-Faure, Thibaut de Monclin
2	Acetis Finance	Frédéric Bos, Julien Moréel
	Degroof Petercam	Damien Bachelot, Cyril Kammoun
	Deloitte Finance	Charles Bédier
		HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
	Adna Partners	Jacques Benhamou
	Axe Média	Olivier Faguer
	Banque Hottinguer	Arnaud Bochet
	Build up	Patrick Azzopardi
	Canaccord Genuity	Nadim Barouki
	CM-CIC Corporate Finance	Michaël Chicheportiche
	DDA & Company	Alexandre Odin
	Financière de Courcelles	Étienne Demailly
	Invest Corporate Finance	Ghislain de Murard
	KPMG	Mark Wyatt
	Nomura	Roy Kabla, Virginie Banet
	Oddo Corporate Finance	Jean-François Delpech
	Ondra Partners	David Gaillard, Éric Aouani
	Verdier & Co	Jean-Philippe Verdier, Kunal Sharma
	UBS Investment Bank	Grégoire Haemmerlé

BRYAN, GARNIER & CO: EXPANDING IN THE DACH REGION



Leaders: Greg Revenu and Thibault de Smedt Established: 1996

Greg Revenu

Track record: Bryan, Garnier & Co has built and maintained a leading position among Europe's mid-market financial advisors specializing in technology. The bank represented Restore during its €70 million acquisition by Centrica, as well as Finland's Canatu – helping it raise €12 million from Denso, Ascend Capital Partners and Faurecia. Team & differentiation: The team specializes in TMT, healthcare, smart industries, business services and consumer & retail. The firm recently teamed up with JMP Securities to form JMP Bryan Garnier, a joint platform offering European clients access to the US market and vice versa. The bank's latest objective is to enhance activities in the DACH region, having added talent to help achieve this.

HEALTH & PHARMA (LARGE CAP)

France Best Investment Banks

The banks are listed alphabetically within each band

BANK	KEY I FADERS
	LEADING
BNP Paribas	Christophe Moulin, Thierry Varène
Societe Generale	Team of managing directors
	EXCELLENT
Bank of America Merrill Lynch	Stéphane Courbon, Jean Rivière
Deutsche Bank Cib	Emmanuel Hasbanian
HSBC	Philippe Pontet
JP Morgan	Isabelle Seillier, Xavier Bindel
Lazard	Jean-Yves Helmer, Isabelle Xoual, Alexandra Soto
Morgan Stanley France	René Proglio, Jean-Baptiste Charlet
Rothschild & Cie	Cyrille Harfouche, Grégoire Chertok, Laurent Buiati
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
Crédit Agricole CIB	Bertrand Peyrelongue
Crédit Suisse	Valérie Landon, Andrea Bozzi
Goldman Sachs	Robin Rousseau
	RECOMMENDED
Barber Hauler Capital Advisers	Dominique Bazy, Pascal Hervé
Barclays Capital	Ghislain de Brondeau, Axel Malkomes
Blackstone	Gérard Errera
Bucéphale Finance	Jean-Marc Forneri, Luc Demarre
Citigroup Global Markets	Team of managing directors
Messier Maris & Associés	Erik Maris
Nomura	Jérôme Calvet
UBS Investment Bank France	Laurent Bouvier

HEALTH & PHARMA (SMALL & MID-CAP)

France Best Investment Banks

BANK	KEY LEADERS
	LEADING
Bryan, Garnier & Co	Hervé Ronin, Tina Dimitrova
Deloitte Finance	Charles Bédier, Yves Jarlaud
Natixis Partners	François Rivalland, Patrick Maurel
Transaction R (Rothschild)	Laurent Buiatti, Anthony Benichou
	EXCELLENT
CapitalMind	Michel Degryck, Nicolas Balon
Clearwater International	Philippe Croppi, Philippe Guézenec
Eumedix	Alain Lostis
Oddo BHF	Cédric Moreau
Potomac Capital Conseil	Sébastien Drouot
PwC	Noël Albertus, Gad Azuelos
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
AEC Partners	Lionel Delaporte
Banque Hottinguer	Philippe Bonhomme
Blue Partners Finance	Nicolas Elbaz
Canaccord Genuity	Nadim Barouki, Alexis de Rosnay, Olivier Dardel
CMC Consulting Group	Benjamin Chambon
Financiere De Courcelles	Olivier Matteoli
Invest Corporate Finance	Raphaël Rosselo
Lincoln International	François Rispoli
Quatuor	Gilles Ravel

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France Best Venture Capital Firms

FIRM	KEY LEADERS
Alven Capital	Charles Letourneur, Guillaume Aubin
Bpi France	Maïlys Ferrere
Idinvest Partners	Christophe Bavière, Benoist Grossmann
Partech International	
	Omri Benayoun, Philippe Collombel, Romain Lavault, Jean-Marc Patouillaud
Serena Capital	Philippe Hayat, Marc Fournier EXCELLENT
360° Capital Partners	Fausto Boni, François Tison, Emmanuele Levi
Ardian France	Laurent Foata, Alexis Saada
CM-CIC Innovation	Alain Benisty, Karine Lignel, Emilie Lidone
Demeter Partners	Olivier Dupont, Stéphane Villecroze, Bernard Maitre, Eric Marty, Laurent Bocahut
Elaia Partners	Philippe Gire, Xavier Lazarus, Marc Rougier
Eurazeo	Yann Hervé Durusquec
Iris Capital Management	Pierre de Fouquet, Antoine Garrigues, Erik de la Rivière
Newfund Management	Charles-Antoine Morand, François Véron, Patrick Malka
Omnes Capital	Michel de Lempdes
Seventure	Isabelle de Cremoux
Aster Capital Partners	Jean-Marc Bally
Cap Horn Invest	Damien Bourel, Laurent Dumas-Crouzillac, Guillaume Dupont, Hugues Joubert, Romain Vidal
Daphni	Marie Ekeland, Willy braun
Ufg Siparex	Olivier Pagezy, Cyril Bertrand, Andreas Gall, Nicolas Rose, Bernhard Schmid
Ventech	Alain Caffi, Jean Bourcereau, Claire Houry
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
123 Investment Managers	Xavier Anthonioz, AntonioGraca, Marc Guittet
Aloe PE	Jean-Pascal Tranié, Vivek Landon
Apicap	Jérôme Lescure, Alexandre Rossoz, Alain Esnault, Frédéric Ruppli
Cathay Capital	Edouard Moinet, Hervé Descazeaux, Denis Barrier, Jacky Abitbol, Lauchun Duan
Hi Inov	Valérie Gombart, Pierre-Henri Dentressangle
I-Source Gestion	Jean-Philippe Zoghbi, Nicolas Landrin, Nicolas Boulay
Kerala Venture	Antoine Freysz, Olivier Occelli, Marc Laurent
Truffle Capital	Bernard-Louis Roques, Patrick Kron
White Star Capital	Éric Martineau-Fortin, Christian Hernandez, Jean-François Marcoux
	RECOMMENDED
3T Capital	Daniel Caclin, Gilles Debuchy, Nicolas Tcherdakoff
A Plus Finance	Niels Court Payen, Frédéric Bayol, Fabrice Imbault
Alto Invest	Antoine Valdès
Auriga Partners	Jacques Chatain, Sébastien Descarpentries, Philippe Granger
Breega	Maximilien Bacot, Benoît Marrel, François Paulus
CEA Investissement	Régis Saleur
FSN Capital	Frederic Lebrun, Xavier Deleplace
Generis Capital Partners	Philippe Charquet, Thibaut de Roux
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Innovacom	Jérôme Faul, Jérôme Lecoeur



STRATEGY & MANAGEMENT OF INNOVATION

France Best Consulting Firms

The firms are listed alphabetically

FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS
	LEADING
Absiskey	François Chollet, Xavier Fabre, Grégoire de Tournemire
Actemiss	Maxence Dhellemmes
Alcimed	Géraldine Börtlein
Altran	Dominique Cerutti, William Rozé
Arttic	Christian Baumhauer
Auvalie	Frédéric Grévaud, Pierre Cléau
Ayming	Hervé Amar
BDO innovation	Michel Léger
Benkei	Luc Ragon
Bloomoon	Cyril Fresse
BT2i	Marc-Henri Ménard
Capital High tech	Florence Ghiron
Corteam	Christophe Bessin
D&Consultants	Dominique Carlach
Dynergie	Xavier Levesy
Efficience Marketing	Alain de Brisson
Efficient Innovation	Olivier Delaunay
Emoveo	Jérôme Carayol
Erdyn	Simon Creuchet
Exeis	Bertrand Marc
Exploiab	Daniel Jasmin, Jérôme Serre
Finovatis	Raphaël Terraz
GBA & Associes	Nicolas Galaud, Alexandre Arnon
In Extenso	Patricia Braun
Inno Group	Peter Heydebreck
Innovation Partagée	Mathieu Dupas
Innovative Business Partners	Paul Vincent, Marie-Luce Vantyghem
Katalyse	Jean-François Lécole
L-UP	Philippe Béllier
LGI Consulting	Vincent Chauvet
Mews Partners	Michel Maurino
Newton & Associés	Louis Veyret
Okoni	Brice Jehanno
Optimal Gestion	Yonathan Arfi
OPTinnove	Patrick Chanudet
Phenix Innovation	Toufik Lamèche
Quadr'Innov	Angéline Lunel, François Berthault, Laurent Besson, Alain Clément
Sinnrj	Antoine Jonchère, Matthieu Rolland
Stratinnov	François Loret, Iria Paris Suarez, Samar Ammar Khodja
Technopolis Group	Matthieu Lacave
Valmy Conseil	Rémi Durand
Weave	Didier Rousseau

BT2I: TECHNOLOGY INTELLIGENCE AT THE SERVICE OF INNOVATION PLAYERS



Leader: Marc-Henri Ménard Established: 2015

Marc-Henri Ménard

Track record: BT2i detects and analyses on behalf of clients the immergence of disruptive technologies. It evaluates any associated risks and transforms them into opportunities by putting clients in touch with the inventors of these game-changing technologies at an early stage. BT2i practices include materials & processes, eco-innovation, energies, IoT, biotech, health and nutrition.

Team & differentiation: The firm relies on a core of experienced consultants and around 100 other experts and senior advisors. In the last two years BT2i has successfully launched three TWatch™ technology intelligence programs which saw the participation of some 40 members. New IT Clubs are proposed, notably on industrial IoT and multi-material assemblies. RANKINGS /--

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PATENT PROSECUTION

France Best IP Firms

FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS
	LEADING
Beau de Lomenie	Pierre Balesta, Philippe Hubert, François Delumeau, Didier Intès, Pierre-Louis Désormière
Casalonga	G. Dossmann, A. Casalonga, O. Delprat, F. Zapalowicz, V. Martin-Charbonneau, V. Crest, JB. Lecoeur, J. Thon, G. Le Roy, Neugebauer
Plasseraud	É. Burbaud, A. Hassine, M. Chateau, R. Fleurance, F. Berogin, G. Cousin, B. Loisel, F. Niemann, C. Nargolwalla, D. Boulin- guiez, C. Touati, I. Schreiber
Regimbeau	J. Collin, C. Texier, B. Casadewall, M. Audren, E. Levy, JR. Callon de Lamarck, A. Bogard Boutaric, S. Célaire, F. Ahner, F. Faivre Petit
Santarelli	F. Lepelletier-Beaufond, L. Santarelli, H. Stankoff, G. de Trémiolles, T. Caen, B. Quantin
Cabinet Netter	Gabriel de Kernier, Jean-Yves Plaçais , Alexis Renard, Jérémie Palacci
Lavoix	Alain Colombet, Gérard Myon, Etienne Habasque, Bertrand Domenego, Philippe Blot
	EXCELLENT
Becker & Associés	Marion Chajmowicz, Valérie Gallois, Philippe Becker, Béatrice Tézier Herman, Anne-Caroline Starck-Loudes
Brevalex	Philippe Ahner, Éric Augarde, Philippe Audier, Pascal Moutard, Thomas Moisand
Egyp	Julia Andral-Ziurys, Carol Almond-Martin, Anne Desaix, Carole Sellin
Germain & Maureau	Nicolas Delorme, Philippe Verriest, Renaud Chevalier, Stéphane Agasse, Frédéric Gaillarde
lcosa	Caroline de Mareüil-Villette, Claire Verschelde
IP Trust	Pierre Breesé, Alain Kaiser
lpside	C. Cornuejols, JC. Hamann, C. Schmit, S. Deschamps, E. Fourcade, M. Majerowicz, D. Maupilier, G. Mortreux, A. Ribeiro Di
Ipsilon	Valérie Feray, Laurence Lenne, Valérie Godineau, Sylvie Hervouet-Malbec, Wilfried Peguet, Jean-Loup Laget
Marks & Clerk	E. Priori, JM. Bréda, I. Dudouit, A. Collet, S. Esselin, MP. Henriot, L. Lucas, G. Brunelli, C. Nguyen-Van-Yen
Novagraaf	Philippe Vigand
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
Bandpay & Greuter	Patrick Trabé, Aujain Eghbali, Renaud Fulconis
Boettcher	Bruno Lavialle, Audrey Decorchemont, Marie-Flore Ribeyron
Cabinet Chaillot	Denis Chaillot, Geneviève Chaillot, Julie Desrois, Nicolas Dufay
Cabinet Didier Martin	Jean-François Weber
Cabinet Flechner	Olivier Eidelsberg
Cabinet Tripoz	Inès Tripoz
Camus Lebkiri	Olivier Camus, Alexandre Lebkiri
Dejade & Biset Gevers	Xavier Demulsant Jean-Christophe Rolland, Boris Welzer, Bernard Hauer, Raymond Charguellon
GPI & Associés	Hervé Grünig, Laurent Pouillot
Hirsch & Associés	Marc-Roger Hirsch, Christophe Andral
Ixas Conseil	Martin P. Schmidt
Jacobacci & Coralis-Harle	Vincent Chauvin, Jean-Michel Le Bihan, Fabienne Orsini, Séverine Redon
LLR	Guillaume de la Bigne, Vincent Remy, Clémence Vallée-Thiollier, Emmanuel Potdevin
Lynde & Associés	Christian Riege, Pierre Kohler, Stéphane Lynde
Nony & Associés	François Tanty, Pascale le Coupanec
Pontet Allano	Claire Mouget Goniot, Nurhak Akdogan, Alain Kingolo, Olivier Legrand, Bernard Pontet, François Mundler
Vidon	Patrice Vidon, Ludovic Bioret
·	RECOMMENDED
Alternip	François-Xavier Regi
Argyma Be Leader Innovation	Raynald Bornier, Jean-Christophe Dordain, Guillaume Milcent Xavier Rataboul
Bringer IP	Mathieu Bringer
Cabinet Degret	Jacques Degret
Cabinet Marconnet	Sébastien Marconnet
Cabinet Moutard	Xavier Mazabraud
Ex Materia	Christophe Leveille, Rodolphe Guyon
Hautier	Nicolas Hautier, Jean-Pascal Decobert
Innovincia	Thomas Croonenbroek
Jurispatent Cabinet Guiu	Claude Guiu
Laurent & Charras	Anne Buchet
Lexando Caracteq Louis Petit	Sophie Delaveau Panhaäl Louiset
Louis Petit Malemont	Raphaël Louiset Frank Sauvestre
Novaimo	Denis Aivazian
Oak & Fox	Julien Pichon
Strato Ip	Julien Sayettat
Touroude & Associates	Magali Touroude
IUUIUUUG & ASSULIAIGS	Michel Thinat, Helmut Berger, Hartmut Bergemann



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IPSIDE: EIGHTY IP SPECIALISTS IN EIGHT LOCAL AGENCIES



Christophe Cornuejols

Leader: Christophe Cornuejols Established: 1982 Track record: On behalf of 8,000 clients (startups, SMEs, large groups and research institutes), the firm acts in all fields of intellectual property, from trademark and patent registration to litigation. In aeronautics, telecommunications and software, the team's historical expertise enables them to attract major patent applicants.

Team & differentiation: With flat-rate pricing, the firm works in perfect transparency to create a climate of trust with clients. The team at lpside Avocats, composed of four intellectual property specialists, participates in the global support offered to innovators. The subsidiaries in China and the United States, as well as the consulting platform put online by the firm, underline the ambition of these complete professionals.

IXAS CONSEIL: STRATEGIC APPROACH TO IP



Martin Schmidt

Leader: Martin Schmidt Established: 1989

Track record: The firm assists, represents and advises over 200 clients in France and abroad, notably in Germany, the United States and in the United Arab Emirates. Highlights in the past twelve months include supporting a client in a patent application relating to technology transfer in China. Experts in patents, the firm are also very active in trademark matters.

Team & differentiation: Ixas Conseil pride themselves on providing peerless service, always taking care to give clients pragmatic and personalized advice. Martin Schmidt, also a Patentanwalt (industrial property counsel in Germany) attached to the DPMA (the German patent and trademark office) gives Ixas Conseil a strong foothold on the other side of the Rhine.

GPI & ASSOCIÉS: Full service ip with international reach



Hervé J-P. Grünig

Leader: Hervé J-P. Grünig and Laurent Pouillot Established: 2000 Track record: The firm advises clients from the aeronautical, publishing, engineering, IT and wine sectors in the management, strategy, filing and enhancement of their patents and trademarks. The team also handles disputes or litigation in all niches of intellectual property.

Team & differentiation: Long established in France, Spain and Germany, the firm is able to respond to international requests and represent its clients before local offices. The team also collaborates with lawyers who combine perfect technical understanding of the cases with judicial practice.

ICOSA: Encouraging clients to push their limits



Caroline de Mareüil-Villette

Leader: Caroline de Mareüil-Villette Established: 2009 Track record: Pharmaceutical chemistry, polymers and innovative materials are at the heart of the firm's practice. The Medtech division specializes in the protection of medical devices. On all these specialties, the firm is involved in the drafting and filing of patents, but also in trademarks and all valuation issues.

Team & differentiation: The firm shines thanks to its academic excellence and its clear understanding of the issues related to the business development of its clients. Composed of doctors in biology and chemistry, the team has a strategic and economic vision which creates value through immaterial assets. Litigation and regulatory risks are never lost sight of when drafting patents.

HIRSCH & ASSOCIÉS: A STRIKE FORCE DEDICATED TO IP



Marc-Roger Hirsch

Leaders: Marc-Roger Hirsch and Christophe Andral Established: 1968 Track record: The firm assists and represents its clients in the intellectual property sector. Involved in portfolio management and litigation the team, specialists in mechanical and electronic issues, is also experienced in chemistry and life sciences and puts its expertise at the service of defending patents, trademarks and designs for a large clientele.

Team & differentiation: This year, Marc-Roger Hirsch is celebrating half a century working in the world of intellectual property, where he is one of the best-known and most highly regarded players. With a strong international presence, particularly in China, the firm is innovative in adapting and responding to the most complex issues.

CABINET TRIPOZ: Helping Young Companies Flourish



Inès Tripoz

Leader: Inès Tripoz Established: 2009

Track record: Beyond their expertise in patent and trademark matters, the team, led by Inès Tripoz, has developed niche expertise representing companies in IP litigation. Specializing in chemistry, pharmaceuticals, biology and cosmetics, the firm provides comprehensive audits to better protect the strategic intangible assets of clients.

Team & differentiation: A law firm on a human scale, Cabinet Tripoz is a life-sciences expert that provides the same level of detailed and rapid service on each and every case taken. Based in the Confluence business district of Lyon, the firm's intellectual property experts are known for representing startups.

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TRADEMARK PROSECUTION

France Best IP Firms

FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS
	LEADING
Beau de Lomenie	Aurélia Marie
Germain & Maureau	Bertrand Geoffray, Julien Fialletout, William Lobelson, Hugues Pouzet, Isabelle Hegedus
Novagraaf	Olivier Boland, Bérengère Egasse-Michaille, Anne-Catherine Schihin, Pierre de Boisse, Carole Roger
Plasseraud	Patrick Boyle, Isabelle Meunier-Coeur, Guylène Kiesel Le Cosquer, Bérénice Dejardins
Regimbeau	Evelyne Roux, Olivier Prats, Isabelle Thill, Martine Bloch-Weill, Marc Levieils
Santarelli	Éric Le Bihan, Hélène Le Cornu, Nathalie Rey, Sophie Marc
Tmark	François Deschamps, Valérie Dorey, Olivier Thrierr, Nadine Royer, Nicolas Debaisieux
	EXCELLENT
@Mark	Christophe Degrave, Jean-Marie Algoud, Gilbert Piat
Casalonga	Axel Casalonga, Marie Pusel
Dreyfus & Associés	Nathalie Dreyfus, Emmanuel Harrar
Egyp	Benjamin Fontaine, Virginie Zancan, Martine Dehaut, Christophe Pelèse, Nathalie Pacaud
Inlex IP Expertise	Franck Soutoul, Éric Schahl
Lambert & Associés	Pascale Lambert, Stève Félix
Lavoix	Philippe Lods, David Millet, Béatrice Daubin
Lynde & Associés	Stéphane Lynde, Jean-Michel Flu, Antoine Heckel
Markplus International	Hervé Grünig, Caroline Geffroy-Redon
•	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
Ab Initio	
Cabinet Netter	Jean-Yves Plaçais, Gabriel de Kernier, Emilie Grangiens
Camus Lebkiri	Aurore Simon Druon, Olivier Camus, Alexandre Lebkiri
Desbarres & Staeffen	Thierry Desbarres, Julien Delucenay, Véronique Staeffen
Hirsch & Associes	Christophe Andral
Inscripta	Manuel Roche, Agnès Doven
pside	Guillaume Mortreux
psilon	Florence Briec-Le Goas, Valérie Godineau, Jean-Loup Laget, Marion Vidal-Lachaud
LLR	Gilles Escudier, Kristell Erout
Partenaires Pl	Gaëlle Loinger-Benamran, Mélissa Cassanet, Malaurie Pantalacci
Vidon	Soazig Thémoin, Patrice Vidon
Vidon	RECOMMENDED
Aréopage	Isabelle Poujade-Auriol, Florence Jalabert
Argymark	Céline Pires
Boettcher	Stéphane Lemaire
Brandon IP	Anne Lévy
Brevalex	Jean-Baptiste Duranton
Cabinet Chaillot	Geneviève Chaillot, Julie Desrois, Nicolas Dufay, Denis Chaillot
Cabinet Degret	Bruno Raibaut, Manuel Degret, Jacques Degret, Magali Clair-Mouly
Cabinet Flechner	David Bilguey
Cabinet Gevers	Ingrid Corviole-Parent, Nathalie Rousset, Élisabeth Fossot, Marine Beacco
Cormier Reiss & Associés	Françoise Cormier
Cabinet Hautier	Jean-Philippe Decobert, Nicolas Hautier
Jacobacci & Coralis-Harle	Vincent Chauvin, Fabienne Orsini, Séverine Redon
	Jacques Vigneron, Michèle Dietrich-Schnell, Olivier Girard, Laurent Nuss, Marie Lüttge, Damien Quelier
Nuss Strato Ip	Sébastien Hautière, Amith Mudun
Weinstein	Dominique François, Christian Frick
AtlantIP	Axel Doucerain
Avoxa	Benoît Lebreton
Brandstorming	Valérie Dellinger
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	Leonard Pirastru
Bringer IP	Leonard Pirastru
Bringer IP Cabinet Beaumont	Laurent Thibon
Bringer IP Cabinet Beaumont Cabinet Didier Martin	Laurent Thibon Manon Laurent
Bringer IP Cabinet Beaumont Cabinet Didier Martin Cabinet Rito	Laurent Thibon Manon Laurent Stéphanie Rito
Bringer IP Cabinet Beaumont Cabinet Didier Martin Cabinet Rito Ixas Conseil	Laurent Thibon Manon Laurent Stéphanie Rito Martin P. Schmidt, Vanessa Darbouret
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TMARK: LONG STANDING REPUTATION IN TRADEMARKS



François Deschamps

Leader: François Deschamps Established: 1993 Track record: Tmark actively protect clients' rights in all IP-related matters, both at national and international level. Well-balanced between administrative and contentious work, it has a strong focus on trademarks. Motorcycle helmet brand Ruby recently trusted the firm to defend its interests in a high-level litigation which spanned several countries. The city of Laguiole in France is one of numerous longstanding clients.

Team & differentiation: This 26-person firm puts its clients at the center, no matter their size or sector of activity, and strives to provide reactivity and fair billing. Proximity remains a primary condition for Tmark to build tailor-made relationships. Nicolas Debaisieux was promoted at the beginning of 2017, becoming the firm's fifth partner.

LAMBERT & ASSOCIÉS: Growing Clientele, expansive network



Pascale Lambert

Leaders: Pascale Lambert and Stève Felix Established: 1985

Track record: Lambert & Associés notably assist French or international federations from the sports, luxury, fashion, e-commerce and pharmaceutical sectors with their trademark and patent strategies. Originally recognized for its expertise in trademark law, the firm often intervenes as counsel in pre-litigation and litigation phases.

Team & differentiation: When the IP rights of its clients have to be protected or litigated abroad, Lambert & Associés can count on its extensive network of experts on the ground. In France, in addition to the Paris office, there are offices in Le Mans and Perpignan. Recognized for his high-value advice, Stève Felix is co-president of the international relations commission of the CNCPI (French Patent and Trademark Attorneys Institute).

INSCRIPTA: A PRIVILEGED PARTNER



Agnès Doyen

Leaders: Manuel Roche and Agnès Doyen Established: 2012 Track record: Inscripta has defended companies attacked for model counterfeiting and unfair competition in the field of waste storage and assisted a pharmaceutical company in its global trademark protection and filing strategy. It also recently brought a trademark invalidity action before the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO).

Team & differentiation: Inscripta acts on behalf of its clients in the exploitation, enhancement and defense of all their IP rights, with a patent litigation activity in constant growth. Thanks to its strong network of external experts, Inscripta is skilled in areas ranging from domain names and patents to financial valuations of intangible assets and is a privileged partner for clients.

IPSILON: Dedicated, responsive and capable



Valérie Feray

Leader: Valérie Feray Established: 2001 Track record: Ipsilon is an IP boutique firm of highly qualified patent and trademark attorneys, specializing in filling, prosecution, maintenance and defense of all IP rights, including patents, trademarks, designs and domain names. The firm assists its clients at all stages of development in the protection of their innovations, creations and trademarks and advises them on their strategy.

Team & differentiation: Ipsilon is a true partner for clients, combining strategic know-how, legal and technical skills and quick adaptability in client-centered missions: from managing patents and trademarks to working out and implementing strategies. Their teams of experts in Europe and in the USA are determined to provide high value-added expertise.

PARTENAIRES PI: Marquee Hire in Jean-Charles Nicollet



Gaëlle Loinger-Benamran

Leaders: Gaëlle Loinger-Benamran, Mélissa Cassanet and Malaurie Pantalacci Established: 2006 Track record: Partenaires PI successfully advises, assists and represents its clients in obtaining, maintaining, defending and enhancing their industrial property rights in France and abroad. The firm recently conducted a complete portfolio valuation of a major company's intellectual property rights. It has also won many new clients this year, including a prestigious publishing house.

Team & differentiation: Partenaires PI directly assists and represent clients before INPI, WIPO and OHIM, and benefits from a privileged worldwide network of peers, lawyers, and engineers selected according to criteria of quality, reliability and responsiveness. The firm recently brought onboard Jean-Charles Nicollet, a highly regarded senior intellectual property counsel.

METHODOLOGY

- The criteria are:
- Recognition & reputation of the firm in its market
- Team size: seniority, education & training level of partners, associates and counsel.
- Prestige, diversity and internationalization of the firm's client base
- Team expansion and revenue generated by the activity considered in the ranking

In the course of our research, we gather detailed information from diverse sources:

Law firms: through questionnaires and interviews, our team gets first-hand information about a firm's history, positioning, expertise and recent activity.

Clients: we solicit the feedback of several thousand General Counsel, IP Directors, Patents and Trademarks Counsel of domestic and multinational companies through anonymous questionnaires, meetings and phone interviews.

Qualified third-parties: we collect the opinion of professionals who are neither clients nor competitors, such as: investment bankers, accountants, arbitrators, expert witnesses.

Peer-review: We ask lawyers for their feedback on their local market and who they recommend when facing a conflict of interest. We also collect their opinion on lawyers they have worked with in other jurisdictions.

RANKINGS /-



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HOYNG ROKH MONEGIER VÉRON: At the confluence of law and technology



Sabine Agé

Leaders: Sophie Micallef, Denis Monégier du Sorbier, Benoît Strowel, Sabine Agé, Amandine Métier and Florence Jacquand Established: 2001 Track record: Véron & Associés, which focuses exclusively on patent litigation, has recently merged with Hoyng Rokh Monegier. Together, they will form an eminent team in intellectual property. The firm recently distinguished itself in a technical and ethical case concerning Gilead's HIV medication, whose proprietary rights were about to expire and were coveted by generic brands.

Team & differentiation: The team creates animation and film to make the scientific intricacies of the patents it is defending as accessible as possible for those in the courtroom. In addition, the presence of a scientific advisor, a former physics and chemistry professor, also contributes to a better understanding of their technical properties.

BARDEHLE PAGENBERG: Marriage of Law and technology in the service of IP



Julien Fréneaux

Leader: Julien Fréneaux Established: 1992

Track record: Bardehle Pagenberg supports large companies such as H&M, BMW and the French telecoms operator Free. The firm acts on all legal services in industrial property and litigation, and advises its clients on patent litigation as well as trademark, design and model issues. Also active in the electronics, telecom, mechanical and pharmaceutical sectors.

Team & differentiation: The team has strengthened of late with a new partner and a new associate to better cover the entire IP spectrum. It recently moved into a much larger office to take advantage of its ambition and dynamism. This year, Bardehle Pagenberg also celebrates 40 years of activity in Germany, and 25 years of its French office.

BIRD & BIRD: Skills adapted to all ip issues



Anne-Charlotte Le Bihan

Leaders: Anne-Charlotte Le Bihan, Yves Bizollon and Géraldine Arbant Established: 2000 Track record: Beyond the strategic litigation on which Bird & Bird's intellectual property team is positioned, the filing and management of trademark portfolios as well as the enhancement of patents are major activities for the firm. At the service of major groups in the food industry, technologies or pharmaceuticals, but also SMEs and ETIs, these lawyers bring their unique experience to bear.

Team & differentiation: Split between Paris and Lyon, this IP department is one of the most extensive on the market. Proven representing a leader in digital video technologies, the team is able to conceive and lead offensive litigation strategies to generate significant revenue for clients. Whether intervening for plaintiff or defendant, the formidable intellectual ability of these specialists is a major asset for clients.

LINKLATERS: HIGH TECHNICALITY NOURISHED BY A WORLDWIDE NETWORK



Pauline Debré

Leader: Pauline Debré Established: 1973 Track record: The team is a reference point in French and Parisian patent litigation. Accompanying giants in the pharmaceutical sector, the firm also has highlights in trademark law, notably alongside the Merck laboratory. In personal data, these lawyers help major accounts and mid-cap companies to successfully comply with new European regulation in this area.

Team & differentiation: Pauline Debré, President of the patent commission of the International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property (AIPPI), benefits from excellent knowledge of case law and awareness of key trends in the sector, while Sonia Cissé is a specialist in IT contracts and audits of site and mobile applications and oversees the new technologies law practice.

LOYER & ABELLO: PAIRING LEGAL AND SCIENTIFIC EXPERTISE



Michel Abello

Leader: Michel Abello Established: 2003

Track record: The firm provides advice on patent and trademark registration and litigation for clients drawn in the main from the energy, telecoms, engineering and pharmaco-medical sectors. Among their many recent highlights was securing the annulment of four distinct patents on behalf of Swiss group Felco in a case taken against rival French firm Pellenc.

Team & differentiation: Led by Michel Abello, a graduate of Paris' prestigious Ecole Centrale and a former ICC lawyer, the team aligns legal and technical expertise, insisting its lawyers and technicians working in synergy. Staff collaborate on cases, whether a patent or a trademark matter, in harmony with members of a network of independent European lawyers, which the firm established.

AMAR GOUSSU SSTAUB: In Depth expertise in Frand Terms



Cyrille Amar

Leader: Cyrille Amar Established: 2017 Track record: Amar Goussu Staub is wellknown for its litigation practice in patent, trademark, design, software, copyright law, and is increasingly active counseling in the cybersecurity, telecoms and software licenses domains. The firm also provides in-depth expertise in FRAND terms, and recently pleaded before the Paris District Court in the context of an action for infringement of a European patent.

Team & differentiation: Cyrille Amar and his teams work with French and foreign clients, including major international groups, in cases where the stakes are often strategic and cross-border. With a head office in Paris, the firm also benefits from a desk in Lyon and a qualified network of experts around the globe.

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France Best Law Firms

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Our analysis

ESCANDE: EXPERIENCE IN THE SERVICE OF EXCELLENCE



Michel-Paul Escande

Leader: Michel-Paul Escande Established: 1971 Track record: The firm notably assists clientele in the luxury, automotive, agri-food, insurance and publishing sectors, in their trademark and design matters. Escande is also very active in patent litigation, patronymic names and parasitism cases. A well-known automotive manufacturer and a world-famous wine appellation are just a couple of the long-standing clients the firm has.

Team & differentiation: The expertise of Ghyslaine Rajot, former director of the trademark division at France's National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI), allows the firm to autonomously handle both national and international portfolios. The firm has a solid practice in arbitration and mediation, and partners with a firm in Brussels.

DE GAULLE FLEURANCE & ASSOCIÉS: Assisting companies deploy cutting edge tech



Louis de Gaulle

Leader: Louis de Gaulle Established: 2001

Track record: Specialists in intellectual property in some of the most advanced sectors of modern technology, the firm takes care of the needs of prestigious clients, including Microsoft, Alstom, and French TV station TF1, in litigation and in the negotiation of contracts. The firm's sizeable team advise top-drawer clientele on their data management, cybersecurity and trademark prosecution matters.

Team & differentiation: Because of their first-hand business experience, the firm's lawyers implicitly understand the needs of clients and can anticipate where they may have problems. Contributors to the public dialogue with representative bodies such France's national digital council and France IA working group, the firm is able to stay ahead of the curve in order to give clients the best possible representation in high stakes situations.

GILBEY LEGAL: Multi-sector specialization



Richard Gilbey

Leader: Richard Gilbey Established: 1992

Track record: Gilbey Legal works with French and foreign clients, including SMEs and multinational companies in the pharmaceutical, tobacco, alcohol, telecommunication, agrifood, cosmetics, ready-to-wear and luxury sectors. Its portfolio also includes a growing number of notable players in social networks, and a global online apartment rental company.

Team & differentiation: The firm is well-known for providing the full spectrum of trademark, design, copyright, unfair competition and domain name services with a high level of quality at reasonable cost. With three partners, one counsel and one associate, the boutique draws on the experience of its founder Richard Gilbey, a regularly speaker at INTA and PTMG and a teacher at the CEIPI (Strasbourg, France).

CANDÉ BLANCHARD DUCAMP: Relentless in the fight against counterfeiting



Patrice de Candé

Leader: Patrice de Candé Established: 2002 Track record: Candé Blanchard Ducamp continues to defend intellectual property rights-holders in major litigations, in designs and models, but also in trademarks and patents. The team's advisory activity is growing, particularly during pre-litigation negotiations or the drafting of key contracts. Expert in the luxury sector, the firm also intervenes for distribution or IT players.

Team & differentiation: High-flying French outfit with reasonable fees, the firm has built bonds of confidence with the customs and some judicial services qualified to protect intellectual property rights. Patrice de Candé is a leading light in design law, as his considerable literary and scientific production on the subject year after year proves.

SCAN AVOCATS: INNOVATION IN THE DEFENSE OF INTANGIBLE ASSETS



Sandra Cabanne

Leaders: Sandra Cabanne and Alexandre Nappey Established: 2017 Track record: In sectors like luxury, insurance, transportation, agri-food and real estate, the team adapts to the issues of its clientele, made up of major accounts, SMEs and startups. This IP boutique handles trademark portfolio management, pre-litigation, contract negotiation and litigation before civil and criminal courts.

Team & differentiation: Already partners in their previous firm, Sandra Cabanne and Alexandre Nappey decided to establish one of their own in 2017 to give substance to their shared vision of the profession, beyond the conventional. Technical excellence is a prerequisite for these professionals who are as transparent as they are available to clients. Satellite offices in Bordeaux and Strasbourg provide the firm with a local base.

BISMUTH: Top-Notch expertise



Yves Bismuth

Leaders: Yves Bismuth and Mathieu Martin Established: 1971 Track record: Bismuth has top-notch expertise in IP, IT and telecommunications matter with a high level of efficiency in negotiating and drafting internet-related contracts for private and public entities. It has successfully led a patent related mediation before the CMAP (Paris mediation & arbitration center) and recently assisted a client in its trademark opposition against a well-known legal solutions publisher.

Team & differentiation: In existence for over 40 years, Bismuth can count on the abilities and complementarity of its lawyers to guarantee excellent results at national, European and global level. The firm's international reach is secure thanks to partnerships all around the world: in the US, Africa, Europe and Asia.



Our analysis

LAUDE ESQUIER CHAMPEY: Armed with technical expertise and high standards



Leader: Sophie Havard Duclos Established: 2008

Track record: Whether it be for renowned energy companies, mobile application giants or spirits groups, the firm is creative in handling disputes with high trademark stakes. In consulting, it distinguishes itself in the negotiation of contracts relating to intellectual property rights. In the field of new technologies, the firm's lawyers deal with questions of hosting liability or defamation.

Team & differentiation: Thanks to a secure cloud hosted on an internal server, each of the firm's clients benefit from permanent access to their files. Sophie Havard Duclos, very active within the international French-speaking association Apram, constantly sharpens her knowledge of French and European law to better serve her clients. With her human-size team, she oversees all matters handled by the firm.

VALÉRIE PERRICHON AVOCATS: Global Vision of the IP spectrum



Valérie Perrichon

Leader: Valérie Perrichon Established: 1992

Track record: Valérie Perrichon Avocats advises important international and French groups, including a growing number of American companies. Nestlé, HOM and Parrot are longstanding clients of the firm. The boutique stood out advising a client specialized in agri-food during a complex trademark litigation, also when successfully dealing with a copyright file for a client in the luxury sector.

Team & differentiation: The team represents clients at every stage of the protection of their IP rights, with a strong proficiency in trademark and design. This year has been of strategic importance for Valérie Perrichon Avocats, which teamed up with the lawyers, engineers and consultants of Alatis.

MARCHAIS & ASSOCIÉS: Hybrid firm dedicated to IP



Guillaume Marchais

Leader: Guillaume Marchais Established: 2001 Track record: Made up of former counsel in industrial property, this human-scale firm is as skilled in matters of trademark registration and portfolio management as it is in litigation. The arrival of Philippe Martini-Berthon as partner has boosted the development of activities of the firm in the areas of pharma, fashion and wine sectors. The firm has also strengthened in terms of patents and domain names.

Team & differentiation: Providing advice and litigation expertise, the firm's lawyers actively develop their versatility. A true IP boutique, it maintains close relationships with clients by going into intricate detail when making strategic decisions. An expert in wine law, Guillaume Marchais has made a name for himself in the world of viticulture.

EBL LEXINGTON: SUCCESS AS A CREDO



Laurent Lévy

Leader: Laurent Lévy Established: 2012 Track record: EBL Lexington IP firm is recognized for its expertise in the field of trademark, domain names and particularly for its strong focus on anti-counterfeiting legal issues. Supporting its French and international clients, which include big names in the sport, media, luxury and technology industry, but also dynamic startups, the team provide a tailor-made advice both as counsel and litigators.

Team & differentiation: Combining distribution and intellectual property law, founding partner Laurent Lévy, dispenses unique advice throughout all stages of a client's development. Laurent is an active member of INTA and APRAM, the French association of trademark and design law practitioners. The firm is part of the Warwick Legal Network with a presence in 29 countries covering Europe, India, the USA, Brazil and Argentina.



METHODOLOGY

In the course of our research, we gather detailed information from diverse sources:

Law firms: through questionnaires and interviews, our team gets first-hand information about a firm's history, positioning, expertise and recent activity.

Clients: we solicit the feedback of several thousand General Counsel, IP Directors, Patents and Trademarks Counsel of domestic and multinational companies through anonymous questionnaires, meetings and phone interviews.

Qualified third-parties: we collect the opinion of professionals who are neither clients nor competitors, such as: Innovation consultants, Venture Capital funds, Academics, IP Valuation Firms, etc.

Criteria:

- Recognition & reputation of the firm in its market
- Team Size: seniority, education & training level of partners, associates and counsel
- Volume, nature and quality of the cases handled by the firm
- Prestige, diversity and internationalization of the firm's client base
- Team expansion and revenue generated by the activity considered in the ranking



DATA PROTECTION

France Best Law Firms

FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS
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Alain Bensoussan Avocats	Alain Bensoussan
August Debouzy	Florence Chafiol
Baker McKenzie	Yann Padova, Christian Blomet, Laurent Szuskin, Rémy Bricard, Nathalie Marchand, Magalie Dansac Le Clerc
Bird & Bird	Ariane Mole, Merav Griguer
DLA Piper	Denise Lebeau-Marianna
Hogan Lovells	David Taylor, Winston Maxwell
Staub & Associés	Sylvain Staub, Thomas Beaugrand, Dominique Isel, Antoine Gravereaux
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De Gaulle Fleurance & Associés Derriennic Associés	Jean-Marie Job, Louis de Gaulle, Georgie Courtois, Cécile Théard, Jean-François Vilotte
Derriennic Associes DS Avocats	François-Pierre Lani, Alexandre Fievée, Aude Gérard Bertrand Potot
EY Société D'Avocats	Fabrice Naftalski, Sophie Revol
Feral-Schuhl Sainte-Marie	Christiane Féral-Schuhl, Étienne Papin
Haas Avocats	Gérard Haas
Harlay Avocats	Fabrice Perbost, Sabine Lipovetsky
K&L Gates	Étienne Drouard
Latham & Watkins	Myria Saarinen
Osborne Clarke	Claire Bouchenard, Béatrice Delmas-Linel, Lise Breteau, Xavier Pican
PDGB Avocats	Hélène Lebon
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
Adsto	Claire Bernier
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BIRD & BIRD: Leading-Edge Legal and Technical Expertise



Stéphane Leriche

Leaders: S. Leriche, A. Vuchot, A. Mole, M. Griguer, C-R Joly, M. Barbier, G. Arbant and M. Matas Established: 2000 Track record: Contract negotiation and IT litigation occupy pride of place at the firm. The firm assists multinationals in their compliance with the GDPR in dozens of countries. Binding corporate rules (BCR) files and other certified courses for data protection officers are also at the heart of this leading team's activity.

Team & differentiation: Cathie-Rosalie Joly offers the firm's clients first-rate legal expertise to accompany the emergence of cutting-edge technologies: blockchain, smart contracts and cloud computing among others. Immersed in the world of fintech, this specialist intervenes on regulatory and contractual issues.

CONSTANTIN PAVLEAS AVOCATS: Attentive to the client's every need



Constantin Pavleas

Leader: Constantin Pavleas Established: 2001 Track record: The firm handles the negotiation of all types of major contracts, such as licensing, partnerships and consortium, for high-tech industrials or software developers. Regularly consulted during M&A operations for due diligence in valuation of new technologies from the investor's perspective, which they recently conducted during both the acquisition of a Finnish startup and a Californian company.

Team & differentiation: Aware that the new EU data protection regulations are a major issue for company leaders, the firm organizes numerous conferences on the subject, remaining attentive to their needs. Constantin Pavleas Avocats recently welcomed Sophie Delcroix to strengthen the internet law, industrial property and commercial contracts practices.

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THE SPECIALIST IN IT CONTRACTS AND DATA MANAGEMENT



Gilles Rouvier

Leader: Gilles Rouvier Established: 2006 Track record: The team is experiencing strong growth thanks to its two core activities: IT contracts and consulting. In addition to drafting and negotiating sophisticated clauses, the firm is involved in GDPR compliance audits. The software and data issues are closely linked to the practice of these lawyers, including in due diligence audits conducted for targeted acquisitions.

Team & differentiation: Vice-President of French association Cyberlex, Gilles Rouvier has built a solid reputation alongside fintechs and major distribution groups. During license regularization audits conducted by major software publishers, he creates the optimum environment and realigns the power balance thanks to his fifteen years of experience in this field.

JACOB AVOCATS: LAWYERS AND DATA PROTECTION OFFICERS



Julie Jacob

Leader: Julie Jacob Established: 1994 Track record: Jacob Avocats protects its clients IP rights in a plethora of sectors such as media, gambling, sports, digital, data and fashion. It has been particularly active this year advising in IT, internet law and data protection. A renowned French political organisation has trusted the firm with its data protection matters.

Team & differentiation: The majority of the firm's associates are both lawyers and data protection officers. Jacob Avocats has also created its own platform to facilitate its client's compliance with the French Sapin II law. Very active and well informed about the GDPR, Julie Jacob and her team have the interests of their clients at heart, informing them through various working groups and detailed publications.

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BARTEL LEGAL: SMALL IS BEAUTIFUL



Leader: Ursula Bartel Established: 2016

Ursula Bartel

Track record: The firm advises mainly German corporations, SMEs and startups as well as public administration on trademark prosecution and litigation issues. It is providing strategic advice to a Bavarian city in protecting and strengthening important trademarks as well as potential trademark infringements.

Team & differentiation: Prior to founding her own firm, Ursula Bartel worked at Bird & Bird. Small and flexible, Bartel Legal is able to quickly process the needs of clients and has strong expertise in strategic consulting in trademark matters, ranging from application, portfolio management to complex infringement disputes as well as cancellation and nullity proceedings.

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KATHER AUGENSTEIN: EXCEPTIONAL IP LITIGATION OUTFIT



Leaders: Peter Kather and Christof Augenstein Established: 2016 Track record: The boutique firm advised an automobile manufacturer against a patent licensing agency in patent dispute summary proceedings on distress-call technology, and acted as lead counsel in a series of proceedings by a global telecoms leader against Apple for infringement of SEPs and implementation patents. Team & differentiation: The firm was created as a spinoff from a leading full-service IP firm in 2016 with the clear vision of focusing exclusively on complex, high-stakes IP litigation. Its compact size allows it to be highly specialized and flexible, and the deep know-how and long-term relationships with clients its lawyers have allow it to offer the premium service of the largest law firms.

PREU BOHLIG & PARTNER: CONSTANTLY PERFECTING, ALWAYS LEADING

Leaders: Christian Donle,

Ludwig von Zumbusch, Daniel Hoppe and

Established: 1959

Christian Kau



Christian Donle

Track record: The firm successfully represented PII Pipetronix (GE Oil & Gas) in the first instance against two former employees in a matter concerning the transfer of several patents. It is now one of the primary advisors to Huawei in Germany in a multitude of patent infringement and validity cases and has a high success rate. It is also counseling HPE on its global network technologies.

Team & differentiation: With 28 attorneys, including 10 partners, Preu Bohlig is one of Germany's largest IP practices for infringement matters. It has acquired US blue-chip companies as new clients, strengthened its client base in Asia and maintained strong relationships with French clients thanks to its Paris office. Daniel Hoppe and Matthias Hülsewig joined recently after the firm's restructuring in mid-2017.

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HOFFMANN EITLE: ACTIVELY STRENGTHENING LITIGATION EXPERTISE



Wedig von der Osten-Sacken

Leaders: Wedig von der Osten-Sacken and I and Michaela Ring infrin Established: 1892 prep also i

Track record: The firm is defending a health and hygiene company against trademark infringement warnings from a competitor, preparing and filing protective briefs. It is also providing legal advice and representation to a Chinese car manufacturer regarding alleged trademark infringement in Germany and China. Team & differentiation: Known for its patent prosecution work at the EPO and well respected for its life sciences practice, Hoffmann Eitle has a highly specialized trademark practice. It continuously develops expertise in litigation on top of prosecution, opposition and nullity work. It has a strong client base in Japan, the US, the UK, Germany, Scandinavia and, increasingly, China.

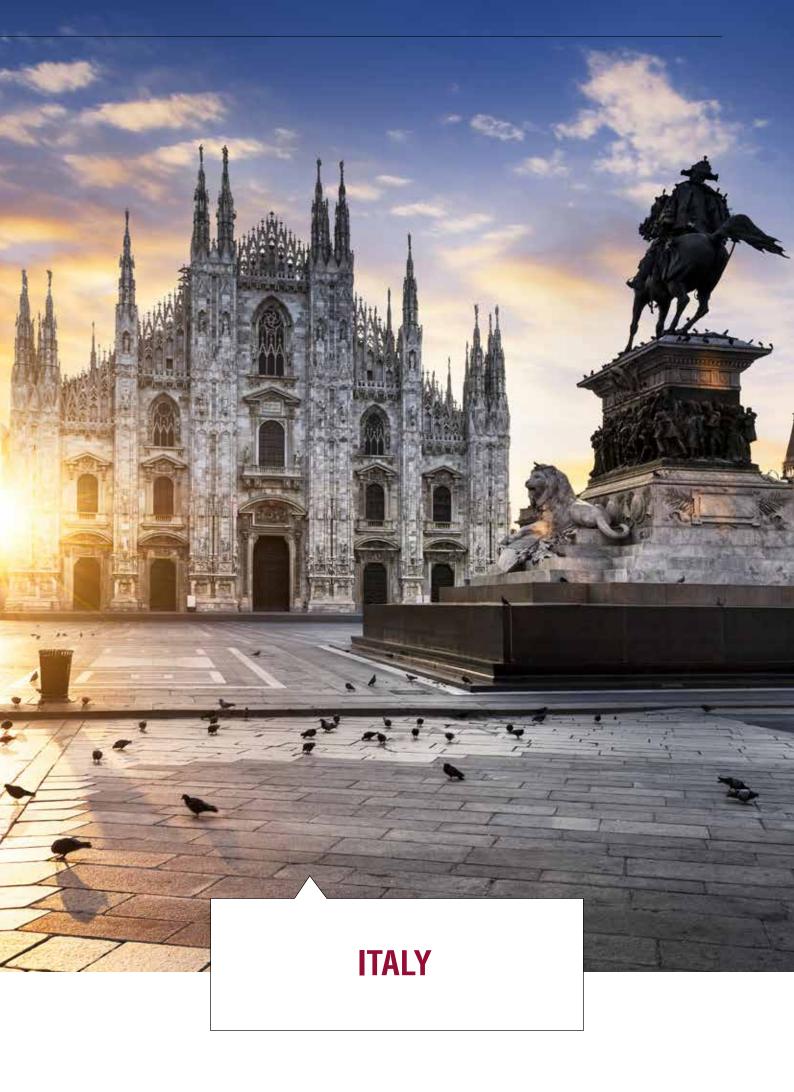
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DLA Piper	Jan Geert Meents
Heymann & Partner	Thomas Heymann, Lars Lensdorf
Hogan Lovells	Marcus Schreibauer, Stefan Schuppert
Osborne Clarke	Konstantin Ewald, Flemming Moos
SKW Schwarz	Martin Schweinoch, Oliver Hornung
	RECOMMENDED
Gleiss Lutz	Stefan Weidert, Andreas Wehlau
Görg	Axel Czarnetzki, Florian Schmitz
Heuking Kühn Lüer Wojtek	Stephan Witteler
Heussen	Hermann Waldhauser
JBB Lawyers	Till Jaeger
Jones Day	Undine von Diemar
Luther	Michael Rath, Wulff-Axel Schmidt
McDermott Will & Emery	Ralf Weisser, Wolfgang Freiherr Raitz von Frentz
Oppenhoff & Partner	Marc Hilber, Jürgen Hartung
	STRONG EXPERTISE
Avocado	Jan Peter Voß
FPS	Christian Hertz-Eichenrode, Oliver Wolff-Rojczyk
Harmsen Utescher	Till Lampel
TCI	Andreas Stadler, Thomas Stögmüller
von Boetticher	Anselm Brandi-Dohrn
Waldeck	Thomas Helmut Fischer



RANKINGS /-

ITALY



ТМТ

Italy Best Investment Banks

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BANK	KEY LEADERS
	LEADING
Goldman Sachs	Mark Sorrell (Head of M&A, EMEA)
Mediobanca	Alessandro Bertani (Managing Director), Alessandro Erbanni (Director)
Morgan Stanley	Domenico Siniscalco (Vice Chairman), Stefano Bertagna De Marchi (Vice President)
	EXCELLENT
HSBC	Marzio Perrelli (CEO, Italy)
PwC	Marco Tanzi Marlotti (Partner, M&A)
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
Altium Capital	Carlo Dawan (Managing Director)
Axon Partners Group	Francisco Velazquez de Cuellar (Managing Partner), Dimitri Kallinis (Managing Partner)
Banca IMI/Intesa Sanpaolo	Mauro Micillo (CEO and Head of Corporate & Investment Banking)
Lazard	Matthieu Pigasse (Head of Global M&A)
Rothschild	Nigel Higgins (Co-Head of European Investment Banking)
UniCredit Group	Gianfranco Bisagni (Deputy Head of Corporate and Investment Banking)

PATENT PROSECUTION

Italy Best Law Firms

The firms are listed alphabetically within each band

FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS LEADING
Buzzi, Notaro & Antonielli d'Oulx	F. Buzzi, G. Notaro, L. Bosotti
Jacobacci & Partners	Giuseppe Quinterno
Studio Torta	Luigi Boggio
	EXCELLENT
Barzanò & Zanardo	Alfredo Zanardo
Botti & Ferrari	Mario Botti, Barbara Ferrari
Modiano & Partners	Micaela N. Modiano
Notarbartolo & Gervasi	Diego Pallini Gervasi
SIB Societa Italiana brevetti	Elisabetta Papa
HIGHLY RECOMMENDED	
Bianchetti Bracco Minoja	Giuseppe Bianchetti, Fabrizio Minoja
Bugnion	Marco Lissandrini, Cristina Biggi
Dragotti & Associati	Gianfranco Dragotti, Roberto Pistolesi
GLP	Gilberto L. Petraz
PGA	Marco Ponzellini, Alessandro Galassi
Porta Checcacci & Associati	Giorgio Checcacci
Rapisardi intellectual Property	Ugo Trojsi
	RECOMMENDED
Cantaluppi & Partners	Stefano Cantaluppi
Giambrocono & C	Fabio Giambrocono
Gregorj	Luca Fiorentino
LGV	Luigi Goglia
Luppi Crugnola & Partners	Pietro Crugnola
Manzella & Associati	Giovanni Manzella
Marchi & Partners	Stefano Colombo
Martegani & Partners	Franco Martegani, Maurizio Giuli
Praxi IP	Ferruccio Postiglione
Racheli	Aldo Petruzziello
Studio Bonini	Ercole Bonini

STUDIO TORTA: OUTSTANDING YEAR FOR A LONG-ESTABLISHED LEADER



Leader: Luigi Boggio Established: 1879

Luigi Boggio

Track record: The firm has a highly impressive client base. The size of the IP portfolio administered by Studio Torta is about 65,000 patents and 25,000 trademarks. Key clients are; Ansaldo Energia, STMicroelectronics, FCA including Fiat, Chrysler and Magneti Marelli, Ferrari, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Leonardo group (formerly Finmeccanica) and Bridgestone.

Team & differentiation: Studio Torta has offices in Turin, Milan, Rome, Bologna, Treviso, Rimini and a liaison office in Munich. The team has 54 attorneys and 37 partners. The multicultural backgrounds of its professionals is a key factor that differentiate Studio Torta from other firms. Besides the core business of IP prosecution, the firm has a substantial litigation, web enforcement, and customs enforcement practice.

RANKINGS *⊢*

ITALY

TRADEMARK PROSECUTION

Italy Best Law Firms

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FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS	
	LEADING	
Jacobacci & Partners	Gabriele Borasi, Enrico Ricccardino	
SIB Societa Italiana brevetti	Fabrizio De Benedetti	
	EXCELLENT	
Barzanò & Zanardo	Alfredo Zanardo, Alessandra Tedesco	
Buzzi, Notaro & Antonielli d'Oulx	F. Buzzi, G. Notaro, E. Antonielli d'Oulx	
Modiano & Partners	Micaela N. Modiano	
Studio Torta	Maria Cristina Baldini, Raffaella Barbuto	
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED	
Botti & Ferrari	Caterina Spera	
Bugnion	Donatella Prandin	
Giambrocono & C	Fabio Giambrocono	
GLP	Gilberto L. Petraz	
Notarbartolo & Gervasi	Silvia Lazzarotto	
Porta Checcacci & Associati	Roberto Porta, Luca M. Geoni	
Racheli	Michel Jolicoeur, Aldo Petruzziello*	
Rapisardi intellectual Property	Mariacristina Rapisardi	
	RECOMMENDED	
Akran Intellectual Property	Andrea Klein	
Dragotti & Associati	Gianfranco Dragotti	
Gregorj	Ferruccio Postiglione	
LGV	Alessandro Bura, Alessandro Merolla	
Luppi Crugnola & Partners	Pietro Crugnola	
Manzella & Associati	Giovanni Manzella	
Marchi & Partners	Dino Citelli	
Martegani & Partners	Alberto Giordano	
PGA	Riccardo Gioia	
*Engineer		



METHODOLOGY

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IP LITIGATION

Italy Best Law Firms

FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS
	LEADING
Bird & Bird	Giovanni Galimberti, Massimiliano Mostardini
Hogan Lovells	Luigi Mansani, Giovanni Ghirardi
IP Law Galli	Cesare Galli, Mariangela Bogni
Trevisan & Cuonzo Avvocati	Luca Trevisan, Gabriel Cuonzo
	EXCELLENT
Avvocati Associati Franzosi Dal Negro Setti	Mario Franzosi
Orsingher Ortu	Matteo Orsingher, Fabrizio Sanna
Studio Vanzetti e Associati	Adriano Vanzetti, Giulio Sironi
BonelliErede	Giovanni Guglielmetti, Tommaso Faelli
Chiomenti	Paolo Bertoni
Dentons	Giovanni Casucci
DLA Piper	Gualtiero Dragotti, Roberto Valenti
LGV	Luigi Goglia, Simona Lavagnini
NCTM	Lorenzo Attolico, Paolo Lazzarino
Pavia e Ansaldo	Gian Paolo Di Santo
Spheriens	Pier Luigi Roncaglia
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
Clifford Chance	Monica Riva
De Berti Jacchia	Roberto Jacchia, Maria Cristina Franchini
De Simone & Partners	Domenico De Simone
Gianni, Origoni, Grippo, Cappelli & Partners	Nino Di Bella
Studio Legale Giove	Luca Giove
LCA	Gianluca De Cristofaro
Legance	Paolo Marzano
Lombardi Segni e Associati	Renato Bocca
Maschietto Maggiore Besseghini	Massimo Maggiore
MilaLegal Mina Lanfranconi & Associati	Elisabetta Mina, Marina Lanfranconi
Mondini-Rusconi Studio Legale	Giorgio Mondini, Giuseppe Rusconi
Portolano Cavallo	Micael Montinari, Ernesto Apa
Herbert Smith	Laura Orlando
Studio Legale Jacobacci & Associati	Fabrizio Jacobacci
Studio legale Sena e Tarchini	Paola Tarchini, Giuseppe Sena
	RECOMMENDED
Corona-Catelli	Sandro Corona, Vittorio Catelli
Gattai, Minoli, Agostinelli & Partners	Licia Garotti
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Ghidini, Girino & Associati Studio Legale Ilardi	Licia Garotti Gustavo Ghidini Pietro Ilardi
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Our analysis

LGV: DEDICATED IP LAWYERS



Luigi Goglia

Leaders: Luigi Goglia and Simona Lavagnini Established: 2003

Track record: LGV Avvocati law firm's clients are highly diverse and include national and international companies operating in the fields of IT, telecommunications, automotive, spare parts and/or components, pharma, cosmetics, software, music and video games as well as proprietors of important trademarks. The firm is well known for its experience in litigation.

Team & differentiation: Team spirit and internal growth are key factors for this dynamic group. Tankred Thiem was recently appointed to partner. He deals with a wide range of IP law, unfair competition, license contracts and contract law in general, knowhow, privacy, e-commerce and he is also in charge of the firm's German desk.

SPHERIENS: New Name, same old excellence



Pierluigi Roncaglia

Leader: Pierluigi Roncaglia Established: 2018 Track record: From its inception, fashion and luxury goods have been at the core of the firm's business. Beside its outstanding reputation in the trademark industry, the firm's partners handle a broad spectrum of IP rights including patents, domain names, design and models, copyright, counterfeiting and has branched out into data protection related issues.

Team & differentiation: Previously known as Siblegal, the group has chosen a new corporate identity to better communicate its modern vision of the legal profession. Spheriens has offices in Florence, Milan and Rome. The firm is well-known in the market for representing the most prestigious Italian brands.

LOMBARDI SEGNI: Strong Life-Sciences Litigation expertise



Renato Bocca

Leader: Renato Bocca Established: 2004 Track record: The firm advises mainly on litigation related to the protection of patents, trademarks, confidential information, design rights, copyrights, life sciences and unfair competition. Renato Bocca was the key partner representing Bayer in a case related to misleading advertising.

Team & differentiation: Well known in the market for its talented litigators in the financial sector, the firm operates its IP practice with a team of two partners and seven associates dedicated to the complete range of IP law. Partner Manuela Soligo has a strong litigation background, while Renato Bocca has developed significant experience handling arbitration.

IP LAW GALLI: FIRST CLASS BOUTIQUE



Cesare Galli

Leader: Cesare Galli Established: 2004 Track record: A benchmark for quality in the market, IP Law Galli acts for clients such as Bulgari, Biomet, Mazars, Prada, Pedrali, Dover Corporation Europe and Sigma Tau, providing judicial and extrajudicial consultancy on patents, life sciences, trademarks, design, domain names, unfair competition, appellation of origin, protection of classified information, advertising and marketing and antitrust law.

Team & differentiation: The firm has a large presence in the north of Italy with offices in Milan, Brescia, Verona and Parma. Professor Cesare Galli teaches IP law at the University of Parma, he is an active AIPPI member and an author of several publications dedicated to IP law and is one of the highest profile members in the Italian IP community. Mariangela Bogni is praised for her contentious work for the pharma industry.



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FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS	
LGV	Simona Lavagnini	
Orsingher Ortu	Matteo Orsingher	
	EXCELLENT	
Legance	Paolo Marzano	
Mondini-Rusconi Studio Legale	Giorgio Mondini	
NCTM	Lorenzo Attolico	
Studio Ubertazzi	Luigi Carlo Ubertazzi	
HIGHLY RECOMMENDED		
D'Ammassa & Partners	Giovanni D'Ammassa	
DLA Piper	Roberto Valenti	
Gianni Origoni Grippo Cappelli & Partners	Luca Rinaldi	
R&P Legal	Pierluigi De Palma	
Studio Legale Pojaghi	Gianluca Pojaghi	
Studio Previti	Stefano Previti	

LEGANCE: INTEGRATED AND INNOVATIVE APPROACH TO IP Leader: Paolo Marzano Track record: L

Established: 2007



Paolo Marzano

Track record: Legance's IP department match the high standards of quality delivered by the firm, representing local and international clients across the entire spectrum of IP law with a particular focus on copyright, entertainment, design and fashion law, on both judicial and extrajudicial issues, providing legal opinions and advising on transfer agreements and intellectual-property rights licences. Team & differentiation: Paolo Marzano heads Legance's IP department. He is professor of intellectual property at the LUISS Guido Carli University in Rome, and has been president of the permanent advisory committee for copyright at the Ministry of Cultural Heritage. Co-director of the oldest Italian copyright law review, *II Diritto d'Autore*, he leads a team of four lawyers.

RANKINGS *⊢*

ITALY



MEDIA

Italy Best Law Firms

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	LEADING PARTNERS	
ntons	LEADING Giangiacomo Olivi	
ingher Ortu	Domenico Colella, Matteo Orsingher, Fabrizio Sanna, Marco Consonni	
tolano Cavallo	Francesco Portolano, Ernesto Apa	
P Legal	Francesca Lodigiani, Pierluigi De Palma	
	EXCELLENT	
d & Bird	Arturo Leone	
omenti	Stefania Bariatti	
aLegal Mina Lanfranconi & Associati	Elisabetta Mina, Marina Lanfranconi, Mariangela Liuzzi	
ndini-Rusconi Studio Legale	Giorgio Mondini, Silvia Mondini Vitiello, Giuseppe Rusconi	
ella Studio di Avvocati	Massimo Tavella	
HIGHLY RECOMMENDED		
ker McKenzie	Lorenzo de Martinis	
nelutti	Luca Arnaboldi, Roberta Mollica	
jia Cuomo & Associati	Fabrizio Cugia Di Sant'Orsola	
e Legal	Maria Francesca Quattrone	
ex	Giovanni Maria Riccio	
lavotti Bernardini & Partners	Antonio Bernardini	
tai, Minoli, Agostinelli & Partners	Licia Garotti	
nni Origoni Grippo Cappelli & Partners	Luca Rinaldi	
R Europe	Stephanie Rotelli, Costantino Monteleone	
nari Cavani	Alessandro Munari	
dio Associato Amiconi	Marzia Amiconi	
dio Legale de Vergottini	Giovanni de Vergottini	
hers	Ida Palombella	

ORSINGHER ORTU: HIGH-QUALITY ADVICE FOR THE MEDIA SECTOR



Leaders: Marco Consonni, Domenico Colella, Matteo Orsingher and Fabrizio Sanna Established: 2007

Marco Consonni

Track record: The IP department embraces all types of IP and IT matters, both as counsel and as litigator. The firm's client portfolio includes major international players in the media industry including TV and film production companies. With their creative approach, the team is also regularly consulted during M&A operations for due diligence and valuation of new technologies.

Team & differentiation: While Domenico Colella and Marco Consonni focus on outsourcing and TMT related matters, Matteo Orsingher and Fabrizio Sanna are in charge of IP law and its transactional aspects of the firm's work. The firm grew recently with the arrival of Federico Bonetti as partner in the corporate finance department and two new counsel in the litigation team.



IT & OUTSOURCING

Italy Best Law Firms

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FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS
	LEADING
Baker McKenzie	Lorenzo de Martinis
Dentons	Giangiacomo Olivi
Hogan Lovells	Marco Berliri
LGV	Simona Lavagnini
Orsingher Ortu	Marco Consonni, Domenico Colella
	EXCELLENT
BonelliErede	Alessandro Musella
Dike Legal	Maria Francesca Quattrone
E-Lex	Guido Scorza, Dario Reccia
Freshfields	Luca Ulissi
IP Law Galli	Cesare Galli
Maschietto Maggiore Besseghini	Massimo Maggiore
NCTM	Vittorio Noseda, Carlo Grignani
Panetta & Associati	Rocco Panetta
Portolano Cavallo	Laura Liguori, Francesco Portolano
Tavella Studio di Avvocati	Massimo Tavella
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
Gattai, Minoli, Agostinelli & Partner	Licia Garotti
LCA	De Cristofaro, Gian Paolo Coppola
Lipani Catricalà & Partners	Roberto Ferraresi, Luigi Mazzoncini
Martini Manna	Elena Martini, Luigi Manna
Mila Legal Mina Lanfranconi & associati	Elisabetta Mina, Marina Lanfranconi
Mondini Rusconi Studio Legale	Silvia Mondini e Giacomo Bonelli
M&R Europe	Stephanie Rotelli et Costantino Monteleone
Prosperetti & Associati	Eugenio Prosperetti
Valli Mancuso & Associati	Andrea Valli
Withers	Ida Palombella

MASCHIETTO MAGGIORE BESSEGHINI: THE DIGITAL ECONOMY AT THE CORE OF THEIR BUSINESS



Leaders: Massimo Maggiore

Established: 2007

Massimo Maggiore

Track record: The firm has known how to capitalize on its involvement in the digital economy sector, developing specific advice with regard to platform and software services in cloud computing, representing the leading players in the field. The team also offers its support in the field of data protection especially in the transfer of personal data both inter-company and between independent entities.

Team & differentiation: Massimo Maggiore, the firm's co-founder, has developed recognized expertise on sophisticated IP and IT matters. He is the author of numerous publications regarding IT law, copyright, open source, cloud computing and enforcement of completion law. Internal growth is key to the firm's strategy, partners Aurelio Assenza and Ruggero De Simone were promoted in 2016 in the IP and data protection practice. **RANKINGS**

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IP PROSECUTION

Luxembourg Best Law Firms

The firms are listed alphabetically within each band

FIRM	IRM LEADING PARTNERS	
	LEADING	
Dennemeyer	Robert Fichter, Olivier Lombardo, Manuel Schockmel, Stéphane Speich	
Office Freylinger	Pierre Kihn, Henri Kihn, Romain Lambert, Olivier Laidebeur	
	EXCELLENT	
Lecomte & Partners	Didier Lecomte, Janine Brandenburger	
Marks & Clerk	Luca Polverari	
Pronovem	Armand Schmitt, Mathis Bruck, Caroline Guerin	
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED	
Corax IP	Jean-Paul Wagner	
Distinctive IP	Dominique Charlotte Crassaerts	
Patent 42	Valérie Mellet	

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IP LITIGATION

Luxembourg Best Law Firms

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	FIRM LEADING PARTNERS		
		LEADING	
1	Allen & Overy	Katia Manhaeve	
	Decker & Braun	Nicolas Decker, Marianne Decker	
		EXCELLENT	
	Arendt & Medernach	Sophie Wagner-Chartier	
	/c Law	Claire Léonelli, Elisabeth Guissart	
	NautaDutilh	Vincent Wellens	
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED		
	Bonn Steichen & Partners	Anne Morel	
	LG Avocats	Hervé Wolff	
	MNKS	Audrey Rustichelli	
	Thewes & Reuter	Marc Thewes	
	Wildgen	Emmanuelle Ragot	

BONN STEICHEN & PARTNERS: Attentive to clients' every need



Anne Morel

Leader: Anne Morel Established: 2012 Track record: Recent highlights include defending a supplier in the automotive industry, against which a former employee brought a litigation to claim ownership of a patent. As a result of the action, BSP's client recovered rights on the invention. The firm also assisted a Luxembourg mobile phone operator in a trademark litigation. Its track record in data protection law is also to be noted.

Team & differentiation: The firm sees client's IP rights as part of their most valuable assets and is dedicated to protecting their interests, combining legal protection with both tax and financial optimization. The team, led by Anne Morel, acts as close as possible to its clients, always attentive to their needs, on both advice and litigation.

ALLEN & OVERY: DISTINGUISHED AND DYNAMIC PRACTICE



Katia Manhaeve

Leader: Katia Manhaeve Established: 1990 (Luxembourg office) Track record: Allen & Overy Luxembourg regularly advises in some of the most complex and high-profile cases in the Benelux region, including before the General Court of the European Union and the Court of Justice of the European Union. Clients vary from banking, e-commerce and retail to telecoms and energy.

Team & differentiation: Despite being part of a large international full-practice firm, the IP practice of Allen & Overy in Luxembourg has the distinction of serving both domestic clients on local issues and multinationals on cross-border subjects, being both independent and providing support to other practices. Practice head Katia Manhaeve is president of AIPPI's Luxembourg chapter.



IT & OUTSOURCING

Luxembourg Best Law Firms

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FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS
	LEADING
Allen & Overy	Catherine Di Lorenzo*
/c Law	Cyril Pierre-Beausse, Claire Léonelli
	EXCELLENT
Arendt & Medernach	Sophie Wagner-Chartier
NautaDutilh	Vincent Wellens
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
Bird & Bird	Cathy-Rosalie Joly
LG Avocats	Hervé Wolff
Wildgen	Emmanuelle Ragot
	RECOMMENDED
AMMC Law	Christophe Maillard
Bonn & Schmitt	Alain Grosjean
Bonn Steichen & Partners	Anne Morel, Aleksandra Gucwa**
DCL Avocats	Dorothée Ciolino
DLA Piper	Olivier Reisch
Elvinger, Hoss & Prussen	Patrick Santer, Linda Funck
MNKS	Katia Scheidecker, Audrey Rustichelli
*Counsel **Senior associate	

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DCL AVOCATS: Availability, accountability and quality



Dorothée Ciolino

Leader: Dorothée Ciolino Established: 2009 Track record: DLC Avocats is a boutique Luxembourg firm that serves entrepreneurs as well as large companies with tailor-made advice in the technology domain, examples include deploying websites and internet charters, negotiating and drafting software and database development contracts, as well as data protection. Clients are mainly from the financial and IT industries.

Team & differentiation: The boutique is founded on entrepreneurial spirit and a willingness to build a direct and durable relationship with clients. Partner Dorothée Ciolino primarily assists clients from the financial sector with their implantation and daily operations in Luxembourg, with particularly solid experience in laws relating to payment services and electronic money.

/C LAW: OUTSTANDING IT BOUTIQUE



Cyril Pierre-Beausse

Leaders: Cyril Pierre-Beausse and Claire Léonelli Established: 2013 Track record: The firm regularly advises banks, trust offices, funds and insurance companies on IT outsourcing projects, and accompanies Luxembourg public authorities on IT, data protection and digital trust. A number of heavyweight clients have for many years entrusted the firm with their data protection strategy, including a global e-commerce leader, reputed airline companies and electronics giants.

Team & differentiation: Founding partner Cyril Pierre-Beausse previously led Allen & Overy's Luxembourg IT and global data protection practice and is widely recognized as a topnotch expert working at the intersection of IT and legal issues. Following the recent arrivals of Elisabeth Guissart and Raymond Faber, the firm intend to bring in new partners to offer a more comprehensive range of services.





PATENT PROSECUTION

Netherlands Best Law Firms

The firms are listed alphabetically within each band

FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS	
	LEADING	
De Vries & Metman	Kajo Metman, Arnt Aalbers, Ferry van Looijengoed	
NLO	David Bot, Bart Swinkels	
V.O.	Cees Jansen	
EXCELLENT		
АОМВ	Ernest Baeten	
Arnold & Siedsma	Addick Land, Arjen Hooiveld, Petri van Someren	
HIGHLY RECOMMENDED		
EP&C	Johan Volmer, Hendrik Jan Brookhuis	
Los & Stigter	Jacques van Breda, Leon Vogels	
Patentwerk	Hein van den Heuvel	
Vriesendorp & Gaade	Franklin Geurts, Bas Peters	

TRADEMARK PROSECUTION

Netherlands Best Law Firms

FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS	
	LEADING	
Gevers	Andries Quataert	
NLO	Marlous Stal-Hilders	
Novagraaf	Marlou van de Braak	
	EXCELLENT	
AOMB	Anne Laarman	
Chiever	Alice Slabbaert	
Knijff & Partners	Trix Ockeloen-Kruit, Daan Teeuwissen, Boudewijn van Vondelen	
Pronovem	Nicole Desmet, Dominique Rifon	
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED	
Arnold & Siedsma	Joop Elzas	
Cabinet Bede	Laurent Overath	
De Merkplaats	Alphons Geerlings, Albert Lestrade	
Dennemeyer & Associates	Maryse Heirend	
Los & Stigter	Jacques van Breda	
Signify	Peter van der Wees	
Vriesendorp & Gaade	Franklin Geurts	

NETHERLANDS



IP LITIGATION

Netherlands Best Law Firms

The firms are listed alphabetically within each band

FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS	
	LEADING	
Brinkhof	Kurt Stöpetie, Richard Ebbink	
De Brauw Blackstone Westbroek	Koen Limperg, Gertjan Kuipers, Tobias Cohen Jehoram, Jan Pieter Hustinx	
Hoyng Rokh Monegier	Willem Hoyng, Bart van den Broek, Simon Dack	
	EXCELLENT	
Bird & Bird	Armand Killan, Wouter Pors	
DLA Piper	Niels Mulder	
Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer	Peter Hendrick, Rutger Kleemans	
Hogan Lovells	Marc Wallheimer*, Bert Oosting	
Klos	Sven klos, Antoon Quaedvlieg, Josine van den Berg	
Simmons & Simmons	Bas Berghuis van Woortman	
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED	
BarentsKrans	Marleen Van den Horst	
Boekx Advocaten	Marc de Boer	
Bureau Brandeis	Christiaan A. Alberdingk Thijm	
Hofhuis Alkema Groen	Adonna Alkema, Arnout Groen, Jesse Hofhuis	
Houthoff	Thomas de Weerd	
Kennedy Van der Laan	Alfred Meijboom, Maarten Schut	
NautaDutilh	Charles Gielen	
SOLV Advocaten	ivocaten Wanda van Kerkvoorden	
Van Diepen Van der Kroef	Marco R. Gerritsen	
Vondst	Tjeerd Overdijk, Otto Swens	
	RECOMMENDED	
AKD	Huib Berendschot, Peter Claassen, Martin Hemmer	
CMS	Willem Hoorneman	
Hoogenraad & Haak	Maarten Haak	
Leeway	Remco van Leeuwen	
Le Poole & Bekema	Bas Le Poole	
Ploum	Willem Leppink	
Van Doorne	Kriek Wille	
Ventoux	Dick van Engelen, Susan Kaak	
*Of counsel		

BRINKHOF: FIRST CLASS BOUTIQUE



Kurt Stöpetie

Leaders: Kurt Stöpetie and Richard Ebbink Established: 2005 Track record: The boutique assists its clients with the full range of IP issues, both litigating and advising in patent, trademark, design and advertising. It also has in-depth expertise in the pharma/biotech and healthcare sectors. Brinkhof has defended an American vendor of medical equipment, against preliminary injunction proceedings brought by B.Braun concerning the sale of hypodermic needles to hospitals.

Team & differentiation: The firm has a strong reputation in intellectual property, innovation and TMT, with heavy focus on innovation, technology and market regulation, benefiting its national and international clientele. The partners at Brinkhof are also renowned in the Netherlands and beyond for being excellent litigators.

DE BRAUW BLACKSTONE WESTBROEK: Perfect Mix of tradition and innovation



Koen Limperg

Leaders: Koen Limperg, Tobias Cohen Jehoram and Gertjan Kuipers Established: 1871 Track record: Longtime advisor to Dutch consumer electronics company Philips, De Brauw assists most of the major multinationals with headquarters in the Netherlands in all aspects of their IP and commercial issues. They have accumulated experience in trademark, trade name law, patent law, copyright and design, as well as licensing. Database law and unfair competition, advertising law and promotion are also part of the firm's daily work.

Team & differentiation: Koen Limperg was a research fellow at the Max Planck Institute for Intellectual Property, Competition Law and Tax Law and his team benefits from his deep understanding of the sector and its progression. Koen's practice notably includes conflict resolution via litigation, negotiation, meditation and arbitration.



IT & OUTSOURCING

Netherlands Best Law Firms

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FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS	
	LEADING	
Allen & Overy	Herald Jongen	
Brinkhof	Quinten Kroes	
De Brauw Blackstone Westbroek	Tobias Cohen Jehoram	
Kennedy Van der Laan	Joost Linnemann, Reinoud Westerdijk, Patrick Wit	
Van Doorne	Kees Stuurman, Bart van Reeken	
	EXCELLENT	
Bird & Bird	Marjolein Geus, Roelien van Neck, Jeroen van der Lee	
Houthoff	Thomas de Weerd	
Hoyng Rokh Monegier	Bart van den Broek	
SOLV Advocaten	Wanda van Kerkvoorden, Menno Weij	
Vondst	Polo van der Putt	
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED	
NautaDutilh	Piet Sippens Groenewegen	
Project Moore Advocaten	Jeroen Koëter, Christian van Seeters, Lieneke Viergever, Eva Visser	
Stibbe	Judica Krikke	
Van Benthem & Keulen	Robert Boekhorst	
Ventoux	Reinout Rinzema	
RECOMMENDED		
DLA Piper	Joris Willems	
Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer	Peter Hendrick	
Hogan Lovells	Marc Wallheimer	

VAN DOORNE: TAILOR-MADE ADVICE



Leader: Kees Stuurman Established: 1930

Kees Stuurman

Track record: The team has strong expertise in complex ICT projects, and works closely with ICT and other professionals involved in ITC transactions, such as finance and management. The team's scope also encompasses e-commerce, open-source, privacy, ICT-security and IT-governance. Its approach attracts clients from among major market players.

Team & differentiation: With around one hundred and seventy five lawyers, Van Doorne has the depth and breadth to advise clients in a wide range of legal matters. The firm's IP and IT practices are closely entwined. An internationally recommended authority, Kees Stuurman is also a professor at Tilburg University. 1-1-1-

PORTUGAL



PATENT PROSECUTION

Portugal Best Law Firms

The firms are listed alphabetically within each band

FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS		
	LEADING		
A.G. da Cunha Ferreira	Fernando Ferreira Magno, António Pissarra Machado		
J. Pereira da Cruz	João Pereira da Cruz		
J.E. Dias Costa	José De Sampaio, Isabel Carvalho Franco		
	EXCELLENT		
Abreu Advogados	César Bessa Monteiro		
Gastão Cunha Ferreira	Manuel Moniz Pereira		
RCF Protecting Innovation	Jorge Faustino, Andreia Pereira		
HIGHLY RECOMMENDED			
Baptista, Monteverde & Associados	Filipe Baptista, Paolo Monteverde		
Clarke Modet & Co.	Adriana Esteves		
DLA Piper	Carmina Cardoso		
Garrigues	Monica Arizti Acha*		
Morais Leitão, Galvão Teles, Soares da Silva & Associados	Antonio Pinto Leite, Vasco Stilwell d'Andrade		
PLMJ	Ana Teresa Pulido		
Simões Garcia Corte-Real & Associados	Alberto Taveres Dias		
VdA	António Andrade		

*Based in Spain

TRADEMARK PROSECUTION

Portugal Best Law Firms

FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS
	LEADING
A.G. da Cunha Ferreira	Dina Pereira
J. Pereira da Cruz	João Pereira da Cruz
RCF Protecting Innovation	João Jorge, Pedro Alves Moreira
	EXCELLENT
Abreu Advogados	César Bessa Monteiro, Ricardo Henriques
Baptista, Monteverde & Associados	Paulo Monteverde
Garrigues	Francisca Ferreira Pinto
Gastão Cunha Ferreira	Manuel Moniz Pereira
J.E. Dias Costa	Ana de Sampaio
PLMJ	Ana Teresa Pulido
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
Clarke Modet & Co.	Laura Azevedo
Elsa Marcelo Advogados	Elsa Marcelo
Gómez-Acebo & Pombo	Gonçalo Paiva e Sousa
Simões Garcia Corte-Real & Associados	António Corte-Real
SRS Advogados	Gonçalo Moreira Rato

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PORTUGAL



IP LITIGATION

Portugal Best Law Firms

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FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS
Abreu Advogados	César Bessa Monteiro, Ricardo Henriques, Armando Martins Ferreira
CMS Rui Pena & Arnaut	José Luís Arnaut, Miguel Quintans
Garrigues	João Paulo Miranda de Sousa, Isabel Bairrão
PLMJ	Manuel Lopes Rocha
Yolanda Busse, Oehen Mendes & Associados	Manuel Oehen Mendes
	EXCELLENT
Anselmo Vaz, Afra & Associados	Ana Rita Painho, Teresa Anselmo Vaz
Baptista, Monteverde & Associados	Paulo Monteverde, Filipe Teixeira Baptista, Cláudia Tomás Pedro
VdA	Antônio Andrade, Antônio de Magalhães
HIC	GHLY RECOMMENDED
Caiado Guerreiro	Ricardo Costa Macedo
CCA Ontier	Martim Menezes
Cuatrecasas	Leonor Chastre
DLA Piper	João Costa Quinta
Linklaters	Carlos Pinto Correia
Morais Leitão, Galvão Teles, Soares da Silva & Associados	António Pinto Leite, Vasco Stilwell d'Andrade
Simões Garcia Corte-Real & Associados	João Luis Garcia
SRS Advogados	Gonçalo Moreira Rato
Uría Menéndez - Proença de Carvalho	Francisco Brito e Abreu
	RECOMMENDED
Elsa Marcelo Advogados	Elsa Marcelo
FCB Sociedade de Advogados	Miguel Castelo Branco
J. Pereira da Cruz	Nuno Cruz, Maria Cruz Garcia
Serra Lopes, Cortes Martins Advogados	Inês Pinheiro

GARRIGUES: International Firm Offering excellent full-service ip



João Paulo Miranda de Sousa Leaders: João Paulo Miranda de Sousa, Isabel Bairrão and Francisca Ferreira Pinto Established: 2005

Track record: The team offers full IP services, including in contentious proceedings. They recently represented Decathlon Group in infringement proceedings after a competitor illegally reproduced and distributed one of their products. They also defended clothes retailer Cofermel in a copyright and unfair competition case brought by G Star Raw.

Team & differentiation: With offices in Lisbon and Porto, the Portuguese IP team is led by João Paulo Miranda de Sousa, who has 12 years of experience working with the European Trademark and Design Office. Offering a multilingual and multidisciplinary approach, Garrigues' lawyers provide expertise across various sectors to both local and international clients.

A.G. DA CUNHA FERREIRA: Top quality ip services for over a century



Luís Miguel da Cunha Ferreira Leaders: Luís Miguel da Cunha Ferreira, Fernando Ferreira Magno, Dina Pereira and António Pissarra Machado Established: 1880 Track record: A.G. da Cunha Ferreira have been offering high-quality services on the Portuguese IP market for 138 years, and now have a presence in 52 countries and have managed the portfolios of certain clients for over a century. The firm prides itself on sophisticated and seamless counsel, with particular strength to be found in their domain names practice.

Team & differentiation: The firm is made up of five partners and is managed by Luís Miguel da Cunha Ferreira and Carlos Alexandre Ferreira Magno, both direct descendants of the founder. They are also members of various intellectual property organizations, such as the European Patent Office and the World Intellectual Property Organization.



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Portugal Best Law Firms

The firms are listed alphabetically within each band

FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS
	LEADING
Morais Leitão, Galvão Teles, Soares da Silva & Associado	s João Alfredo Alfonso, Nuno Peres Alves
PLMJ	Manuel Lopes Rocha, Daniel Reis
SRS Advogados	Octávio Castelo Paulo, Luís Neto Galvão
VdA	Magda Cocco, Margarida Couto, Fernando Resina da Silva
	EXCELLENT
CCA Ontier	Domingos Mayer, Filipe Mayer, Martin Menezes
CMS Rui Pena & Arnaut	José Luís Arnaut
Cuatrecasas	Leonor Chastre
DLA Piper	João Costa Quinta
Garrigues	João Paulo Miranda de Sousa
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
Abreau Advogados	Armando Martins Ferreira
Anselmo Vaz, Afra & Associados	Ana Rita Painho
BMA - Baptista Monteverde & Associados	Filipe Teixeira Baptista, Paulo Monteverde
Gómez-Acebo & Pombo	Gonçalo Paiva e Sousa, Pedro Vilarinho Pires
Macedo Vitorino & Associados	João de Macedo Vitorino
Uría Menéndez - Proença de Carvalho	Francisco Brito e Abreu
	RECOMMENDED
Alves Pereira & Teixeira de Sousa	João Pedro Alves Pereira, Belén Granados
Caiado Guerreiro	Ricardo Costa Macedo, Ricardo Rodrigues Lopes
João Ferreira Pinto & Associados	João Ferreira Pinto
Sérvulo	Rui Cardona Ferreira
Yolanda Busse, Oehen Mendes & Associados	Rosário Marques, Manuel Oehen Mendes

RCF PROTECTING INNOVATION: Well-established boutique ip



Jorge Faustino

Leaders: Jorge Faustino, Pedro Alves Moreira, João Jorge and Andreia Pereira Established: 1929 Track record: RCF Protecting Innovation is recognized as one of the top providers of IP services in Portugal and the African Portuguese-speaking countries. Their impressive clientele is made up of important Portuguese firms, along with companies from the across the EU and Asia, all seeking a variety of specific IP services. RCF recently celebrated the opening of a new office in Rio de Janeiro.

Team & differentiation: The team is made up of 48 professionals, proficient in various languages, such as Portuguese, English, French and Spanish. Jorge Faustino heads up the patent and design department, which offers expertise across numerous industries and before global organizations, such as the European Patent Office.

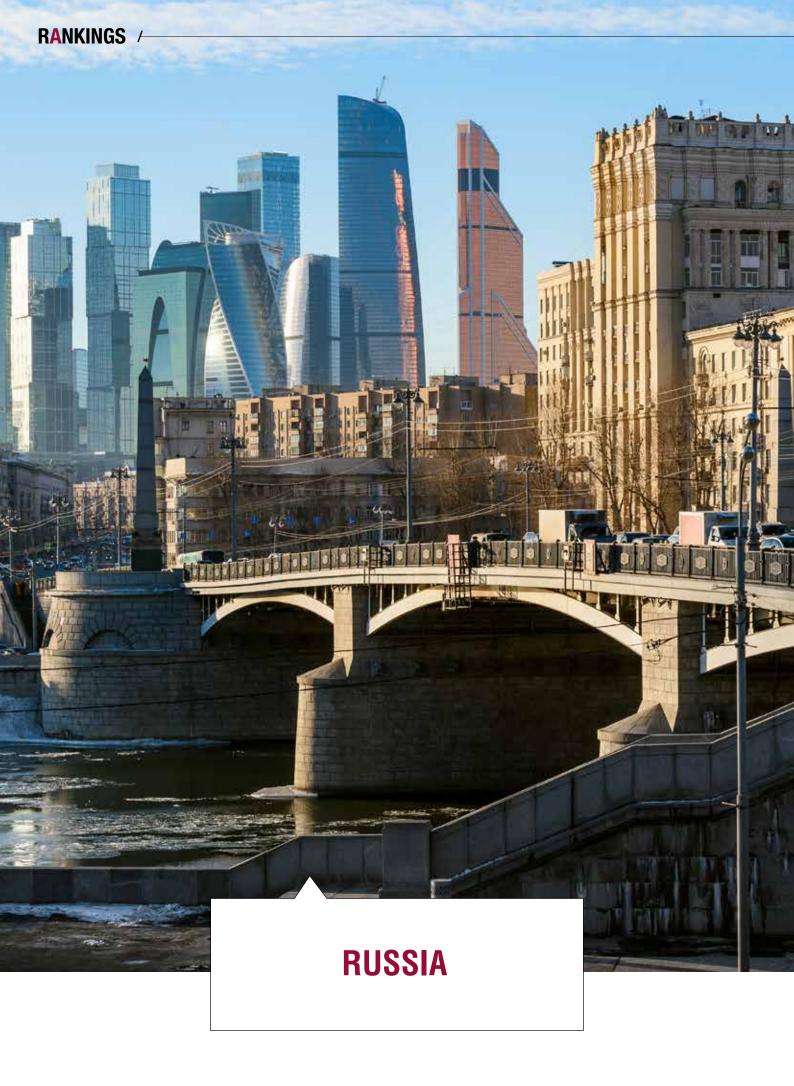
J. PERREIRA DA CRUZ: Attention to detail



João Pereira da Cruz

Leaders: João Pereira da Cruz, Nuno Cruz and Maria Cruz Garcia Established: 1949 Track record: J Pereira da Cruz has historic roots as a family-run business, started over 60 years ago. The firm prides itself on its principles of quality, close communication and attention to detail, which founding partner Jorge Cruz holds in place. The team offer a wealth of expertise in both IP prosecution and litigation.

Team & differentiation: The firm is made up of 29 attorneys, with nine partners, 11 counselors, three patent specialists and four managers. Partner João Pereira da Cruz is an honorary president of the Union of European Practitioners in Intellectual Property and a trademark specialist. Nuno Cruz is highly regarded in the Portuguese trademark dispute sphere.





PATENT PROSECUTION

Russia Best Law Firms

The firms are listed alphabetically within each band

FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS
	LEADING
Euromarkpat	Irina Vesselitskaya, Maxim Vesselitsky
Gorodissky & Partners	Yury Kuznetsov, Valery Medvedev, Elena Nazina
	EXCELLENT
ARS Patent & Trademarks	Mikhail Khmara, Vladimir Rybakov
Innotec	Nadezhda Kovalchuk, Andreeva Nikolaevna
Patentus	Alexey Mikhailov
Sojuzpatent	Svetlana Felitsyna, Tamara Fomicheva
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
Baranchikov IP & IT Attorneys	Alexander Baranchikov, Oleg Abramenko
Ivanov Makarov & Partners	Mark Chizhenok, Olga Tikhonina
Liapunov & Co	Veronica Liapunova, Anna Reznichenko
Papula-Nevinpat	Alexander Polikarpov, Viktor Pronyaev
Patentica	Olga Galygina, Maria Nilova
Patent and Law Firm Yus	Sergey Lovtsov, Maria Lovtsova
Vakhnina & Partners	Alexey Vakhnin

TRADEMARK PROSECUTION

Russia Best Law Firms

FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS
	LEADING
Baker McKenzie	Eugene Arievich, Denis Khabarov
Gorodissky & Partners	Sergey Dudushkin, Valery Medvedev, Vladimir Trey
Sojuzpatent	Svetlana Felitsina
	EXCELLENT
Dentons	Victor Naumov, Denis Voevodin
Gowling WLG	Alexander Christophoroff, Julianna Tabastajewa
Patentus	Larisa Grudina, Svetlana Andreeva
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
Baranchikov IP & IT Attorneys	Alexander Baranchikov, Oleg Abramenko
Egorov Puginsky Afanasiev & Partners	Pavel Sadovsky
Goltsblat BLP	Elena Trusova
INTELS	Anna Baglay, Elena Guerassimova
Liapunov & Co	Ilya Liapunov, Anna Reznichenko
Papula-Nevinpat	Tatiana Kohopatskaya, Riikia Palmos
Patent and Law Firm Yus	Sergey Lovtsov, Olesya Zakharova
Zuykov & Partners	Victoria Makanova, Olga Plyasunova

RUSSIA



PATENT LITIGATION

Russia Best Law Firms

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FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS
	LEADING
Baker McKenzie	Eugene Arievich, Denis Khabarov
Gorodissky & Partners	Vladimir Biriulin, Valery Medvedev
Sojuzpatent	Svetlana Felitsina, Maxim Mikhailov
	EXCELLENT
Gowling WLG	Alexander Christophoroff, Julianna Tabastajewa, Vladislav Ugryumov
Hogan Lovells	Natalia Gulyaeva, Julia Gurieva, Vironika Pilyugina
Patentus	Dmitry Markanov, Svetlana Andreeva
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
Dentons	Victor Naumov
Egorov Puginsky Afanasiev & Partne	rs Ilya Nikiforov, Pavel Sadovksy
Pepeliaev Group	Valentina Orlova, Yuri Yahin
Tilling Peters	Ekaterina Tilling
	RECOMMENDED
A.Zalesov & Partners	Aleksey Zalesov
ALRUD Law Firm	Maria Ostachenko
ARS-Patent & Trademarks	Ilyana Lipatova, Vladimir Rybakov
Ermakova Stoliarova & Partners	Elena Ermakova, Ekaterina Shlemova
Goltsblat BLP	Elena Trusova
Ivanov Makarov & Partners	Mark Chizhenok, Dmitry Makarov
KIAP	Daria Chernysh
Noerr	Viktor Gerbutov
Vakhnina & Partners	Alexey Vakhnin

PATENTUS: OUTSTANDING FULL-SERVICE IP BOUTIQUE

Leaders: Dmitry Markanov

and Svetlana Andreeva

Established: 2006



Dmitry Markanov

Track record: Boutique firm Patentus stands out in Russia in IP litigation matters, having filed 895 trademarks applications and litigated 85 court cases in 2017. The firm recently represented Europlast, the largest plastics manufacturer in Russia and is currently working on various trademark applications for a well-known Russian state company. Team & differentiation: The team is led by Dmitry Markanov, a leading patent and trademark litigator. This year, Patentus welcomed Svetlana Andreeva who brings over 25 years of trademark prosecution expertise. Patentus caters to both European and Asian clients in IP registration and litigation in commercial courts and the Chamber for Patent Disputes.

GORODISSKY & PARTNERS: LEADING THE FIELD IN RUSSIAN IP LITIGATION



Leaders: Vladimir Biriulin and Valery Medvedev Established: 1999 Track record: No.1 in Russia for patent and trademark applications by quality and quantity, the firm represented clients in around 200 court hearings in 2016. Clients include Toyota, Pfizer and Canon. They advised the Russian Union of Auto Insurers on IP rights protection for their databases and acted for MICYS Company against a misleading trademark. Team & differentiation: As the biggest IP law firm in Russia, the firm has 11 offices in Russia and in the Ukraine. Experienced IP litigator Vladimir Biriulin heads up the legal practice, which comprises 140 IP professionals. The firm provides a full range of IP services to major international, foreign and domestic companies.

Vladimir Biriulin

LIAPUNOV & CO: BOUTIQUE IP FIRM OFFERING BESPOKE SERVICES



Leaders: Anna Reznichenko and Veronica Liapunova Established: 1994

Anna Reznichenko

Track record: Experts in patent filing and prosecution, Liapunov & Co specialize in the engineering and life sciences sectors. More than half of the firm's client portfolio is foreign and they were ranked among the top 10 firms in Russia for e-filing in 2016. Cases handled include the full invalidation of various Russian pharmaceutical patents for a client.

Team & differentiation: The firm comprises 18 patent attorneys and lawyers with a presence within 15 countries and offices in St Petersburg, Kiev, and Moscow. Liapunov prides itself on offering a fast, dedicated service, catering to the clients' individual needs. Managing partner Anna Reznichenko is a leading trademark attorney.



TRADEMARK LITIGATION

Russia Best Law Firms

The firms are listed alphabetically within each band

FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS
	LEADING
Baker McKenzie	Eugene Arievich, Denis Khabarov
Gowling WLG	David Aylen, Julianna Tabastajewa
	EXCELLENT
Dentons	Victor Naumov, Denis Voevodin
Egorov Puginsky Afanasiev & P	Partners Pavel Sadovsky
Gorodissky & Partners	Vladimir Biriulin, Valery Medvedev
Hogan Lovells	Natalia Gulyaeva, Vironika Pilyugina
Patentus	Dmitry Markanov, Maria Mescheryakova
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
Intellect-S	Maxim Labzin, Evgeny Shestakov
Goltsblat BLP	Elena Trusova
KIAP	Daria Chernysh
Pepeliaev Group	Valentina Orlova, Yuri Yahin
	RECOMMENDED
ALRUD Law Firm	Maria Ostachenko
DLA Piper	Pavel Arievich
Noerr	Viktor Gerbutov
Zuykov & Partners	Aleksandra Pelikh, Olga Zhurid
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BAKER MCKENZIE: TOP-NOTCH IP SERVICES WITH A GLOBAL PRESENCE



Leader: Denis Khabarov

Denis Khabarov

Established: 1989

Track record: The Russian offices of this global law firm offer services in all aspects of intellectual property within the CIS and beyond. Major clients include Microsoft, Unilever and 3M. Recent cases have seen them represent a Swedish video-game developer seeking to cancel the use of the Minecraft trademark by a third party.

Team & differentiation: With offices in Moscow and Saint Petersburg, the intellectual property department of Baker McKenzie is made up of four partners and 22 other fully qualified lawyers. Denis Khabarov is highly respected in the field of intellectual property, offering general IP advice, as well as dispute resolution and anti-piracy.

GOWLING WLG: RUSSIAN IP SERVICES WITH A WESTERN FLAVOR

Leaders: Julianna Tabas-tajewa and David Aylen

Established: 1992



Julianna Tabastaiewa

Track record: The firm offers services in trademark and patent filings as well as IP litigation to international clients over virtually all industry sectors, covering Russia and the CIS. They have successfully advised major international firms, such as Volkswagen, Audi and recently represented Nestlé with regards to trademark protection against a major competitor.

Team & differentiation: Gowling's Moscow office has over 20 years' experience offering local expertise to a global clientele. Managing partner David Aylen is the only INTA certified alternative dispute resolution expert in Russia and Julianna Tabastajewa has made significant contributions to new domain-name regulations in the Russian Federation.



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Spain Best Investment Banks

BANK	KEY LEADERS
	LEADING
Goldman Sachs	Mark Sorrell (Head of M&A, EMEA)
PwC	Malcolm Lloyd (Partner, Head of Deals Division)
Rothschild	Nigel Higgins (Co-Head of European Investment Banking)
UBS Investment Bank	David Garcia-Lorenzana (Executive Director)
	EXCELLENT
BNP Paribas	Ramiro Mato (President)
Citi	Wilhelm Schulz (Head of M&A, EMEA)
Deloitte	Martin Reilly (Partner, Head of Corporate Finance)
EY	Arturo Derteano (Partner, Advisory), David Frias (Partner, Transaction Advisory Services)
Eurohold	Jean Francois Alandry (Managing Partner), Pascal Vieilledent (Managing Partner)
Mediobanca	Stefano Marsaglia (Co-Head of Corporate and Investment Banking), Juan Bejar (Director, Investment Banking)
Oakley Advisory	Christian Maher (Managing Partner), Chris Godsmark (Managing Partner)
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
Altium Capital	Manuel Sánchez de Lamadrid (Managing Director)
BDO	Oriol Tapias (Partner, Financial Advisory Services), Ana Fernandez-Velasco Miguel (Vice President, M&A)
Jefferies	Dominic Lester (Co-Head of European and Global Technology Investment Banking)
КРМС	Ignacio Faus (Partner, Deal Advisory), Jorge Riopérez (Partner, Corporate Finance)

RANKINGS *⊢*



PATENT PROSECUTION

Spain Best Law Firms

FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS
	LEADING
ABG Patentes	Francisco Bernardo, Juan Arias
ZBM Patents & Trademarks	Anna Barlocci, Bernabé Zea
	EXCELLENT
Balder	Olof Fickert, Magnus Stiebe
Elzaburu	Francisco Javier Saez, Pedro Saturio
Herrero & Asociados	Jesús González
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
Clarke Modet & Co	Carmen Sánchez-Puelles
Curell Suñol	Mireia Curell
Pons IP	Patricia Ramos
	RECOMMENDED
Durán-Corretjer	Luis-Alfonso Duran
Jacobacci & partners	Ignacio Martinez
Oficina Ponti	Adelaide Ponti
Yecora	Ángels Yécora Gallastegui



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TRADEMARK PROSECUTION

Spain Best Law Firms

FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS
	LEADING
Elzaburu	Antonio Tavira, Enrique Armijo
Herrero & Asociados	María Ángeles Moreno
	EXCELLENT
Balder	Olof Fickert
Curell Suñol	Mireia Curell
Durán-Corretjer	Luis-Alfonso Durán
Pons IP	Aberto Rabadán
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
Carlos Polo & Asociados	Carlos Polo
Clarke Modet & Co	José Manuel Marhuenda
Isern Patentes Y Marcas	Javier Isern
	RECOMMENDED
Oficina Ponti	Ricardo Guerras
Sugrañes	Elia Sugrañes
Ungria	Javier Ungria

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PATENT LITIGATION

Spain Best Law Firms

The firms are listed alphabetically within each band

FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS
	LEADING
Bird & Bird	Manuel Lobato, Antonio Cueto
Clifford Chance	Miquel Montañá
Cuatrecasas Gonçalves Pereira	Jorge Llévat
Gomez-Acebo & Pombo	Gonzalo Ulloa Suelves, Eduardo Castillo San Martín
Grau & Angulo	Alejandro Angulo, Jorge Grau
	EXCELLENT
Amat & Vidal-Quadras	Miguel Vidal-Quadras
Elzaburu	Antonio Castán
Hoyng Rokh Monegier	Luis Fernández-Novoa
Uria Menendez	José Massaguer
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
Abril Abogados	Ignacio Temiño Ceniceros
Baker McKenzie	José Maria Méndez
Balder	Miguel Aznar
Cremades & Calvo-Sotelo	Antonio Selas
Garrigues	João Miranda de Sousa
Herrero & Asociados	Jesús González
	RECOMMENDED
Baylos	Pedro Merino Baylos
Eversheds Sutherland	Vicente Arias Máiz
Hogan Lovells	Ana Castedo

CUATRECASAS: DEDICATED MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM



Leaders: Jorge Llevat, Álvaro Bourkaib, Alejandro Negro and Jorge Robles Established: 1917

Jorge Llevat

Track record: Cuatrecasas' growing IP practice offers full coverage and has handled patent exploitation and infringement cases for Abezeta, Bella Aurora, BH Bikes, Bose France, Zobele Group and Wallapop. The firm has a strong litigation team focused on the life sciences industry advising on IP, public law and dispute resolution issues. Clients include large international life sciences companies based in Spain.

Team & differentiation: With 30 dedicated lawyers, based in Madrid and Barcelona, Cuatrecasas has one of the largest intellectual property teams in the market. Álvaro Bourkaib has joined the firm as partner and IP group coordinator in Madrid. Along with Albert Agustinoy, the general IP area coordinator based in Barcelona, he will help strengthen the firm's commitment to economic digitalization. <u>18</u>

TRADEMARK LITIGATION

Spain Best Law Firms

FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS LEADING
Bird & Bird	Manuel Lobato, Antonio Cueto
Gomez-Acebo & Pombo	Gonzalo Ulloa Suelves, Eduardo Castillo San Martín
Grau & Angulo	Alejandro Angulo, Jorge Grau
Uria Menendez	José Massaguer, Montiano Monteagudo
	EXCELLENT
Baker McKenzie	José María Méndez
Clifford Chance	Montserrat Lopez-Bellosta
Cuatrecasas Gonçalvez Pereira	Jorge llevat
Elzaburu	Enrique Armijo Chavarri
Sol Muntañola & Asociados	Mario Sol Muntañola
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
Abril Abogados	Carlos González Valdés
Abril Abogados Balder	Carlos González Valdés Miguel Aznar
Balder	Miguel Aznar
Balder Baylos	Miguel Aznar Pedro Merino Baylos
Balder Baylos Bercovitz & Carvajal Abogados	Miguel Aznar Pedro Merino Baylos Rodrigo Bercovitz Rodríguez-Cano
Balder Baylos Bercovitz & Carvajal Abogados Ecija	Miguel Aznar Pedro Merino Baylos Rodrigo Bercovitz Rodríguez-Cano Juan Salmerón
Balder Baylos Bercovitz & Carvajal Abogados Ecija Eversheds Sutherland	Miguel Aznar Pedro Merino Baylos Rodrigo Bercovitz Rodríguez-Cano Juan Salmerón José Mariano Cruz
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Spain Best Law Firms

The firms are listed alphabetically within each band

FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS
	LEADING
Baker McKenzie	José María Méndez, Raoul Rubio
Cuatrecasas Gonçalves Pereira	Albert Agustinoy, Jean-Yves Tiendas, Alejandro Negro
Hogan Lovells	Gonzalo Gallego
	EXCELLENT
Bird & Bird	Pablo Berenguer, Alexander Benalal
DLA Piper	Diego Ramos
Ecija	Hugo Ecija Bernal
Garrigues	José Ramón Morales, Alejandro Padin Vidal
Pinsent Masons	Paula Longoria, Paloma Bru
Ramon y Cajal	Norman Heckh
Samaniego Law	Javier Fernández-Samaniego
Uria Menendez	Pablo González-Espejo
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
Abril Abogados	Ignacio Temiño
Bercovitz & Carvajal Abogados	Javier de Torres Fueyo, Alfonso González Gozalo
Gomez-Acebo & Pombo	Almudena Arpón de Mendívil
Hoyng Rokh Monegier	José Antonio Sanmartín
Osborne Clarke	Rafael García del Poyo, David Miranda
Pedro Alemán	Pedro Aleman Lain
Pintó Ruiz & del Valle	Jordi López Batet, Yago Vázquez

SAMANIEGO LAW: SUPERIOR LEGAL ADVICE FOR SOPHISTICATED TECHNOLOGIES



Leader: Javier Fernandez-Samaniego Established: 2017

J. Fernandez-Samaniego

Track record: The firm has developed a strong IT, commercial and dispute resolution practice, giving international clients unique expertise in ERP implementation, outsourcing and big-data. Javier Fernández-Samaniego has been on the front line of the most challenging privacy projects, acting before Spanish courts and European Court of Justice. ADR, such as mediation and arbitration, are at the core of the firm.

Team & differentiation: The firm is the first Ibero-American alternative law firm with offices in Madrid and Miami, acting globally with a strong American client base. It has an alliance with United Lex, which drives digital transformation in the corporate legal ecosystem. Javier Fernández-Samaniego was a founding partner of the Spanish office of Bird & Bird and head of its commercial, dispute resolution and IT teams.

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Switzerland Best Investment Banks

BANK	KEY LEADERS
Crédit Suisse	LEADING Giuseppe Monarchi (Global Co-Head of TMT)
Lazard	Philippe Leuenberger (Director)
	EXCELLENT
Bank of America Merill Lynch	Birger Berendes (Head of M&A for Germany, Austria & Switzerland)
Goldman Sachs	Gilberto Pozzi (Co-Head M&A)
Nomura Securities	Charles Pitts-Tucker (Head of Investment Banking, EMEA)
UBS Investment Bank	Christian Lesueur (Head of TMT, EMEA)
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
EY	Ronald Sauser (Senior Partner)
GCA Altium	Alexander Grünwald (Managing Director)
Goetz Partners	Herbert Werle (Managing Director, Corporate finance)
J. Safra Sarasin	Edmond Michaan (CEO)
КРМG	James Carter (Director)
Rothschild & Cie	Konstantin Nikiteas (Head of Northern Europe)
Vontobel	Herbert J. Scheidt (Chairman)
The Corporate Finance Group	Urs Huber (Partner)





SWITZERLAND BEST VENTURE CAPITAL FUNDS

FUND	INDUSTRY
Aquarius Water Holding	Cleantech
Auris Medical	Biotech
Balluun	IT
Cell Medica	Biotech
Cequr	Medtech
Coresystems	IT
Covagen	Biotech
Finox	Biotech
GetyourGuide	IT
MINDNRG	Biotech
Numbrs	IT
Obseva	Biotech
Oncoethix	Biotech
Romo Wind	Cleantech
Sensimed	Medtech
Telormedix	Biotech
TVP Solar	Cleantech
Wisekey	IT

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PATENT PROSECUTION

Switzerland Best Law Firms

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FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS	
	LEADING	
E. Blum & Co	Kurt Sutter, Regula Rüedi, Rainer Schalch, Martin Münch	
Hepp Wenger Ryffel	Dieter Hepp, Christoph Müller	
Isler & Pedrazzini	Michael Liebetanz, Natalia Clerc, Tobias Bremi	
Rentsch Partner	Alfred Köpf, Louis Lagler	
	EXCELLENT	
Bohest IP	Detlef Heinen	
Keller & Partner	Philipp Rüfenacht	
Troesch Scheidegger Werner	Peter Rigling	
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED	
Bovard	Tarik Kapić	
Braunpat Braun Eder	André Braun	
SBMP - Schaad, Balass, Menzl & Partner	Christoph Fraefel, Jochen Schwarz	
	RECOMMENDED	
Bugnion	Constantin Kiliaridis	
Frei Patent Attorneys	Alexandra Frei	
Kasche & Partner	André Kasche	
Katzarov	Alexandra Manola	
Kirker & Cie	Jean-François Léger	
Micheli & Cie	Bertrand F. Micheli	
Reuteler & Cie	Raymond Reuteleur, Isabelle Cornut	
Schmauder & Partner	Peter Felder	
Walder Wyss	Markus Frick, Roger Staub	

TRADEMARK PROSECUTION

Switzerland Best Law Firms

The firms are listed alphabetically within each band

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FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS
	LEADING
E. Blum & Co	Brendan B. Bolli, Mathias Meyer, Sven Capol
Isler & Pedrazzini	Michael Degkwitz
Troller Hitz Troller	Ursula In-Albon, Patrick Troller
	EXCELLENT
Bovard	Paul Henri Pittet
Bugnion	Dominique Skrebers-Zaïontz
FMP - Fuhrer Machbach & Partner	Peter Widmer, Bernard Volken
Lenz & Staehelin	Jürg Simon
Meyerlustenberger Lachenal	Guillaume Fournier, Peter Schramm, Michael Ritscher, Simon Holzer
Rentsch Partner	Gregor Wild, Matthias Städeli
Weinmann Zimmerli	Adrian Zimmerli
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
AW Metz & Co	Hans-Peter Rüfli, Dominique Lusuardi
BMG Avocats	Sylvie Gurry-Veit, Anne-Virginie La Spada
Bohest IP	Esther M. Jost
Griffes Consulting	Pierre-Antoine Racine
Junod Muhlstein Levy & Puder	Michel Muhlstein, Laurent Muhlstein
Katzarov	Alexandra Manola, Milana Pantelic
Kirker & Cie	Jean-François Léger
Meisser & Partners	David Meisser
Pestalozzi	Lorenza Ferrari-Hofer, Michèle Burnier
Python	Felix Locher*, Dominique Graz*
SBMP - Schaad Balass Menzl & Partner	Fred Gromann
Walder Wyss	Markus Frick, Roger Staub, Magda Streuli-Youssef
Wild Schnyder	Donald N. Schnyder, Barbara K. Müller
*Counsel	

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PATENT LITIGATION

Switzerland Best Law Firms

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FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS
FMP – Fuhrer Marbach & Partner	Eugen Marbach, Peter Widmer, Cyrill Rieder
Homburger	Andri Hess
Lenz & Staehelin	Thierry Calame
Meyerlustenberger Lachenal	Michael Ritscher, Simon Holzer, Guillaume Fournier
Rentsch Partner	Christian Hilti, Demian Stauber
	EXCELLENT
Kasser Schlosser Ralph Schlosser	
Pestalozzi	Lorenza Ferrari Hofer, Thomas Legler, Michèle Burnier
Schellenberg Wittmer	Philipp Groz
Times Attorneys	Andrea Mondini, Michael Noth, Markus Kaiser
Troller Hitz Troller	Patrick Troller
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
CMS von Erlach Poncet	Robert G. Briner, Rudolf A. Rentsch
Junod Muhlstein Levy & Puder	Michel Muhlstein, Laurent Muhlstein
ThomannFischer	Fabian Leimgruber, Daniel Plüss
Vischer	Stefan Kohler
Walder Wyss	Markus Frick
	RECOMMENDED
Bär & Karrer	Markus Wang
Bianchi Schwald	Christoph Gasser
Ducor Law	Philippe Ducor
Nater Dallafior	Mathis Berger
Niederer Kraft & Frey	Nicolas Birkhäuser
Python	Felix Locher*
Streichenberg	Christoph Willi
*Counsel	

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MEYERLUSTENBERGER LACHENAL: TOP-NOTCH IP LAWYERS

Leaders: Michael Ritscher, Simon Holzer and Guillaume

Established: 1975

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Michael Ritscher

Track record: The team, led by Michael Ritscher, is among the strongest in Switzerland, having advised clients both on patent litigation and trademark (prosecution & litigation), as well as copyright. With strong expertise in the pharma sector, the team is handling two of the largest contentious disputes in the country for Bayer and AstraZeneca. Team & differentiation: Meyerlustenberger Lachenal has one of the largest IP groups in the market. With five offices in Switzerland and one in Brussels, the firm advises its clients both on a domestic and international scale. Prominent partners Simon Holzer and Peter Schramm are also registered at the German Bar.

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TRADEMARK & COPYRIGHT LITIGATION

Switzerland Best Law Firms

The firms are listed alphabetically within each band

FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS LEADING
FMP – Fuhrer Marbach & Partner	Eugen Marbach, Philippe Probst, Bernard Volken
Homburger	Georg Rauber, Gregor Bühler
Lenz & Staehelin	Jürg Simon, Lara Dorigo
Meyerlustenberger Lachenal	Michael Ritscher, Simon Holzer, Guillaume Fournier
Troller Hitz Troller	Ursula In-Albon, Patrick Troller, Gallus Joller
Walder Wyss	Roger Staub, Markus Frick, Magda Streuli-Youssef
	EXCELLENT
Kasser Schlosser Ralph Schlosser	
Niederer Kraft & Frey	Nicolas Birkhäuser
Pestalozzi	Lorenza Ferrari Hofer, Thomas Legler, Michèle Burnier
Rentsch Partner	Matthias Städeli, Gregor Wild, Demian Stauber
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
Baker McKenzie	Michael Treis
BMG Avocats	Sylvie Gurry-Veit, Anne-Virginie La Spada
Junod Muhlstein Levy & Puder	Michel Muhlstein, Laurent Muhlstein
LBM	Frédéric Serra
Schellenberg Wittmer	Philipp Groz
Schmauder & Partner	Peter Felder, Andreas Thierstein
Times Attorneys	Markus Kaiser, Philippe Gilliéron, Andrea Mondini
	RECOMMENDED
Bär & Karrer	Markus Wang
Bourgeois Avocats	Ivan Cherpillod
Bugnion Ballensat Ehrler	Lorenz Ehrler
Gros & Waltenspühl	Bertrand Gros, Theda König Horowicz, Christophe Maillefer
Nater Dallafior	Mathis Berger
Prager Dreifuss	Ralph Butz
Python	Felix Locher*, Dominique Graz*
ThomannFischer	Daniel Plüss
Weinmann Zimmerli	Fabian Wigger
Werder Viganò	Kai-Peter Uhlig
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Switzerland Best Law Firms

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FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS
	LEADING
Homburger	Georg Rauber, David Rosenthal
Lenz & Staehelin	Lukas Morscher, Guy Vermeil
Schellenberg Wittmer	Roland Mathys
Walder Wyss	Markus Frick, Didier Sangiorgio, Mark Reutter, Michael Isler, Reto Jacobs, Hans Rudolf Trüeb
	EXCELLENT
ld est avocats	Michel Jaccard, Juliette Ancelle
Niederer Kraft & Frey	András Gurovits, Clara-Ann Gordon
Pestalozzi	Lorenza Ferrari-Hofer, Michèle Burnier, Thomas Legler
Vischer	Rolf Auf der Mauer
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
Bär & Karrer	Michele Bernasconi, Markus Wang
Meyerlustenberger Lachenal	Lukas Bühlmann
Times Attorneys	Markus Kaiser, Andrea Mondini
Wenger Plattner	Peter Mosiman
	RECOMMENDED
Bratschi Wiederkehr & Buob	Simon Osterwalder, Christian Wild
Capt & Wyss	Nicolas Capt
CMS von Erlach Poncet	Robert G. Briner
Epartners	Urs Egli, Alexander Schmid
Froriep	Nicola Benz
Gianni Fröhlich-Bleuler	Gianni Fröhlich-Bleuler
HDC Lawyers	Sylvain Métille
Laux Lawyers	Christian Laux
LBM	Frédéric Serra
Martina Arioli Law Firm	Martina Arioli
Meili Pfortmüller	Herbert Pfortmüller
MME	Martin Eckert
Probst	Julia Bhend
Thouvenin	David Känzig
Zulauf Partner	Rena Zulauf

LENZ & STAEHELIN: A GLOBAL AND THOROUGH APPROACH



Guy Vermeil

Leaders: Guy Vermeil and Lukas Morscher Established: 1917

Track record: Acting across the broad spectrum of matters from counsel to litigation and enforcement, Lenz & Staehelin's IP team delivers a comprehensive approach to intellectual property. The team works for big names such as Merck, Pfizer and Apple. With regards to outsourcing, the team has a quasi-monopoly on cases, working on major outsourcing matters such as migrations to the Avalog Sourcing platform.

Team & differentiation: With six associates and one partner in Geneva, the TMT team led by Guy Vermeil covers all aspects of the practice and is at the forefront in data protection/GDPR and crypto-currency issues. Split between Zurich and Geneva, the team represents clients before all Swiss courts. The IP team is composed of multidisciplinary professionals: Thierry Calame is also a chemist, and Jürg Simon an economist.

NIEDERER KRAFT & FREY: BRANCHING OUT IN VARIOUS DOMAINS



Clara-Ann Gordon

Leaders: Clara-Ann Gordon and András Gurovits Established: 1936 Track record: NKF acts for Swiss blue-chip and international clients and has recently worked on many GDPR compliant projects. The team has represented Finastra – the largest fintech in the world – FIFA, Huawei and Schindler in the last year. They also recently acted for Crypto International on the acquisition of its international business so as to develop its offering in comprehensive cyber security solutions.

Team & differentiation: The TMT team, reinforced in 2017, is composed of seven associates. With specialization in sports, broadcasting rights, data privacy and the Internet of Things, NKF is especially skilled in telecoms matters. Clara-Ann Gordon – who handled one of the first IoT projects in the market – and András Gurovits co-chair the practice. Nicolas Birkhäuser advises on both IP and competition matters.



TURKEY



PATENT PROSECUTION

Turkey Best Law Firms

The firms are listed alphabetically within each band

FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS
	LEADING
Ankara Patent Bureau	Ekin Dericioğlu Kurt
Deriş Patents & Trademarks Agency	Berrin Kalenderli
Istanbul Patent	Güven Çalik
Stock Industrial Property Services	Kazim Dundar, Omer Dundar
	EXCELLENT
Destek Patent	Kemal Yamankaradeniz
Grup Ofis Marka Patent	Gürşen Sevinç, Guray Baliktay, Gamze Coskun Bakir
Gün + Partners	Uğur Aktekin, Hande Hançar Çelik, Barış Zühtü Kalaycı
Moroğlu Arseven	Ezgi Baklacı Gülkokar, Işık Özdoğan
NSN Law Firm	Selma Ünlü
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
ABA IP Services	Melis Abacioğlu
Alfa Patent	Selda Arkan
ATG Law Firm	Ahmet Akgüloğlu
Suluk IP Law Firm	Cahit Suluk, Zeynep Balçik
Erdem Kaya Partners	Ahu Güneyli
Esin Attorney Partnership (Baker McKenzie)	Mine Guner
June Intellectual Property Services Inc.	Dilek Ustun Ekdial
Kenaroğlu	Yasemin Kenaroğlu
Tellioğlu Kaşlioğlu	Ihsan Tellioğlu
Yalçiner Consulting and Foreign Trade	Uğur G. Yalçiner

TRADEMARK PROSECUTION

Turkey Best Law Firms

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FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS	
	LEADING	
Ankara Patent Bureau	Ekin Dericioğlu Kurt	
Deriş Patents & Trademarks Agency	Berrin Kalenderli	
Istanbul Patent	Güven Çalik	
Stock Industrial Property Services	Kazim Dundar, Omer Dundar	
	EXCELLENT	
Destek Patent	Kemal Yamankaradeniz	
Grup Ofis Marka Patent	Gürşen Sevinç	
Gün + Partners	Uğur Aktekin, Hande Hançar Çelik, Barış Zühtü Kalaycı	
Moroğlu Arseven	Ezgi Baklacı Gülkokar, Işık Özdoğan	
NSN Law Firm	Selma Ünlü	
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED	
ABA IP Services	Melis Abacioğlu	
Alfa Patent	Selda Arkan	
ATG Law Firm	Ahmet Akgüloğlu	
Cahit Suluk Intellectual Property Law Firm	Cahit Suluk	
Erdem Kaya Partners	Ahu Güneyli	
Esin Attorney Partnership (Baker McKenzie)	Mine Guner	
June Intellectual Property Services Inc.	Dilek Ustun Ekdial	
Kenaroğlu	Yasemin Kenaroğlu	
Tellioğlu Kaşlioğlu	Ihsan Tellioğlu	
Yalçiner Consulting and Foreign Trade	Uğur G. Yalçiner	

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Turkey Best Law Firms

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FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS
	LEADING
Deriş Attorneys at Law Partnership	Okan Çan, Serra Coral, Aydin Deriş, Emre Yardim Kardimci
Gün + Partners	Mehmet Gün, Özge Atikgan Karakulak
	EXCELLENT
Arihan & Arihan	Taylan Arihan
Suluk IP Law Firm	Cahit Suluk, Bahattin Çarkaci
Güner Law Office	Ece Güner
NSN Law Firm	Selma Ünlü
Tellioğlu Kaşlioğlu	Evrim Kaşlioğlu, Ihsan Tellioğlu
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
BTS & Partners	Yasin Beceni
Eyuboğlu Law Firm	Samiye Eyuboğlu
Istanbul Patent	Erkan Sevinç
Kenaroğlu	Yasemin Kenaroğlu
Moroğlu Arseven	lşik Özdoğan
Stock Industrial Property Services	Kazim Dundar, Omer Dundar
Yasaman Law Firm	Zeynep Yasaman Kökçü

KENAROĞLU: TOP QUALITY LITIGATION SERVICES FOR ESTABLISHED CLIENTS



Leader: Yasemin Kenaroğlu Established: 2008

Yasemin Kenaroğlu

Track record: Established in 2008 as a boutique IP law firm, Kenaroğlu expanded their practices in 2013 to become a business law firm, still firmly rooted in IP expertise. The firm represents large multinational companies in patent and trademark filings and litigation both locally and on a global scale. They are particularly known for representing international fashion and luxury goods brands. Team & differentiation: Based in Istanbul, the firm has liaison offices in Ankara and Izmir. All Kenaroğlu lawyers are qualified patent and/or trademark attorneys and they are all also fluent in English. The firm comprises two partners and 17 other lawyers, led by head partner Yasemin Kenaroğlu.

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TURKEY



TRADEMARK LITIGATION

Turkey Best Law Firms

The firms are listed alphabetically within each band

FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS
	LEADING
Deriş Attorney At Law Partnership	Okan Çan, Serra Coral, Aydin Deriş, Emre Kerim Yardimci
Gün + Partners	Uğur Aktekin, Mehmet Gün, Hande Hançar Çelik, Baris Kalayci
	EXCELLENT
Ankara Patent Bureau	Ekin Dericioğlu Kurt
Istanbul Patent	Güven Çalik
Kenaroğlu	Yasemin Kenaroğlu
Moroğlu Arseven	lşik Özdoğan, Gökçe İzgi
NSN Law Firm	Selma Ünlü
Stock Industrial Property Services	Kazim Dundar
Tellioğlu Kaşlioğlu	Ihsan Tellioğlu
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
Alacayir Law Firm	Esref Alacayir
ATG Law Firm	Ahmet Akgüloğlu
BTS & Partners	Tuğrul Sevim
Suluk IP Law Firm	Cahit Suluk, Bahattin Çarkaci
Esin Attorney Partnership (Baker McKenzie)	Mine Guner, Koray Sogut
Kahveci Law Office	Vehbi Kahveci
Oktar & Oktar	Ayla Oktar
Özdirekcan Dündar Attorney Partnership	Esra Dündar-Loiseau
	RECOMMENDED
Abacioglu Akici Guven	Merve Bihter Akici
Balcioğlu Selçuk Akman Keki	Selim Keki, Galip Selçuk
Çaga & Çaga	Erdem Değerli
Çağirgan Intellectual Property Services	Riza Ferhan Çağirgan
Diş Patent	Hakan Akdag, Kerem Gokman
ELIG, Attorneys-at-Law	Gönenç Gürkaynak
Erdem Kaya Partners	Ahu Güneyli
Grup Ofis Marka Patent	Guray Baliktay, Gamze Coskun Bakir
lçtemLegal	Serkan lçtem
June Intellectual Property Services	Dilek Ustun Ekdial
Turunç	Esin Çamlibel, Kerem Turunç
Yasaman Law Firm	Zeynep Yasaman Kökçü

DERIŞ: ONE-STOP SHOP FOR INTERNATIONALLY REGARDED IP SERVICES



Leaders: Emre Kerim Yardimci, Aydin Deriş, Serra Coral, Okan Çan Established: 1912

Emre Kerim Yardimci

Track record: The firm handled over 2000 IP applications during the past year. Recent cases have included litigation for textile dye company DyStar, concerning the tax exemption of a patented product in Turkey. They also represented a multinational chemical company in a multijurisdictional conflict concerning the breach of a license agreement.

Team & differentiation: Comprising two separate entities, the firm offers high-quality services in IP prosecution and litigation and also deal in domain name disputes. Over 95% of clients are large multinationals, with many from the pharmaceutical and automobile industries. Founding partner Emre Kerim Yardimci is known for his innovative approach to litigation and astute strategic legal counsel.





TMT (LARGE CAP)

UK Best Investment Banks

The banks are listed alphabetically within each band

BANK	KEY LEADERS		
	LEADING		
Goldman Sachs	Anthony Gutman (Co-Head, EMEA Investment Banking Services)		
	EXCELLENT		
Bank of America Merrill Lynch	Luca Ferrari (Head of European M&A), Luigi Rizzo (Head of Investment Banking, EMEA)		
Barclays	Pier Luigi Colizzi (Head of M&A, EMEA)		
Credit Suisse	Cathal Deasy (Head of M&A, EMEA)		
JP Morgan	Dirk Albersmeier (Co-Head of M&A, EMEA), David Lomer (Co-Head of M&A, EMEA)		
Morgan Stanley	Mark Rawlinson (Head of UK Investment Banking)		
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED		
Lazard	Nicholas Shott (Head of UK Investment Banking)		
LionTree Advisors	Aryeh Bourkoff (Chief Executive Officer)		
UBS Investment Bank	Severin Brizay (Head of M&A, EMEA)		
	RECOMMENDED		
BNP Paribas	Eric Jacquemot (Head of Corporate Finance, UK)		
Rothschild	Robert Leitão (Head of Global Advisory)		

TMT (SMALL TO MID CAP)

UK Best Investment Banks

The banks are listed alphabetically within each band

BANK	KEY LEADERS
	LEADING
Arma Partners	Paul-Noël Guély (Managing Partner)
Goldman Sachs	Anthony Gutman (Co-Head, EMEA Investment Banking Services)
	EXCELLENT
Cavendish Corporate Finance (Oaklins)	Nick Jones (Partner and Head of Technology)
Citi	Wilhelm Schulz (Managing Director, Head of EMEA M&A)
Evercore Partners	Andrew Sibbald (CEO of Investment Banking, Europe)
EY	Mark Brockway (Partner, Corporate Finance), David Scourfield (Partner, Corporate Finance)
Jefferies	Jonathan Wilcox (Head of UK Investment Banking)
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
Deloitte	Paul Lupton (Head of Corporate Finance Advisory, UK)
JP Morgan	Dirk Albersmeier (Co-Head of M&A EMEA), David Lomer (Co-Head of M&A EMEA)
Lepe Partners	Jonathan Goodwin (Partner, Co-Founder)
Oakley Advisory	Christian Maher (Managing Partner), Chris Godsmark (Managing Partner)
	RECOMMENDED
Harris Williams & Co	Thierry Monjauze (Head of Europe)
ING	Małgorzata Kołakowska (Head of Wholesale Banking, UK)
Nomura	Charles Pitts-Tucker (Head of Investment Banking EMEA)
Ondra Partners	Mark Tood (Partner)

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HEALTHCARE (LARGE CAP)

UK Best Investment Banks

The banks are listed alphabetically within each band

BANK	KEY LEADERS
	LEADING
Goldman Sachs	Karen Cook (Chairman UK Investment Banking)
Rothschild	Dominic Hollamby (Global Head of Healthcare)
	EXCELLENT
Barclays	Axel-Sven Malkomes (Vice Chairman, Managing Director, Healthcare Banking)
Jefferies	Jonathan Wilcox (Head of UK Investment Banking)
Morgan Stanley	Mark Rawlinson (Head of Investment Banking UK)
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
HSBC	Borja Azpilicueta (Head of Advisory, EMEA)
JP Morgan	Dirk Albersmeier (Co-Head of M&A EMEA), David Lomer (Co-Head of M&A EMEA)
UBS Investment Bank	Severin Brizay (Head of M&A EMEA)
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HEALTHCARE (SMALL TO MID CAP)

UK Best Investment Banks

The banks are listed alphabetically within each band

BANK	KEY LEADERS
	LEADING
Rothschild	Dominic Hollamby (Global Head of Healthcare)
	EXCELLENT
Evercore Partners	Andrew Sibbald (CEO of Investment Banking, Europe)
Goldman Sachs	Karen Cook (Chairman UK Investment Banking)
Jefferies	Jonathan Wilcox (Head of UK Investment Banking)
KPMG	Mark Britnell (Chairman and Partner of the Global Health Practice), Marc Summers (Director of Transaction Services)
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
Grant Thornton	Andy Morgan (Head of Corporate Finance), Richard Wilson (Director, Healthcare Advisory)
Numis Securities	Alex Ham (Co-Head of Corporate Broking and Advisory)
Smith Square Partners	Andrew Christie (Partner), Jonathan Coddington (Partner)
	RECOMMENDED
Credit Suisse	Cathal Deasy (Head of M&A, EMEA)
Deloitte	Paul Lupton (Head of Corporate Finance Advisory, UK)
Houlihan Lokey	Steve Winningham (Managing Director, Co-Head of Corporate Finance Europe)
JP Morgan	Dirk Albersmeier (Co-Head of M&A, EMEA), David Lomer (Co-Head of M&A, EMEA)
Lazard	Nicholas Shott (Head of UK Investment Banking)
WG Partners	Nigel Barnes (Partner, Healthcare)

UK



PATENT PROSECUTION

UK Best Law Firms

The firms are listed alphabetically within each band

FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS
	LEADING
Boult Wade Tennant	Claire Baldock, Tessa Buck, Adrian Hayes, Nick McKleish
Carpmaels Ransford	Hugh Goodfellow, Richard Jackson, Susan Kirsch, Gary Small
D Young & Co	Anthony Albutt, Charles Harding, David Horner, Jonathan Jackson
Dehns	Christopher Davies, Alexander Piésold
Kilburn & Strode	Kristina Cornish, Peter Hale, Gwilyn Roberts
Potter Clarkson	Richard Bassett, Ian Stevens
	EXCELLENT
Gill Jennings & Every	Arnie Clarke, Peter Finnie, Stephen Haley
J A Kemp	Patrick Campbell, Mike Nicholls, Mark Roberts
Marks & Clerk	Campbell Newell
Maucher Jenkins	James Cross, Hugh Dunlop
Mewburn Ellis	Stephen Gill, Simon Kiddle, Stephen Kremer, Robert Watson
Reddie & Grose	Phil Bates, Patrick Lloyd, Neil Thornton
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
Abel & Imray	Paul Brady, Matthew Fletcher
Cleveland Scott York	Adrian Bradley
EIP	Heather McCann, Jerome Spaargaren
Haseltine Lake	Elizabeth Cooper-Rolfe, Christine Fenlon
HGF	Harry Hutchinson, Chris Moore, Kate Taylor, Gary Wilson
Mathys & Squire	Peter Garratt, Ilya Kazi, Martin MacLean
Venner Shipley	Siân Gill, Ian Grey, Tim Jump, Jan Walaski
Withers & Rogers	Dave Croston, Andrew Thompson, Nick Wallin
	RECOMMENDED
Barker Brettell	John Lawrence, Priscilla Makovski
Beck Greener	John Raynor
CMS	Robert Stephen
Dentons	Justin Hill
Elkington & Fife	Nick Ertl, Richard Gillard
Forresters	Jon Gowshall
Keltie	Shakeel Ahmad, Devenand Crease, Sean Cummings
Slingsby Partners	Philip Slingsby
Wilson Gunn	Mark Goodwin, David Slattery
WP Thompson	Julian Potter

CARPMAELS & RANSFORD: INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LEGACY FOR OVER 200 YEARS

Leaders: Richard Jackson, Hugh Goodfellow, Susan Kirsch and Gary Small

Established: 1776



Richard Jackson

Track record: With nearly 250 years of experience at their disposal, the firm is particularly renowned for its services in trademark and patent prosecution. The London-based firm, which also has a Munich office, is a top choice for large US corporations. Their impressive client portfolio includes firms such as Mars, LG, Pfizer and GlaxoSmithKline. Team & differentiation: One of Europe's leading IP practices, the firm comprises an integrated prosecution and litigation team who are able to cover all aspects of IP. Managing Partner Richard Jackson is a veteran of EPO proceedings and recent hires such as Jake Marshall and David Wilson have strengthened the firm's litigation and transactional practices.



TRADEMARK PROSECUTION

UK Best IP Firms

The firms are listed alphabetically within each band

FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS
	LEADING
Boult Wade Tennant	Emma Pitcher, Tony Pluckrose, John Wallace, Catherine Wolfe
D Young & Co	Helen Cawley, Jeremy Pennant
Stobbs IP	Julius Stobbs
	EXCELLENT
Carpmaels & Ransford	Jonathan Day
Dehns	Elaine Deyes, Joseph Letang
Gill Jennings & Every	Alasdair MacQuarrie, Rowena Price
HGF	Claire Hutchinson
J A Kemp	James Fish
Kilburn & Strode	Carrollanne Lindley, lain Stewart
Maucher Jenkins	Katie Cameron
Marks & Clerk	Tom Farrand, Campbell Newell
Reddie & Grose	Alice Findlay, Jan Vleck, Helen Wakerley
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
Baker McKenzie	Jessica Le Gros
Barker Brettell	Tracy Arch, Sarah Lait, Catherine Wiseman
Cleveland Scott York	Jonathan Clegg, Lorna Hobbs, Imogen Wiseman
Keltie	Rosemary Cardas, Alistair Gay
Potter Clarkson	Sanjay Kapur, John Peacock
Sipara	Robert Furneaux
Urquhart-Dykes & Lord	Mark Green, Alison Simpson
Venner Shipley	David Birchall
Wilson Gunn	Mark Goodwin, James Robey
Wither & Rogers	Tania Clark, Fiona McBride
	RECOMMENDED
AA Thornton & Co	Ian Gill, Rachel Havard, Vanessa Lawrence
Appleyard Lees	Robert Cumming
Beck Greener	lan Bartlett, Rowland Buehrlen, John Raynor
Bristows	Paul Walsh
Fieldfisher	Leighton Cassidy
Forresters	Matthew Shaw, Steven Wake
Locke Lord	John Olsen
Mathys & Squire	Gary Johnston
Mewburn Ellis	Sofia Arenal
Murgitroyd	Emma Hodson
Nucleus IP	Jandan Aliss
Wildbore & Gibbons	Janella Barr, Stephen Kinsey

GILL JENNINGS & EVERY: A PERSONALIZED AND PRAGMATIC APPROACH TO IP SERVICES



Leaders: Rowena Price, Arnie Clarke, Peter Finnie, Stephen Haley and Alasdair MacQuarrie Established: 1912

and trademark prosecution to business of all sizes – from startups to large corporations. They recently acted on behalf of Gilead Sciences in a successful appeal before the UKIPO. Other key clients include Procter & Gamble, Mastercard, Revlon, BlackBerry and Lindt.

Track record: The firm offers high quality patent

Team & differentiation: The 12-partner practice focuses on providing a personalized IP service, which has seen them develop proactive strategie aligned to clients' business objectives and audit existing IP portfolios. Managing Partner Peter Finnie advises various European startups on IP strategies and has vast experience before the UKIPO and EPO.

Rowena Price



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PATENT LITIGATION

UK Best Law Firms

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FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS
	LEADING
Allen & Overy	Neville Cordell, Nicola Dagg, Marc Döring, Marjan Noor
Bird & Bird	Morag Macdonald, Jane Mutimear, Katherine Stephens, Robert Williams
Bristows	James Boon, Brian Cordery, Myles Jelf, Edward Nodder
Powell Gilbert	Simon Ayrton, Zoë Butler, Penny Gilbert, Tim Powell
	EXCELLENT
EIP	Gary Moss
Gowling WLG	David Barron, Alexandra Brodie, Gordon Harris, Paul Inman
Herbert Smith Freehills	Sebastian Moore, Sophie Rich, Mark Shillito
Hogan Lovells	Stephen Bennett, Daniel Brook
Marks & Clerk Solicitors	William Cook, Mike Gilbert
Simmons & Simmons	Michael Burdon, Rowan Freeland
Taylor Wessing	Malcolm Bates, Simon Cohen, James Marshall, Matthew Royle
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
CMS	Tom Scourfield
Fieldfisher	Nick Rose, Diana Sternfeld
Pinsent Masons	Clare Tunstall
Wiggin	Sara Ashby, Simon Baggs, Anna Carboni
WilmerHale	Justin Watts
	RECOMMENDED
Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer	Christopher Stothers
Baker Botts	Neil Coulson
Carpmaels & Ransford	David Wilson
Dentons	Campbell Forsyth, Justin Hill
D Young & Co	Charles Harding, Ian Starr, Richard Willoughby
Linklaters	Nigel Jones, Ian Karet
Mishcon de Reya	Ray Black, David Rose
Norton Rose Fulbright	Huw Evans
Osborne Clarke	Lorna Brazell
Rouse	Tim Smith
RPC	Jeremy Drew

POWELL GILBERT: TOP CHOICE FOR EFFICIENT PATENT LITIGATION

Leaders: Tim Powell, Simon Ayrton, Zoë Butler and Penny Gilbert Established: 2007

Tim Powell

Track record: The firm has established itself as one of the UK's premier boutiques for patent litigation after representing clients in various high profile cases. They have been involved in a smartphone dispute between HTC and Apple and successfully represented Huawei in a patent licensing case against Unwired Planet. Other key clients include Actavis and AirWatch. Team & differentiation: Powell Gilbert is unusual in that all of the lawyers who make up its large and innovative team have strong scientific and technical backgrounds, and a third hold PhDs. They offer services in a variety of sectors, such as pharmaceuticals, telecoms and electronic and consumer goods. Simon Ayrton is an IP litigation expert and lectures on IP law.



TRADEMARK LITIGATION

UK Best Law Firms

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FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS LEADING
Baker McKenzie	Michael Hart, Hiroshi Sheraton
Bird & Bird	Mark Holah, Morag Macdonald, Katharine Stephens, Robert Williams
Bristows	Simon Clark, Paul Jordan, Ian Gruselle, Paul Walsh
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Allen & Overy	Neville Cordell, Nicola Dagg, David Stone
CMS	Joel Barry, Tom Scourfield, Paul Stevens
Simmons & Simmons	Darren Meale, Adrian Smith
Taylor Wessing	Charles Lloyd, Roland Mallinson, Niri Shanmuganathan
Wiggin	Sara Ashby, Simon Baggs, Anna Carboni
DI A Diner	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
DLA Piper	Ruth Hoy, Simon Levine
Fieldfisher	Leighton Cassidy, John Linneker, Nick Rose
Gowling WLG	Alexandra Brodie, Gordon Harris, Kate Swaine
Herbert Smith Freehills	Mark Shillito, Joel Smith
Hogan Lovells	Charlie Winckworth
Lewis Silkin	Simon Chapman
Stephenson Harwood	Eifion Morris
	RECOMMENDED
Bear & Wolf	Mark Heritage, Simon Tracey
Burges Salmon	Jeremy Dickerson
Charles Russell Speechlys	Mary Bagnall
Cooley	Nick Bolter
D Young & Co	Tamsin Holman, lan Starr
Fox Williams	Simon Bennett
Freshfield Bruckhaus Deringer	Avril Martindale
Marks & Clerk Solicitors	Kirsten Gilbert
Mishcon de Reya	Ray Black, Jeremy Hertzog, David Rose
Osborne Clarke	Robert Guthrie
Pinsent Masons	lain Connor
Powell Gilbert	Simon Ayrton
Reed Smith	Emma Lenthall, Carolyn Pepper, Michael Skrein
RPC	Jeremy Drew

BIRD & BIRD: STRATEGIC GUIDANCE FOR WORLD-RENOWNED CLIENTS



Leaders: Mark Holah, Morag Macdonald, Katharine Stephens and Robert Williams Established: 1846

Mark Holah

Track record: The pan-European firm are best known for their outstanding practice in litigation, with particular expertise in the high-tech and life sciences sectors. They have defended Philip Morris International in a trade dress invalidation concerning product package designs before the EUIPO. Other key clients include BT, Mattel, Kingfisher and Nokia. Team & differentiation: With over 75 lawyers and trademark attorneys purely devoted to intellectual property law, the firm has one of the largest dedicated teams in the UK. Team leader Morag Macdonald is an expert in cross-border pan-European IP litigation and Mark Holah is known as an exceptionally skilled trademark lawyer who has acted for some of the world's most iconic brands.



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CHINA VENTURE CAPITAL FIRMS LIST

The firms are listed alphabetically

FIRM	INDUSTRY	
Accel Partners	Internet, Mobile, Software, E-Commerce, Analytics, IT	
CDH Investments	Healthcare, Consumption Upgrade	
CDIB Capital	Advertising, E-Commerce, Biotechnology	
Chengwei Capital	Photography, Technology, Social Games	
China Growth Capital	SaaS, Fintech, Online Education, Consumer Internet	
CITIC Capital	Health & Wellness, Hardware/Software, Transportation	
Darby Technology Ventures	Web Development, software, music	
DST Investment Management	Networking, Social Media, Advertising	
DT Capital Partners	Cleantech, Advanced Manufacturing, Retail, TMT, Healthcare	
Fountainvest Partners (Asia)	Consumer Retail, Media & Internet, Healthcare, Advanced Industrials	
GIC Special Investments (Beijing)	Internet, E-Commerce, Mobile	
Hillhouse Capital Management	TMT, Healthcare, Consumer and Premium Industrials	
Hony Capital	E-Commerce, Photography, Trading	
IDG Capital Partners	E-Commerce, Games, Software	
JAFCO Asia	E-Commerce, Mobile, Games	
Jiuzhou Venture	Energy, Biomedicine, Environmental Protection, Manufacturing, Equipment Industries	
KPCB China	Digital, Greentech, Life Sciences	
Legend Capital	E-Commerce, Software, Mobile	
Magic Stone Alternative Investment	Internet, Healthcare, TMT	
Maison Capital	Consumer Growth	
Northern Light Venture Capital	Mobile, E-Commerce, Technology	
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	Healthcare, Culture & Entertainment, Intelligent Manufacturing, Consumption Upgrade, Enterprise	
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PATENT PROSECUTION

China Best Domestic Law Firms

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FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS
	LEADING
CCPIT Patent & Trademark Law Office	Hao Ma, Chuanhong Long
China Patent Agent (HK) Ltd (CPA)	Xiangling Zeng, Hong Luo, Tina H. Tai
Kangxin Partners	Samson G. Yu, James P. Chen, Shirley W. Dong, Gary G. Wu
Liu Shen & Associates	Wu Yang, Allen F. Tao
	EXCELLENT
Beijing Sanyou IP Agency	Hui Li, Xiaolin Dang
China Science Patent & Trademark Agent	Yunpu Luo, Xu Wang, Bobo Wang
King & Wood Mallesons	Yong Li, Wenping Chen
NTD IP Attorneys	Wei Jian, Heather X. Lin
Unitalen Attorneys at Law	Deshan Li, Hao Zhang
Wanhuida Peksung	Gang Bai, Xiaoling Duan
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
China PAT IP Office	Kelly Yao, Yingling Zhang
China Sinda	Gary B. Zhang
Dragon IP Law Firm	Jing Xu, Wenyun Ding
KingSound & Partners	Vivian W. Huang
Leader IP	Fang Liu
Lecome IP Agent	James J. Xu
Shanghai Patent & Trademark Law Office	Hongxiang Wang
ZBSD Patent & Trademark	Jian Shen
Zhongzi Law Office	Bonan Lin, Gesheng Huang
	RECOMMENDED
AFD China	Xia Zheng
Beijing East IP	Shanqiang Xiao
Chang Tsi & Partners	Hailong Sun
CN-KnowHow IP Group	Shunxing Xie
Hylands Law Firm	Yungui Liu
Jeekai & Partners	Robin R. Zhao
Linda Liu & Partners	Maojia Li
Lung Tin International IP Agent	Tai-Keung Cheng, Yong Xiang
Panawell & Partners	Shute S. XU
Scihead IP Group	Yongqiang Xiong
Shangcheng & Partners	Chun Long
TDIP & Partners	Zhihua Huang

KANGXIN PARTNERS: A TOP-TIER IP AGENCY WITH MODERN MANAGEMENT



Leaders: Samson Yu, James Chen, Shirley Dong and Gary Wu Established: 1994

Samson Yu

Track record: Kangxin is among the top 10 Chinese patent agencies in terms of volume of patent applications. The firm has assisted an LED manufacturing company in winning a utility model patent application after having requested administrative reconsideration and successfully having a SIPO notification revoked, and has advised Soraa Laser Diode on patent application and re-examination. Team & differentiation: The firm implements modern internal management systems to streamline workflow and has obtained ISO 9001 certification. Over 420 staff, including 227 specialist IP professionals, work together across five offices in Beijing, Xi'an, Germany, Japan and the US. Managing partner Samson Yu has vast experience in IP prosecution as well as due diligence matters.

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TRADEMARK PROSECUTION

China Best Domestic Law Firms

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	FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS
		LEADING
	CCPIT Patent & Trademark Law Office	Hao Ma, Zhongqi Zhou
	Wanhuida Peksung	Gang Bai, Haiyan Ren
		EXCELLENT
1	Chang Tsi & Partners	Spring Y. Chang, Simon Y. Tsi
	China Patent Agent (HK) Ltd (CPA)	Hong Luo, Yuemin Lu
	Kangxin Partners	Samson G. Yu, Gloria Q. Wu
	King & Wood Mallesons	Fei Liao, Xiaoli Yang, Jiuchu Lin
2	Liu Shen & Associates	Zhanying Jia, Lily C. Lei
	LexField Law Offices	Jan Y. Liu
-	NTD IP Attorneys	Yanling Cui, Aidi Ge
	Unitalen Attorneys at Law	Dan Chen
	Unitalen Attorneys at Law	Dan Chen HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
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CCPIT: LONG-STANDING LEADER WITH AN ENVIABLE PORTFOLIO

Leaders: Zhongqi Zhou and Hao Ma

Established:1957 (as CCPIT Trademark Agency)

Zhongqi Zhou

Track record: As the oldest and one of the largest IP firms in China, CCPIT maintains its strong reputation as a well-established full-service leader, and is particularly praised for its opposition work. It recently successfully defended the opposition of Chrysler against Zhongshan Shiqi Unit Yuansheng Garment Manufacturing's trademark applications for "Battlefield Jeep" in Chinese.

Team & differentiation: With offices in Beijing, New York, Tokyo, Munich, Hong Kong, Shanghai and Guangzhou, CCPIT has a global reach. Fifty specialist IP professionals work in its trademark/domain name practice, capable of handling massive trademark portfolios. Professionals with complementary expertise often work together on the same file, ensuring comprehensive service.

PATENT LITIGATION

China Best Domestic Law Firms

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FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS
	LEADING
China Patent Agent (HK) Ltd (CPA)	Tina H. Tai, Scott G. Wang, Yuhe Wu
King & Wood Mallesons	Yong Li, Yugong Qin, Mia M. Qu
	EXCELLENT
CCPIT Patent & Trademark Law Office	Hao Ma, Chuanhong Long
Fangda Partners	Dixon H. Zhang, Gordon G. Gao, James B. Hu
Kangxin Partners	Shirley W. Dong, Gary G. Wu
Lifang & Partners	Guanbin Xie, Xi Sun
Liu Shen & Associates	Allen F. Tao
Zhongzi Law Office	Bonan Lin, Gesheng Huang
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
China Sinda	Gary B. Zhang
JunHe	James J. Zhu, Zoe Z. Wang
LexField Law Offices	Hongyi Jiang
Unitalen Attorneys at Law	Deshan Li
Wanhuida Peksung	Gang Bai, Shouqi Zhong
Watson & Band	George Q. Fu
Zhong Lun Law Firm	Jihong Chen, Helen F. Cheng
ZY Partners	Richard X. Huang, Hui Zhang
	RECOMMENDED
An, Tian, Zhang & Partners	David X. Tian
Anjie Law Firm	Liangyong Liu, Binxin Li
Chang Tsi & Partners	Hailong Sun
China Science Patent & Trademark Agent	Xinhua Wang
Jeekai & Partners	Robin R. Zhao
JT&N Jincheng Tongda & Neal	Jason Z. Pang
NTD IP Attorneys	Christopher C. Shen
Panawell & Partners	William W. Yang
Scihead IP Group	Xu Wen, Yuanlin Shen

JUNHE: THRIVING PRACTICE WITH QUALITY AND CLIENTS AT HEART



Leaders: James Zhu and Zoe Wang Established: 1989

James Zhu

Track record: For over three years, JunHe has assisted Emerson Electric in securing two victories against a company based in Weifang, in Shandong province in a design patent infringement case before the Weifang Intermediate People's Court and then a patent invalidation case before SIPO. It is also involved in a prominent software patent case, representing a famous Chinese tech company. Team & differentiation: An elite Chinese full-service firm, JunHe has six partners and around 50 associates in its IP practice and has the ambition to further develop it. With first-hand legal experience and in-depth science knowledge, its IP attorneys and lawyers receive vigorous training on management and communication to assure the best quality work for clients.

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TRADEMARK LITIGATION

China Best Domestic Law Firms

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WANHUIDA PEKSUNG: KEY PLAYER WITH EXCELLENT CONTENTIOUS COMPETENCE



Leaders: Gang Bai, Haiyang Ren and Hui Huang Established: 1999

Gang Bai

Track record: In 2017 the firm successfully represented Fendi, winning a lawsuit before the Shanghai IP Court against a Chinese dealer using its trademark on signage and the shopping mall where the dealer's store is located, and also assisted Zippo in gaining the "well-known trademark" recognition protection to stop pre-emptive registration on advertising services.

Team & differentiation: Created by a group of trademark attorneys with the initial objective of assisting international companies on IP matters in China, Wan Hui Da has always been strong in trademark, contentious or non-contentious matters, with a special emphasis on in-depth investigations and sophisticated raid actions. It merged with Peksung IP in 2016, adding strength in patent.



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India Best Investment Banks

The banks are listed alphabetically within each band

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BANK	KEY LEADERS	
Avendus Capital	Ranu Vohra (CEO/Managing Director/Co-Founder), Gaurav Deepak (Managing Director/Co-Founder)	
Kotak Investment Banking	T.V. Raghunath (Head of Corporate and Investment Banking)	
	EXCELLENT	
Credit Suisse	Mihir Doshi (Chief Executive Officer-India)	
EY	Amit Khandelwal (Partner, Transaction Advisory Services)	
Goldman Sachs	Sonjoy Chatterjee (Chairman, India), Bunty Bohra (Managing Director)	
J.P. Morgan	Kaustubh Kulkarni (Managing Director & Head of Investment Banking)	
KPMG	Romal Shetty (Joint Head-Governance Risk & Compliance Services)	
Morgan Stanley	Aisha De Sequeira (Co-Country Head and Head of Investment Banking)	
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED	
Citi	Pramit Jhaveri (Chief Executive Officer)	
Deloitte	Sumit Khanna (Head of Corporate Finance)	
Mape Advisory	Jacob Mathew (Managing Director)	
Signal Hill Capital	Klaas Oskam (Managing Director), Nitin Bhatia (Managing Director)	
RECOMMENDED		
Jefferies	Probir Rao (Head of Investment Banking)	
Rothschild	Amitabh Malhotra (Managing Director)	
Standard Chartered	Amit Mimani (Executive Director, M&A)	



PATENT PROSECUTION / LITIGATION

India Best Domestic Law Firms

The firms are listed alphabetically within each band

FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS	
LEADING		
Anand and Anand	Pravin Anand, Archana Shanker	
K&S Partners	Ravi Bhola	
Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan	Adarsh Ramanujan	
Remfry & Sagar	Ashwin Julka	
S. Majumdar & Co.	S. Majumdar, Abhishek Sen, Sanchita Ganguli and Mythili Venkatesh	
	EXCELLENT	
Krishna & Saurastri Associates	Manish Saurastri	
Lall Lahiri & Salhotra	Rahul Chaudhry	
R K Dewan & Co.	Mohan Dewan, Niti Dewan	
Singh & Singh Lall & Sethi	Saya Choudhary	
Subramaniam & Associates	Hari Subramaniam	
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED	
D.P. Ahuja & Co	Samaresh Chakraborty	
De Penning & De Penning	R.P. Bhattacharyam, David Solomon	
Inttl Advocare	Vishal Tripathi	
Kan & Krishme	Sharad Vadehra	
Khaitan & Co.	Jose Madan	
LexOrbis	Manisha Singh	
Obhan & Associates	Essenese Obhan	
Saikrishna & Associates	Saikrishna Rajagopal	
	RECOMMENDED	
Aditya & Associates	Vipul N. Bhuta	
ALMT Legal	Rakesh Prabhu	
Chadha & Chadha	S.C. Chadha, N. Ramchandani	
Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas	Ranjan Negi	
Groser & Groser	Francis Groser	
HK Acharya & Co	Rajeshkumar Acharya	
Khurana & Khurana	Vinod Khurana, S.B. Mehta	
Mohan Associates	A.A. Mohan, Brinda Mohan	
Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas	Dev Robinson	
Zeus IP Advocates	Gunjan Paharia and Naveen Varma	

S. MAJUMDAR & CO: EXCEPTIONAL PATENT PRACTICE



Leaders: S. Majumdar, Sanchita Ganguli, Abhishek Sen and Mythili Venkatesh Established: 1993

S. Majumdar

Track record: The full-service IP firm are adept in both contentious and non-contentious patent matters. Pharmaceuticals are a particular area of strength for the firm, and they recently represented Lupin in their successful obtaining of a patent for a composition of rifaximin, a prolonged release composition which contains a bioadhesive. Huawei and Ericsson are also clients. Team & differentiation: The team, comprised of three partners and 23 other qualified lawyers, is led by S. Majumdar. With 30 years of experience in the field, he is known to be an outstanding litigator. He is also active in various IPR awareness programs and has promoted the initiative throughout the firm. The patent attorneys come from various technical backgrounds, with expertise ranging from zoology to electrical engineering.

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INDIA



TRADEMARK PROSECUTION / LITIGATION

India Best Domestic Law Firms

The firms are listed alphabetically within each band

FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS
	LEADING
Anand & Anand	Archana Shanker
Remfry & Sagar	Ashwin Julka
Singh & Singh Lall & Sethi	Chander Lall, Bitika Sharma
	EXCELLENT
Inttl Advocare	Preetika Singh
K&S Partners	Rajendra Kumar, Kenneth Benjamin
Krishna & Saurastri Associates	Sunil Krishna, Manish Saurastri
Lall Lahiri & Salhotra	Rahul Chaudhry, Anuradha Salhotra
Saikrishna & Associates	Saikrishna Rajagopal
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
De Penning & De Penning	R.P. Bhattacharyam, David Solomon
Khaitan & Co	Adheesh Nargolkar
Khurana & Khurana	Mohinder Vig
Krishnamurthy & Co	Nikhil Krishnamurthy
R.K. Dewan & Co	Mohan Dewan, M.R. Nair
S.S. Rana & Co	Vikrant Rana
W.S. Kane & Co	Himanshu Kane
	RECOMMENDED
Aditya & Associates	Sonali V Bhuta
Amarjit & Associates	Amarjit Singh
Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas	Ranjan Negi
D.P. Ahuja & Co	Samaresh Chakraborty
Fidus Law Chambers	Shwetasree Majumder
Kan & Krishme	Sharad Vadehra
Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan (L&S)	Damodar Vaidya
Legasis Partners	Yogesh Chawak
Luthra & Luthra Law Offices	Gayatri Roy
RNA IP Attorneys	Rajiv Suri
ZeusIP Advocates	Gunjan Paharia, Naveen Varma

REMFRY & SAGAR: LEADING FULL SERVICE IP BOUTIQUE



Leader: Ashwin Julka Established: 1827 Track record: The full-service IP boutique advises over 7,000 predominately international clients, including large corporations such as Sony, AstraZeneca, Google and BP. Recent highlights for the firm include representing Costco Wholesale in a trademark infringement claim, in which the Delhi High Court ruled in favor of the client, as well as acting as counsel for Armstrong World Industries in \$75,000 trademark misuse case. Team & differentiation: With a firm focus on quality, Remfry & Sagar have a dynamic and receptive team of a total of 90 professionals across the firm. They offer a full range of IP services to over 8,000 clients in over 70 different countries worldwide. The trademark department consists of 40 attorneys, who are knowledgeable in a broad range of sectors including finance, electronics, and pharmaceuticals.



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PATENT PROSECUTION

Japan Best Domestic Law Firms

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FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS
	LEADING
Nakamara & Partners	Fumiaki Ohtsuka, Kaichi Shisido
Yuasa & Hara	Shinjiro Ono, Osamu Yamamoto
	EXCELLENT
Abe, Ikubo & Katayama	Mami Hino, Hiroshi Kobayashi, Norio Ohmori
Aoyama & Partners	Keiichi Gonjou, Michiko Matsutani
Seiwa Patent & Law	Tetsuji Koga, Junichi Tsuruta
Soei Patent & Law	Yoshiki Kuroki, Yoshimori Shimizu
TMI Associates	Yoshiyuki Inaba, Hidetoshi Masunaga
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
Anderson Mori & Tomotsune	Yoshikazu lwase, Yasufumi Shiroyama
Fukami Patent Office	Hisao Fukami, Tadashi Ishii
Kyowa Patent and Law Office	Yasukazu Sato
Kyowa Patent and Law Office Sugimura & Partners	
	Yasukazu Sato
	Yasukazu Sato Kyoichi Saito, Tatsuya Sawada
Sugimura & Partners	Yasukazu Sato Kyoichi Saito, Tatsuya Sawada RECOMMENDED

SUGIMURA & PARTNERS: PATENT PROSECUTION EXPERT CELEBRATES NEW IP LITIGATION PRACTICE



Leaders: Kenji Sugimura, Kenichi Nakayama and Koji Sugimura Established: 1923

Kenji Sugimura

Track record: Sugimura & Partners expanded their practice to incorporate IP litigation and dispute resolution in March 2017, adding another speciality to their long-established experience in IP prosecution. Recent work has seen them act for Valentino in trademark infringement and invalidation proceedings aimed at removing counterfeit goods from the market. Team & differentiation: The firm comprises 183 members of staff, including Japan, UK and US trained attorneys, across their principal Tokyo office and liaison office in the Silicon Valley. Koji Sugimura leads the newly formed legal division, having previously worked for the Japan Patent Office. Head of Trademarks Kenichi Nakayama has a wealth of expertise and filing, prosecution and litigation for trademarks.

PATENT LITIGATION

Japan Best Domestic Law Firms

The firms are listed alphabetically within each band

FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS
LEADING	
Abe, Ikubo & Katayama	Eiji Katayama, Junichi Kitahara
Nakamura & Partners	Minoru Nakamura, Koichi Tsuji
	EXCELLENT
Anderson Mori & Tomotsune	Hiroyuki Kanae, Kenichi Nakano
Mori Hamada & Matsumoto	Yutaka Miyoshi, Yoshifumi Onodera
STW & Partners	Wataru Sueyoshi, Hajime Watanabe
TMI Associates	Katsuro Tanaka, Tetsuro Toriumi
Yuasa & Hara	Miyuki Hanai, Kozo Yabe
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
Nagashima Ohno & Tsunematsu	Ryoichi Mimura, Tohru Nakajima
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Nishimura & Asahi	Ryoichi Mimura, Tohru Nakajima Yoshiyuki Miyashita, Hiroshi Suga
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Nishimura & Asahi Ohno & Partners Kubota	Ryoichi Mimura, Tohru Nakajima Yoshiyuki Miyashita, Hiroshi Suga Hideaki Kobayashi, Seiji Ohno RECOMMENDED Elichiro Kubota
Nishimura & Asahi Ohno & Partners Kubota Sakurazaka Law Offices	Ryoichi Mimura, Tohru Nakajima Yoshiyuki Miyashita, Hiroshi Suga Hideaki Kobayashi, Seiji Ohno RECOMMENDED Elichiro Kubota Harumi Kojo

ABE, IKUBO & KATAYAMA: ONE-STOP SHOP FOR IP SERVICES



Leaders: Eiji Katayama, Junichi Kitahara and Mami Hino Established: 1959

Eiji Katayama

Track record: Recognized for their work in IP infringement litigation, the firm has particular pharmaceutical expertise. They recently represented pharmaceutical firm Eli Lilly in defending nullity actions before the Japan Patent Office and the IP High Court. They also defended Kowa in infringement claims relating to a new aspect of patent law concerning 'dosage claims.'

Team & differentiation: Eighteen years after the establishment of its IP practice, the firm is now well experienced in dealing with litigation for large international clients, before the Japan Patent Office and the IP High Court. Partner Eiji Katayama is well versed in patent, trademark and copyright litigation and Mami Hino deals primarily in patent prosecution for pharmaceutical firms.

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JAPAN

TRADEMARK PROSECUTION / LITIGATION

Japan Best Domestic Law Firms

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FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS
	LEADING
Nakamura & Partners	Daisaku Fujikura, Hiroyuki Itaki
TMI Associates	Yoshiyuki Inaba, Katsuro Tanaka
Yuasa & Hara	Toshiyuki Fukai, Osamu Suzuki
	EXCELLENT
Mori Hamada & Matsumoto	Yukata Miyoshi, Hiroki Saito
Seiwa Patent & Law	Atsushi Aoki, Hisashi Tajima
Shiga International Patent Office	Hirohisa Suzuki, Tadao Takashiba
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
Abe, Ikubo & Katayama	Hiroshi Kobayashi, Yasuhito Suzuki
Anderson Mori & Tomotsune	Yoshikazu Iwase, Yasufumi Shiroyama
Kyowa Patent and Law Office	Manabu Miyajima, Teruhisa Motomiya
Nagashima Ohno & Tsunematsu	Ryoichi Mimura, Masato Tanaka
STW & Partners	Wataru Sueyoshi, Shinishiro Yoshiba
	RECOMMENDED
Atsumi & Sakai	Chie Kasahara
Hiroe and Associates	Masanori Hiroe
Ohno & Partners	Hitoshi Nakamura
Soei Patent & Law Firm	Tomoya Kurokawa
Sonderhoff & Einsel	Felix-Reinhard Einsel
Wada & Watanabe	Nobuhiro Wada

NAGASHIMA OHNO & TSUNEMATSU: **QUALITY IP SERVICES FOR AN INTERNATIONAL CLIENTELE**



Ryoichi Mimura

Leaders: Ryoichi Mimura and Masato Tanaka Established: 2000

Track record: Nagashima offers high-quality IP services to both domestic and foreign clients. The firm recently acted for Kyowa Hakko Kirin and Alcon Research in invalidation claim proceedings before the Japan Patent Office concerning a patent covering for valuable eye drop product, Patanol. Other clients have included Nichia and Yamaha.

Team & differentiation: Nagashima is the first integrated full-service law firm in Japan. The firm is made up of 438 Japanese and 24 foreign attorneys, working out of offices across Asia and North America. In the Tokyo office, Masato Tanaka brings vast experience in IP litigation from his time spent working as an IP High Court judge.

TMI ASSOCIATES: FULL SERVICE IP WITH A PERSONAL TOUCH



Katsuro Tanaka

Leaders: Katsuro Tanaka and Yoshiyuki Inaba Established: 1990

Track record: The firm possesses a diverse client portfolio, commonly across sectors such as media entertainment and sports and IT related matters. They recently represented Red Bull AG over a trademark invalidation claim against a Japanese company. Clients of both domestic and international and domestic origin are met with a hands-on approach.

Team & differentiation: As one of the five largest law firms in Japan, TMI Associates number 78 patent attorneys across offices throughout Japan, South East Asia and the Silicon Valley. The firm is in a strong position to offer full IP services from industry-specific professionals, Managing Partner Yoshiyuki Inaba offering superior trademark filing and prosecution services.

GENERAL IP

Japan Best International Law Firms

The firms are listed alphabetically within each band

FIRM	LEADING PARTNERS	
LEADI	NG	
Baker McKenzie Gaikokuho Joint Enterprise	Toshio Sasaki, Kensaku Takase	
Hogan Lovells Horitsu Jimusho Gaikokuho Kyodo Jigyo	Frederick Ch'en, Hiroto Imai, Lloyd Parker	
Morrison Foerster	Stuart Beraha, Robert Hollingshead, Max Olson	
Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe	David Case, Yoshihiro Takatori	
EXCELL	ENT	
Finnegan	Naoki Yoshida	
Jones Day	Shogo Asaji, Maxwell Fox, Michiru Takahashi	
Paul Hastings Foreign Law Joint Enterprise	Hiroyuki Hagiwara	
HIGHLY RECOMMENDED		
Foley & Lardner	Etsuo Doi	
Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan	Ryan Goldstein	
Ropes & Gray	Kaede Toh	
Squire Gaikokuho Kyodo Jigyo Horitsu Jimusho	Shigeru Miki, Scott Warren	
RECOMMENDED		
DLA Piper Tokyo Partnership Gaikokuho Kyodojigyo Horitsu Jimusho	Tomomi Fujikouge	
Sughrue Mion	Yoshinari Kishimoto	
White & Case	Brian Strawn	

MORRISON FOERSTER: UNIQUE POSITIONING IN THE JAPANESE MARKET



Stuart Beraha

Leaders: Stuart Beraha and Robert Hollingshead Established: 1987

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Optimising Your Industrial Property Strategy – An Effective Growth Lever

Industrial property rights are complex instruments of distinct potential, provided they are applied through a targeted strategy. It is important that their particular nature and diverse economic applications be fully understood in order to obtain a powerful tool.



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n addition to a monopoly on exploitation, industrial property rights confers a competitive advantage to their owners, where such private intangible rights offer genuine economic value, and represent a growth vehicle for the companies that exploit them, whether

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directly or indirectly. To establish the extent of their economic potential, it is important to first understand (1) their transversal nature, and (2) their potential economic valuation.

1) Understanding the transversal nature of IP assets

Industrial property rights are transversal in nature. They have a three-fold existence in the fields of law, marketing, and finance.

In the first instance, they are legal titles that confer on their owner an exploitation monopoly, the sustainability of which depends on their availability, their distinctiveness, and the thoroughness of the registration process.

From a marketing point of view, industrial property rights enable a company to set it itself apart, to distinguish itself in the eyes of the public, and also to differentiate its products and services from those of its competitors.

The existence of a superposition of industrial property rights for a single product or service can confer a competitive ad-

vantage on the company holding such rights lasting several months or even years. Finally, industrial property rights have a financial and accounting

dimension. Their inclusion in the accounts creates intangible assets.

For the owner, the industrial property right appears on the balance sheet as an asset if it generates income, if it can be sold and/or legally protected, and if it remains a company asset for more than one year.

The multi-disciplinary aspect of industrial property makes it a powerful weapon of economic competitiveness: where legal, marketing, and financial factors combine to support an industrial property right, its valuation is assured and the company is able to create genuine added value to its assets. The economist G. Lecointre conducted a study into the added value that companies enjoy from their intangible assets by assigning to the intangible assets of 1,000 SMEs a rating of between 0 and 20. He observed that companies with a rating between 18 and 20 had a compound annual revenue growth rate (CAGR) of 6.7%, while those with a rating between 8 and 10 had a CAGR of 1.7%¹.

Industrial property assets are more than ever a source of growth for economic operators if they are able to exploit them via an adapted strategy, optimising their value and advantages.

2) Understanding IP asset valuation methods

Among economic operators, the general view of the utility of industrial property rights has changed over the past 20 years. Initially seen by professionals as a means of excluding competitors, today it is viewed as a growth lever in its own right. Economic operators have understood the potential of IP assets, which they now perceive more as an investment to be budgeted and converted into profit.

Companies have discarded the somewhat restrictive vision of their rights in terms of exclusivity, and now consider them to

KEY POINTS

- Industrial property is transversal in nature: legal, marketing, and financial.
- Industrial property is not only a right that confers exclusivity, it is a growth lever, an essential and profitable investment.
- The valuation of intangible assets is a function of a targeted strategy established within the company's overall development objective.
- The valuation of IP rights produces a numerical result whereas the reference criteria are purely legal and qualitative.

be a means of structuring a market via value creation strategies such as licensing, co-existence agreements, and strategic alliances.

The choice of valuation is combined with the overall commercial and financial strategy of the company to ensure maximum profitability.

In this regard, periodic valuation of industrial property rights is required prior to determining the growth generated.

Valuation may be used, in particular, to avoid a tax error when pricing assets and

incorporating them on the balance sheet. In accounting terms, an industrial property right is an intangible asset subject to income or corporation tax, and it is also subject to capital gains and VAT upon assignment or licensing.

The IP rights must also be valued for accounting depreciation (for designs and patents only), to cost a contribution in kind or to calculate a royalty for a licensing agreement.

The most commonly practiced valuation method is that of discounted cash flow.



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The different phases of which are established in accordance with the valuation objective, enabling its benefits to be targeted.

- First of all, the scope must be defined by verifying (i) the existence and ownership of all the industrial property rights, the thoroughness of the submission/registration procedures, the absence of potential obstacles that could undermine their sustainability, and (ii) the contractual environment of the rights.
- The risks detected and/or the advantages revealed must also be rated based on a scale established by the evaluator.
- 3. Finally, based on the calculated value, taking into account the company's revenue and the forecasts made, a discount or premium must be applied in line with the extent of any identified risks and/or advantages.

In this manner, we move from a qualitative and legal appreciation of industrial property rights to an accounting and financial result.

The continuous and controlled valuation of the industrial property assets makes it possible to ensure its financial optimization in the service of an overall economic growth of the company.

¹ G. Lecointre, "Le capital immatériel, source de valeur et de performance," Les Echos, 16/02/2017

² C. Kalanje, SME division of WIPO, www.wipo.int

Privacy Shield: First Annual Assessment and Resonance with the GDPR Sword

The Privacy Shield has brought improvements to the prior Safe Harbor framework but has been criticized on several counts. Moreover, with the GDPR and its extra-territorial reach being applicable from May 25th 2018, the application of the Privacy Shield is further challenged.



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The Privacy Shield¹, the scheme that was designed by US and EU authorities to replace Safe Harbor to comply with data protection requirements when transferring personal data from the European Union and Switzerland to the United States, underwent its first annual joint review in September 2017.

First Annual Joint Review and Remaining Concerns

Although noting improvements to the prior framework², the EU working group on data protection matters ("G29") identified at least six areas of concern with respect to its commercial aspects³. Such concerns include the need for clear guidance and information to the adhering companies on the principles of the Privacy Shield⁴, clear and easily available information for EU individuals regarding their rights and available recourses and remedies, the diverging interpretation between the Department of Commerce ("DoC") and G29 on HR data⁵, the distinction to be made between data controllers and data processors, the

necessity to provide legal guarantees for automated decisions⁶, the need for increased cooperation between US authorities and the lack of oversight and supervision by US authorities of compliance with the principles⁷. The latter concern particularly resonates in connection with recurrent scandals of personal data misappropriation and misuse, such as the one relating to Cambridge Analytica's unauthorized use of Facebook subscribers' data to influence the last US presidential campaign⁸.

G29 also reiterated prior concerns, such as the absence in the Privacy Shield scheme of key definitions or the absence or limitation of certain rights of data subjects⁹. G29 has requested that all these areas of concern be resolved by the next annual joint review, failing which it would initiate judicial proceedings against the Privacy Shield adequacy decision.

The inconsistencies with, and extra-territorial reach of, GDPR

The Privacy Shield and GDPR principles are defined differently and a number of inconsistencies exist between the two sets of rules. For example, certain Privacy Shield principles are subject to a reasonableness qualifier such as the security¹⁰ principle or the obligation to ensure that personal data are reliable for their intended use, accurate, complete and current. No such reasonableness qualifier applies to the equivalent GDPR principles of respectively security, data minimization and accuracy¹¹. The Privacy Shield is silent on automated decisions, and it falls short on certain rights of data subjects, such as the rights to object, to erasure, restriction of processing or data portability. In addition, certain GDPR obligations of controllers or processors, such as privacy by design and by default, the notices of security breaches or the joint liability of controllers and processors, are not reflected in the Privacy Shield scheme.

Nonetheless, GDPR may directly apply to US self-certified organizations under the Privacy Shield, to the extent they are also subject to GDPR's extra-territorial provi-

KEY POINTS

- There are inconsistencies between Privacy Shield principles and GDPR. In addition, GDPR reinforces data subject rights and compounds obligations of controllers and processors beyond the Privacy Shield scheme.
- Self-certified US companies under Privacy Shield may be subject to GDPR pursuant to its extra-territorial reach.
- Such US companies shall comply with the heavier GDPR requirements and appoint a representative in the EU.

sions. Indeed, GDPR applies to organizations not established in the EU, if the processing is relative to the sale of goods or services in the EU; or to the monitoring of individuals' behavior within the EU. Arguably, the majority of Privacy Shield self-certified organizations would fulfill either of these conditions and be subject to GDPR and its dramatically increased sanctions¹². In addition, these organizations will have to appoint a representative in the European Union¹³.

Conclusion

Still under scrutiny¹⁴ and subject to calls by G29 for further improvement, the Privacy Shield will not be a sufficient framework to those US companies processing European personal data and that are also subject to the GDPR. As a result, Privacy Shield self-certified US companies will need to assess whether they satisfy the criteria for GDPR extra-territorial application. In such case, said companies will be required to comply with GDPR, failing which they may be subject to the severe sanctions provided by this new European legislation.



¹ Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/1250 of 12 July 2016 (...) on the adequacy of the protection provided by the EU-US Privacy Shield, entered into force in the EU on August 1, 2016.

² G29 noted the efforts made by the US authorities to set up a comprehensive procedural framework to support the operation of the Privacy Shield, including the implementation of thorough procedural checks prior to self-certification by a dedicated team within the US Department of Commerce (10 people on a full-time basis to date), the use of Independent Recourse Mechanisms providers (IRMs) for outside compliance review, specific steps taken for annual recertification, and following up with companies that withdraw from the scheme.

ted on 28 November 2017. ⁴ Based on the figures in the G29 report, over 2400 organizations are self-certified under the Privacy Shield to date, among which 60% are SMEs and 83% conducted an internal self-assessment to self-certify (vs an assessment by an external auditor).

⁵ US authorities consider that HR data are only those related to the employees of the certified organization, whereas G29 considers that any data concerning an employee in the context of an employer-employee relationship from an EU company should be treated as HR data and the receiving US organization should have an active HR data certification.

⁶ G29 called for the right to know the logic involved and the possibility for the individual to request the reconsideration of the decision on a non-automated basis.

⁷ To date, oversight principally relies on IRM providers which entails possible conflicts of interest, as they do both ex ante compliance review and act as ex post independent recourse mechanism.

⁸ Le Monde 25-26 March 2018, "Cambridge Analytica au coeur de la tempête politique, médiatique et judiciaire". According to the Privacy Shield website, Cambridge Analytica LLC self-certified under Privacy Shield on 11 May 2017. ⁶ G29 opinion dated 13 April 2016 on the draft Privacy Shield decision.

¹⁰ Pursuant to Article 32 of GDPR, the obligation for the controller or the processor "to implement appropriate technical and organizational measures to ensure a level of security appropriate to the risk" is not subject to a reasonableness standard, although state of the art, costs of implementation and nature, scope, context and purposes of the processing, as well as the risk of varying likelihood and severity for the rights and freedoms of natural persons, must be taken into account.
¹¹ Article 5(c) and (d) of GDPR.

¹² Pursuant to Article 83 of GDPR, depending on the severity of the breach, the higher of either 10 or 20 million Euros and 2 or 4% of total worldwide annual turnover of the preceding financial year.

¹³ Article 27(1) of GDPR.
¹⁴ Two annulment actions have been filed with the CJUE against the implementing decision of the Privacy Shield by Digital Ireland (Case n° T-670/16) and by the Quadrature du Cercle (Case n° T-738/16). The former action has been declared inadmissible by the CJUE (Order dated 22 November 2017), but the second procedure is still pending.

The Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) programs

The increasing number of patent applications before certain offices has led to a backlog of unexamined patent applications. In case of need, the applicant should thus choose the most appropriate procedure, such as the PPH programs, in order to speed up the granting process.



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Controlling the length of the examination procedure

Patent law is currently based, to a great extent, on national or regional patents which are granted by a State, or a group of Member States, and that provide a monopoly limited to the corresponding territory. As a

result, each national and regional office conducts an independent examination. This generates higher costs due to the repeated examinations and gives rise to patents with potentially very different scopes.

As a result of the massive growth of patent applica-

tions in the last two decades, most of the offices in charge of their examination have to face significant delays. The time required to obtain a patent before some of these offices can sometimes exceed five years. Controlling the length of the examination

procedure is an essential part of setting an efficient intellectual property strategy. The applicant might sometimes have an

interest in delaying the examination procedure. In that way, he can limit the legal costs until the economic value of the patent is established, while keeping open the possibility of changing the scope of the patent. For example, when the applicant is still choosing the best mode for carrying out his invention or when he wants to take into account the competing products entering the market.

In many circumstances, however, the ap-

plicant needs to diminish the duration of the examination procedure. This is particularly the case when the invention involves a short-life-cycle product which will rapidly be improved or substituted by a more efficient one. Moreover, since the courts cannot

decide in infringement matters as long as the patent is not granted, the duration of the examination procedure may be critical when a counterfeiting product has been identified.

Eventually, obtaining a patent as soon as possible is also important when the applicant wishes to license his invention or to attract investors for the purpose of raising funds.

Various actions have been undertaken by intellectual property offices all over the world in order to ensure greater efficiency in the examination of patents. On one side, rationalization efforts have been undertaken in the public interest, that is, to know the final scope of protection within a reasonable time. On the other hand, the Patent Prosecution Highway programs (PPH) offer another tool to speed up the granting of a patent.

Enhancing international cooperation through PPH programs

Since 2006 and the signing of the first PPH bilateral agreement between the Japanese and the American offices, several bilateral and multilateral PPH programs have been created between the offices in charge of patent examination. The idea is to pool research and examination efforts. Since 2014, the European Patent Office (EPO) has been involved in the PPH pilot program within the "IP5" group. It is the name given to a forum of the five largest intellectual property offices in the world (United States, Europe, Japan, Korea and China). More recently, the EPO has signed other bilateral agreements (with Canada, Israel, Mexico, Singapore, the Eurasian Office, Australia, Colombia, Malaysia, the Philippines and Russia).

The PPH programs enable the applicant to ask a patent office to take into account

"Controlling the length of the examination procedure is an essential part of setting an efficient intellectual property strategy"

KEY POINTS

- The massive growth in patent applications generates delays before certain offices
- Controlling the length of the examination procedure is an essential part of setting an efficient intellectual property strategy.
- PPH programs also enable the applicant of patent whose claims have been found patentable by a first office to initiate an accelerated procedure before a second office provided that it involves the same invention.
- The PCT procedure is a possible point of entry to a PPH examination.

the results of the research and examination work that has been conducted on the invention by another office.

PPH programs also enable the applicant of patent whose claims have been found patentable by a first office to ask an accelerated procedure from a second office provided that it involves the same invention.

How to initiate an accelerated PPH procedure

Applicants who wish to initiate a PPH procedure must satisfy the following conditions:

- There must be a patent application to be examined whose examination has not yet started. The filing date of the application must be the same as the one of a patent that has already been examined for the invention at issue (because of a priority claim usually).

- The application that has already been

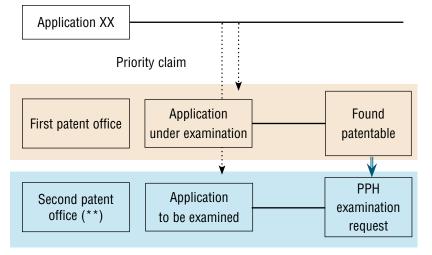
examined must have one or several claims found valid by the first patent office.

- The claims of the application to be examined by the second patent office should correspond to the claims that were found valid.

- The procedural documents (official letters and responses) must be communicated, possibly with their translations, to the second office by the application or through their transactions.

What is a PPH examination procedure?

From the date of reception of a proper request for PPH examination, the second office starts an accelerated processing. The official letters are issued as soon as possible. The response time set for the applicant can also be tighter. Generally, the PPH examination does not involve any additional fee for the applicant.



(**) The first and second patent offices are bound by a PPH agreement.

The application that is examined by the first office can be a national or a PCT international filing. In the latter case, the PCT system brings two advantages that can reduce the charges imposed on the applicant: - The PCT procedural documents are put online by the WIPO (PATENTSCOPE service), and can be accessed by the second office.

- The opinion taken by the first office as part of the PCT procedure (international search or examination reports) is translated to English by the WIPO.

In concert with these guiding principles, slight differences can exist from one patent office to another.

How does the PPH examination procedure benefit the applicant?

PPH programs do not provide any guarantee for a fully unified substantive examination, in particular because of the potential differences regarding the assessment of the patentability criteria. However, statistics show higher patenting rates and a better chance for the direct granting of a patent, with no official letters. It thus offers a faster procedure than the traditional one. Therefore, PPH examination is a useful option for the applicants wishing to accelerate the granting of their patents in a country where such an agreement has been made.

PPH programs constitute a further step towards greater international harmonization in patent granting proceedings. By diminishing the redundant work made by the offices, PPH programs contribute to the adaptation of the international patent system and provide some solutions to the growing volume of work patent offices have to face. \blacklozenge

Connected Objects in Healthcare Are Very Valuable IP Rights!

Innovation in the Internet of Things is amazing, especially in the medical devices and healthcare industry. Yet the valuation of connected objects is a real issue. Which is the fair value of these assets? What are the keys to value the connected objects' intellectual property?



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C onnected objects played a starring role in the huge 2015 CES Convention in Las Vegas, as more than 900 exhibitors presented connected objects. In 2013 a McKinsey report predicted that by 2025 the market for connected objects in healthcare would be between \$1.1 billion and \$2.5 billion, and that the strongest innovation would be dedicated to treatment and remote monitoring of patients having chronic diseases (such as diabetes, for example), implementing incredible sensors and software. A few years on, it sounds like this prediction was probably an underestimate.

Our health is a major goal for the medical industry involved in connected objects. From the connected watch to the health API on our smartphone, a vast quantity of data is registered: how fast and often we walk or run, what our cardiac rhythm is, and even how deep we sleep. Sometimes, we do not even realize that this data is automatically collected when our smartphone is on. There is no doubt that connected objects will, by themselves, take a larger place in our lives and in healthcare management.

In this technological revolution, valuating innovation is of huge importance. Every

week in the news, we hear that big companies gets involved with or take control of startups, building up the connected objects of the future. Is valuation based on human skills and extraordinary people or, more basically, on the incredible intellectual property (IP) underlying these connecting objects? Probably both. For IP, valuation relies on intangible assets: utility patents, design patents, databases, software, copyrights and Trademarks.

Intellectual property: the smart card to play

Patenting a connected object is not that simple, and must take into account existing case laws, especially in the US.

In the US, in the *Alice Corp v. CLS Bank* case, the Supreme Court set a distinction between a patentable and a non-patentable invention. Abstract ideas are not eligible for patent protection: anytime a USPTO examiner suspects an abstract idea, he/she is supposed to further review the claims to determine whether they amount to "significantly more" than an abstract idea. If the answer is positive, i.e. if the invention is found to provide a significant contribution much higher than the abstract idea in itself, then the claims are determined to relate to

patent-eligible subject matter, which makes it sounds very intellectual. It actually is. Therefore it starts to become a real headache to draft patent applications on connected objects, and the challenge is to show that the software solution integrated in the objects brings, together with the hardware and the structure of the object, a significant contribution to the state of the art.

In Europe, a patent is a technical solution to a technical issue. This solution can implement software but cannot, as a whole, be software. The number of patents filed with the European Patent Office grows every day (+11% in 2015)!

Patent rights are not the only intellectual property rights at stake: there are no connected objects without data collection. The issue of big data is real: A race to own databases on everything is a currently taking place. Database IP rights is an independent right, *sui generis*, and using it to valuate intellectual property is an excellent idea.

Also, thinking of connected objects immediately refers to design: importance and value of design patent and models grows every day. These are also very valued in the anti-counterfeiting fight.

KEY POINTS

- · Connected medical devices have become a major issue
- The valuation of connected medical devices is closely linked to the strength of their intellectual property rights
- Various protections must be considered simultaneously: patents, software, databases, trademarks, copyright
- The most effective strategies are recognized by the major market players, who invest heavily to dominate this market with great potential

Know-how: how to valuate intellectual property in a very active transactional market

Being able to create an IP assets portfolio is a quality expected from the CEO of a technological startup. The whole wealth of the startup relies on its IP assets and the CEO has to be in a position to capitalize them. Identify what is valuable in the ideas and R&D results, understand how the collection of data can be efficiently used as a commercial resource, ask for development of user-friendly graphic interface, manage the copyrights, protect source codes, assess the need for new designs, use commercial secret, have patent applications filed: these is the strategic work of a CEO.

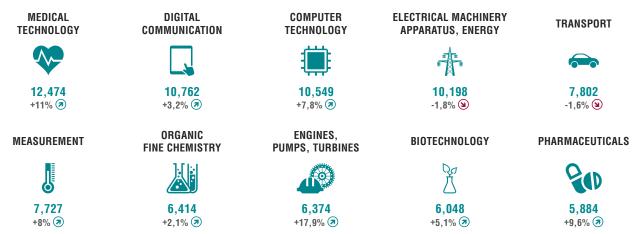
Valuating an IP portfolio is a preliminary step of any acquisition or fund raising. This exercise has to meet precise requirements: define valuation perimeter, distinguish essential assets from accessories, know about the strengths and weaknesses of these assets, mitigate development-associated risks, and keep a time schedule on development consistent with the business plan.

When assessing value of connected objects, it is recommended to refer to comparative market analysis, while in this case, we tend to be cautious with regard to the highest valuations. At the moment, the leading players of the market are in competition on this market in high potential, which just begins to open, and the highest valuations reach sky high summits: Google acquired Nest for more than 3 billion dollars, Qualcom acquired CSR for more than 2.5 billion dollars, and Cisco has invested 1 billion dollars in various startups and continues to announce new purchases. This does not mean that all connected objects startups will be able to reach such high purchase prices, but the number of transactions clearly shows that the market for mergers / acquisitions of connected objects startups is extremely active.

Standards: a major challenge

Finally, it is almost certain that the connected objects industry will pass through the paths opened by the telecom players. Many competing systems exist, but with the development of connected objects, network standardization will become necessary. Industrial property matters may well arise. Some patents will become what is called SEP (Standard Essential Patents), i.e. patents which claim an invention which is required to ensure compliance with the applicable standards; the various companies will have to find the conditions on which licenses can be granted: the FRAND (fair, reasonable, and non-discriminatory) system may be called in again. Who will select the standards for connected medical devices? Will it be each State, in a desire to combine telemedicine and connected medical devices? Will the EU manage the standards, at the dawn of this major change of life and habits? The proposals will certainly come from private companies, dominating the medical device sector. The stakes are incredibly high.

MEDTECH IS THE SECTOR WITH THE LARGEST NUMBER OF PATENT APPLICATIONS, WITH AN INCREASE OF 11% IN 2015 COMPARED TO 2014



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Leaders League. What is it that differentiates Kirkpatrick from other practitioners in the market?

Lidy-Anne Jeswiet – van Westenbrugge and Gérard Bloch. We see our job, really, as that of counselors. We don't just execute the instructions of our clients. We ask questions, listen and then tell them what they should do. To this end, we try to learn as much as we can about them, not only about their future or their goals, but also about their present on which their future depends. When we receive a to-do from a client, we need to understand the thinking behind it, so that, if they are wrong, we can put them on the right track. IP is quite complex and it is understandable that clients do not always grasp their needs. We are there to help them see clearly and to move forward. We operate on the basis that our interests are our client's interests.

How would you describe the peculiarities of the Belgian IP landscape? There are two landscapes: the trademark and design one and the patent one. Concerning trademarks and designs there is not really a Belgian landscape, it is a Benelux one. This means that we deal with French (Walloon). Dutch (Flemish). German and Luxembourgish speakers, with judgments and opinions based on these different cultures and backgrounds. This is a great advantage for dealing with issues related to trademarks and designs at a European level. IP awareness has been, for many years, better developed in the Netherlands. This is also linked to economic differences. We see, however, many files coming from abroad because we are known for our ability to work within a multilingual and multi-cultural environment. The majority of the Belgian corporations (over 90%) have less than ten employees each. They don't have much money and, hence, they don't invest a lot in IP and don't go to court too often. This is why the Belgian IP landscape looks like a desert. As far as patents are concerned, it is not easy to obtain a patent in Belgium, it is automatic (after having applied for). There is no examination at all. An application for a means which is totally known, and, in that sense, which is not an invention, will be allowed.

The Belgian IP system is not attractive. It is not attractive to domestic companies. It is not attractive to foreign inventors. Belgian IP professionals, like their European colleagues, act in a worldwide market, divided into three parts: European, American and Asian. In Europe, the IP firms act mainly on their national market, hardly at all on the two other markets. Because of the emptiness of the Belgian patent system, non-European applicants (Americans and Asians) seeking protection in Europe rarely select Belgian IP firms for their representation before the European Patent Office, because they believe that Belgian attorneys are not experienced enough or properly trained. They prefer German, British and sometimes French firms. To get some crumbs of this worldwide cake. Belgians have to fight like mad.

How does Brexit impact your firm's work?

The UK hasn't left yet. Last year, the London protocol was enacted in Belgium and we lost the very lucrative business of the validations of the European patents. In case of Brexit, British IP firms should be interested in closer cooperation with continental European IP firms and this might lead to a positive outcome.

What are the next challenges for your firm?

Kirkpatrick must once more become the top IP firm in Belgium and a leading one in Europe.

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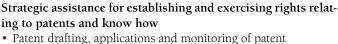
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- · Hold the 2nd place by the number of trademark applications filed. PATENTUS strong team of professionals comprises ex-PTO attorneys who have an unrivaled hands-on experience. More and more companies have been entrusting us with the filing and prosecution of trademarks applications, conducting IP searches and managing domain names.
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The Torta firm of the 21st century is organized as a large partnership corporation where new generations of motivated IP professionals are entrusted to continue the long and successful history towards new important achievements.

A heterogeneous team of a 50 IP attorneys supported by a skilled staff of paralegals offers tailored IP strategies to companies of any size and individuals through a wide variety of IP services.

Studio Torta provides comprehensive services related to IP matters from the filing up to the enforcement of IP rights.

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Interview with LUIGI FRANZOLIN partner, STUDIO TORTA

Leaders League. What is it that differentiates Studio Torta from others on the market?

Luigi Franzolin. We have often been referred to by our clients and peers as a true "team". There is a strong team feeling in the firm, and this is clearly perceived as a value both internally and externally.

Clients know and feel they are not an individual's client but the firm's client. Although each client has obviously one of the partners of the firm as its "account manager", every task in the firm is assigned based on the specific expertise required to best assist the client, which has a positive impact both on the service rendered and on internal efficiency. This is particularly important considering that a constant trend in present industry is the blend of different technical disciplines, e.g. by combining web or computer-based developments with existing classic technologies.

We stimulate this team feeling in many ways, including the remuneration and career advancement criteria adopted by the firm. Lateral hires are an exception, as we prefer training our young talents within the culture and mentality of the firm. Associates have a very early opportunity to be exposed to high-end professional work by sharing important client matters with senior partners, because our goal is to form future independent partners rather than leverage on associates' work.

Enthusiasm is another key-word in our firm's mindset. We don't sit in our desks and do our homework, we rather work with our clients to develop their IP strategy in a very proactive manner. We act as a virtual in-house IP department for many of our clients, and assist them from conception of their ideas to product launch and market development.

Studio Torta has a solid international outlook, could you tell us more?

A few years ago we were interviewed by a prospect client, now a good client of ours, and one of the reasons why we were selected was in fact our definite international approach, which comes from several factors.

Firstly, many of the professionals in the firm have an international education or have worked abroad, either in industry, as examiners at the EPO or in foreign law firms. Language skills and cultural sensitivity are direct consequences of this personal international exposure.

As the coordinator of international business development in the firm, I am very well aware of cultural differences and expectations from international clients. We have dedicated teams for the major geographic areas. For example, our Japan team includes an attorney who worked in a Japanese law firm before joining our firm and is thus fluent in Japanese and a native Japanese assistant.

Having dedicated teams who frequently travel to their reference area fosters cultural and business exchange, and strengthens personal relationships with overseas clients and associates.

We also have a specific department handling patent filing and prosecution work at the EPO on behalf of our overseas clients. This proved to be very successful and, since this department was established (ten years ago), we have tripled the number of inbound EPO cases from overseas.

Is it necessary to have an entrepreneurial mindset to be a good IP practitioner? The answer to this question is a definite yes. An entrepreneurial mindset is necessary both to run one's business and to counsel clients effectively.

An IP firm is a business and is subject to market laws like any other enterprise. It must navigate its way through a competitive market that is ever more demanding and ever changing due to economy trends and changes to the legal framework. Studio Torta is in fact a medium enterprise in terms of turnover and staff, and is larger than many of its SME clients.

A business-oriented mindset is necessary at each level of involvement in the firm management or operation, from associates all the way up to directors. Interacting with staff, business development, managing existing clients, proactively monitoring the market: these are only some of the areas where practitioners have to make decisions every day and a solid business-oriented mindset is an indispensable skill.

Clients need strategies and business solutions. It is not enough for an IP professional to be highly skilled both technically and legally; this is a good start, and I would say a necessary requirement, but it takes an entrepreneurial approach to be able to understand and satisfy the client's needs.

What are the firm's forthcoming projects?

The acquisition of important new clients with large patent and trademark portfolios in the last couple of years has stretched the firm to full capacity. We have hired and are still hiring a few trainees to increase our professional potential. Also, we have started a major project aimed at overhauling our technology support system and procedures to increase our efficiency even more.

Many of the firm's European patent attorneys have qualified or are qualifying to represent clients before the Unified Patent Court in order to expand our litigation practice.

We are working hard to increase our patent and trademark practice on behalf of our overseas clients. •









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Our Tech transactions practice combines the elements of IP, software and commercial transactions, helping our clients with insights and practical experience, bringing a comprehensive approach that interconnects business, new technologies and the law, working with dozens of strategic transactions in the technology sector every year.

We have been acknowledged as leaders in the startup ecosystem, being one of the most active firms in advising both early and late-stage financings, helping startups, accelerators, corporate ventures, venture capital and private equity funds. We share our community's entrepreneurial spirit: we developed **Espaço Startup**, a free online portal that aims to help entrepreneurs with legal and organizational challenges.

We are prominent in the media & advertising sector. As lawyers to associations such as the IAB Brazil, our partners excel in topics such as media and audiovisual regulation, advertising taxation, promotional sweepstakes and self-regulation disputes, while also assisting multinational media conglomerates to overcome the challenges of digital transformation in their businesses.

Finally, our Data Protection group is one of the most experienced team in the country. With an unmatched experience in the industry, we are the creators of Privacy Hub, a consortium of companies (including PwC, Symantec, Brunswick and AON) engaged in the matter, representing companies from both the traditional and innovative sectors with the full spectrum of counseling and litigation capabilities in cybersecurity and data protection.

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Bhering Advogados was founded in 1978 and operates in all fields of Intellectual Property and related matters, including trademarks, patents, industrial designs, copyright and neighboring rights, information technology law, enforcement against counterfeiting and unfair competition, licensing, transfer of technology and IP litigation.

Our firm mainly represents multinational corporations, particularly companies based in the U.S.A, Europe and Asia, and their Brazilian subsidiaries, belonging to a variety of industry segments. We are among the very few IP firms in Brazil with branch offices and a strategic presence in the Brazilian territory. Our main office is located in Rio de Janeiro, close to the INPI national headquarter, and our branch offices are in São Paulo (a major financial and industrial region) and in Curitiba (southern region with heavy concentration of large companies and industries in general). Thus, we represent a large number of national large and medium-sized companies as well. Since its establishment, the firm has been engaged in the constant evolution of intellectual property in the international arena. Its policy of providing personalised assistance to its clients has been important to the growth of the firm. Additionally, the firm encourages and finances the education and technical improvement of its professionals abroad. Foreign academic background and the annual participation in national and international congresses contribute to keeping the professionals updated with international law and practice.



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BMA - Barbosa, Müssnich, Aragão is one of the leading full service law firms in Latin America. Our IP practice area provides a full range of professional services concerning the protection, transaction, enforcement and litigation of all forms of IP - patents, trademarks, copyrights, trade secrets, industrial designs, domain names and plant varieties, as well as related fields such as advertising, franchising, e-commerce, entertainment, geographical indications and appellations of origin. Our range of experience covers every industry and technology - from electrical and computer technology to luxury goods, industrial manufacturing, consumer products, biotechnology, pharmaceuticals and chemicals.

Our team is specialized in rendering personalized services in intellectual property issues to attain our client's objectives through the highest standards of quality and efficiency.

Our practice is worldwide through a carefully tested global network of firms. As a result, we are able to direct and coordinate the international IP portfolios of our clients, assuring them of the same strategic focus and technical capabilities as we provide in Brazil. Similarly, foreign law firms are confident of the level of excellence with which we will represent their clients in Brazil in prosecution, litigation and consultation matters.



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The clients list includes foreign and national companies listed in Fortune's 500, NYSE, Nasdaq and iBovespa (the Brazilian stock exchange), as well many others companies from 42 countries.

BVA also assists associate law firms doing business for their clients in Brazil, as well national companies doing business abroad, mostly in Europe, Americas and Asia.

The firm is well-known by its legal services that provides clear and objective solutions, focused in getting the deal and results, whether for simple or complex matters, allowing secure decisions when doing business, even facing the complex legal framework from Brazil.

To provide such solutions, BVA's team comprised by experienced, talented, creative and diligent professionals (lawyers, consultants, attorneys and engineers) distributed between their offices in São Paulo and Rio de Janeiro.

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Our office has a specialized team in intellectual property and Datas Protection subject matters, including: (i) trademarks, patents and industrial design prossecution and litigation; (ii) Copyrights and Software protection, enforceament and related agreements; (iii) Data Protection and Privacy, as well as; (iv) Digital and Entertainment Law. We are able to provide effective legal support to meet the needs of our clients who want to invest - both in Brazil and abroad.

We are always current with the demands regarding the obtantion of exclusivity rights proper of Intellectual Property Assests, as well as the adoption of measures against infringements and transactional matters.

In regard to the transaction practice, we provide assistance related the negotiation, drafting and registration of transfer of technology, trademarks, copyrights, trade secrets, software, franchise, patent and industrial design related agreements, offering our clients a broad view and adoption of effective measures in other related areas such as tax, corporate and regulatory.

Also, due to the current development of the data protection scenario in Brazil, and growing commercial value of personal and commercial data collected by businesses, we assist clients to adopt compliance policies regarding the collection, storage, sharing and import/export of data.

Our team also has extensive experience conducting due diligence procedures and valuation of assets on mergers and acquisitions transactions.



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- Environmental
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With over 100 years of experience in the Intellectual Property, commercial matters and related areas, the Dannemann Siemsen firm has highly qualified legal practice with experienced professionals who are able to act in all aspects of Intelectual Property matters.

Besides its leadership in the IP market in Brazil, the firm practices extensively in differing of areas of Law, being capable of covering all types of industry and is recognized by the major research companies and large corporations throughout the world and by important international organizations, that classify the firm as the leader in the Intellectual Property field in Latin America.

To best meet the needs of our clients, our professionals work focused on business results for our clients. We have a deep understanding of the workings of the Brazilian Patent and Trademark Office (BPTO) and we act cautiously and responsibly having advised companies, both Brazilian and foreign on the creation and implementation of their business strategies in Brazil and around the globe.

In order to continuously improve our internal procedures we invest heavily in infrastructure. For this purpose, we have an Information Technology department which develops internal systems based on the knowledge of our team of professional technicians in conjunction with the Processes department, which is focused on the international market seeking data and alert to the benchmark.



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We have trusted relationships with some of the world's most dynamic companies, serving as an extension of their legal and R&D departments to help them build, leverage and protect their intellectual property assets. With a deep understanding of Brazil's complex legal and regulatory environment, we can work closely with you to design tailor-made and proactive legal solutions that fit your unique goals, business considerations and resources.

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We are a collaborative team of nearly 180 partners, attorneys, engineers and other professionals. Our attorneys and engineers are technical experts who combine advanced degrees with years of industry experience in disciplines such as engineering, physics, computer science, biology, materials science and chemistry.

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The philosophy of work within the principles of ethics, transparency and the search for the best results for the client have always been part of the office routine, since its foundation in January 1970.

Its structure is formed by a team of 90 professionals, including lawyers, patent engineers and industrial property agents, as well as a staff specializing in anti-counterfeiting measures. Prosecution and litigation matters are also our specialty.

In order to keep ourselves updated with our clients' evolution and meet new requirements and demands in the Intellectual Property area, the office constantly invests in internal development through constant participation in seminars, courses and conferences in Brazil and abroad.

The international operations of David do Nascimento office began in the 80's, after opening of the Brazilian market, which resulted in expansion of IP rights protection in our country by multinational clients. It is also very important to highlight the active participation of the office in the main international events in the IP Associations from various countries and in global rankings, such as Chambers, Legal 500, IP Stars, and the Brazilian Law Directory, among others. The outlook is for consistent and continuous growth and, in this scenario, we are ready to meet the new demands of the market with a focused work on the client and recognized competence in national and international level.



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The Firm operates in all areas of intellectual property in Brazil and provides related legal services in business law, contracts, regulatory law, antitrust law, unfair competition, technology transfer, franchising, consumer rights and corporate law, including their implications on tax and foreign exchange control laws. With solid patent and trade mark prosecution teams and a proven legal department to defend and protect clients' intellectual property rights, including litigation solutions, Di Blasi, Parente & Associados is committed to exceeding client expectations and delivering world class service.



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We provide legal services in Brazil and abroad for a diverse group of clients in a wide range of industries. Our areas of specialization include among several others patents in the chemical, petrochemical, pharmaceutical, biotechnology and medical device industries as well as trademark prosecution and enforcement.

Our firm counts on a large network of foreign associates, in several countries, to provide assistance with IP international matters for our domestic clients. We also maintain a client relations branch in the Washington, DC area.

BUSINESS

- · Patent Prosecution and Litigation
- Trademark Prosecution and Litigation
- Strategic Monitoring of Applications and Patents/Registrations
- · Oppositions and other administrative/judicial measures against third parties' applications
- Trade Dress & Design

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Specialised in the management of intellectual assets, we are 16 partners, 180 employees and have correspondents in every state in Brazil, as well as having a broad network of international partners. Our team is made up of highly-qualified practitioners to serve our clients, among them multinational companies from all industry segments, such as oil and gas, energy, chemical, food, pharmaceutical, biotechnology, steel, aerospace, automotive, electronics, telecommunications and information technology.

Our firm is recognised for experience and excellence in the provision of services in all areas of Intellectual Property (IP). We act as legal advisors on contractual matters, as industrial property agents with BPTO and as lawyers, arbitrators and mediators in litigation and extrajudicial dispute resolution.

We offer Brazilian and foreign companies services in all areas related to IP, such as trademarks, domain names, patents, copyright, geographical indications, digital law, unfair competition, trade secrets and confidential information, litigation and dispute resolution, advertising law, combating piracy, industrial designs, technology transfer, franchising and licensing, regulatory law in the area of health [and hygiene] and protection of plant varieties.

With almost a century of experience we accompany the growth of Intellectual Property activities in our country, which gives our expertise an advantage in the practice of this area of Law.



- Trademarks
- Patents
- Industrial Design
- Advertising
- Copyrights
- Geographical Indications
- Unfair Competition
- Plant Varieties
- Regulatory Law in the Health Area
- Biodiversity
- Entertainment
- Digital Law and Personal Information
- Sport Law
- Life Sciences
- Technology Transfer, Licensing and Franchising
- Trade Secrets and Protection of Confidential Information
- Data Protection



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Carlos Aboim

The firm has offices in Rio de Janeiro, São Paulo, Brasilia and Tokyo, offering a comprehensive range of legal services related to the development, deployment and use of technology. The firm aggressively invests in technical and human resources to provide a unique blend of technical and legal expertise. It has the largest patent litigation practice, and can offer the complete range of services involving the acquisition, enforcement and licensing of IP rights in Brazil.

Licks has a strong expertise in the areas of Intellectual Property, Life Sciences, Food & Drug, Cyber Law, Telecommunications and Oil & Gas. The firm has been growing steadily, while expanding into areas of practice closely associated with its core capabilities.

The success rate stands above the competitors and the firm is involved in the most significant lawsuits in Brazil. It is the most proactive firm assisting clients to successfully expedite patent examination before the Brazilian Patent Office.

The firm represented the largest number of clients in cases against the Brazilian Food and Drugs Administration (ANVISA), working mainly for the international pharmaceutical research community.

Licks has a motivated and multi-lingual team, with the background and capabilities to advise companies of all sizes from across the globe. The client portfolio includes Fortune 500 companies as well as several global companies. It has a number of foreign-trained attorneys and partners – some of whom have more than 20 years' experience.



- Patent Litigation
- Strategic Patent Prosecution
- Policy Making and Government Relations
- Unfair Competition
- Trademark
- Copyright
- Food and Drug, Life science
- Cyber Law, e-commerce and software
- Cyber Security, Privacy
 - Counseling and Transactional
- Regulatory
- Antitrust and Competition Law
- Complex Business Litigation



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For many decades, L. O. Baptista Advogados has been acting in the main areas of Business Law, always based on values that became the firm's brand: technical excellence with strategic view. Our team is comprised by 65 lawyers who focus on the goals and businesses of each client. Our professionals are specialized in the most diverse areas of law and economy, many of which also act as professors, arbitrators or leaders of the most reputable domestic and foreign institutions in their respective areas.

Offering solutions to an ever-changing society and legal environment is key to the firm's success and crucial to clients' businesses. Our Fashion Law practice was one of the first ones to be established in Brazil with a full-time dedicated team who focus on the mechanisms for protecting the copyrights and intellectual property of stylists and companies, as well as labor, tax and competition issues deriving from the activities developed by the textile and accessory industries.

More recently, aware of the specific needs of startup companies and investors, the firm reorganized practices to assist these clients in a multidisciplinary way. This customized organization around the client has proven to be effective for legal structuring of new businesses and investments, ranging from the creation of contracts and documents to tax and labor aspects, intellectual property issues and dispute resolution matters.

Being able to count with high-profile professionals with expertise in more than 15 different areas of Law brings agility, depth and reliability to every case.



- Agribusiness
- Arbitration and Court Litigation
- Banking
- Business Law and Contracts
- Construction and Infrastructure
- Consumer Rights Corporate
- Energy
- Environment and sustainability
- Fashion Law
- Intellectual Property
- Labor and Employment
- M&A, Venture Capital and Private Equity
- Pharmaceuticals
- Project Finance & Corporate Finance
- Public Law
- Real Estate
- Startups and Innovation
- Tax
- Trade Remedies and International Trade

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Mário de Almeida Marcas and Patentes has more than half a century of experience in the Intellectual Property area. Throughout this period, our greatest commitment has always been to protect our clients' assets.

Formed by an experienced and multidisciplinary team that combines legal knowledge in Intellectual Property with technical - engineering practices; biotechnology; Chemical products; Pharmaceuticals, among others.

Through this combination, our office look for to provide quality services from the beginning to the end of the proposed activities, whether it is through the sending of communications related to the publication of customer processes, as well as of third parties with similar activities, or in regular personal visits of our consultants, the clients are always very well informed and oriented.

Our company has international partnerships in all regions of the world, serving foreign services, through legal advice, opening processes, maintenance, explorations, litigation solutions and disputes in the area of Intellectual Property.



- Trademark
- Patent
- · Services Abroad
- Copyright
- Industrial Design
- Advise and Legal Consulting
- Technology Transference
- Software Registration



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Montaury Pimenta, Machado & Vieira de Mello, a global active IP law firm, was formed in 2010 when two of the leading Brazilian IP firms joined forces: Montaury Pimenta, founded in 1939 by Edgard Montaury Pimenta, and Vieira de Mello, founded in 1929 by Júlio Vieira de Mello.

With the head office located in Rio de Janeiro and a satellite office in São Paulo, Montaury Pimenta, Machado & Vieira de Mello brings together highly experienced and capable attorneys, patent attorneys, engineers, industrial property agents and paralegals practicing in the field of IP law.

In order to provide the highest level of service for clients who require fast and reliable coverage in other Brazilian states and worldwide, the firm has forged alliances with carefully selected partners to support the clients' needs, in addition to its talented and dedicated in-house professionals.

Montaury Pimenta, Machado & Vieira de Mello is dedicated to establish high quality relationships with each client, providing individualized and cost-effective services to a diversified portfolio of companies including small and medium-sized enterprises, multinationals, research institutes and other public entities.

Besides protecting IP assets and tangential businesses relating to these property rights, the firm is particularly involved in patent matters, including patent preparation and prosecution, freedom-to-operate and infringement opinions and both domestic and international complex litigation and counselling. Technical specialties include electrical engineering, electronics, mechanical engineering, physics, life sciences and healthcare, biotechnology, chemicals and pharmaceuticals, software and computer sciences, telecommunications and nanotechnology.

Montaury Pimenta, Machado & Viera de Mello team offers expertise that is tailor made to each case. The clients have regular contact with the specialist in charge of the case; the specialists always endeavour to put forward useful suggestions and constructive solutions. The reputation was built on expertise, availability and proactiveness in defending clients' IP rights and its multidisciplinary approach in several areas of practice.



- Litigation
- · IP prosecution
- Contracts
- Plant varieties
- Copyright and software
- · Advertising and marketing law
- Regulatory laws
- Franchising
- Antitrust and unfair competition
- · Industrial and business secrets
- Geographical indications and indications of origin
- Trade dress
- Technology law
- Cybersecurity, privacy and data protection
- Anti-piracy
- Fashion law
- Media and entertainment law

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Siqueira Castro - Advogados performs continuous investment in Innovation Technological and Intellectual Property to maintain the highest standard of excellence protection our clients.

Our Firm is well known in the Intellectual Property Field for fighting piracy in the defense of immaterial property rights of its clients. The combined expertise of our IP, tax and litigation groups provides a comprehensive counseling as well as preventive action against entry and distribution of counterfeit goods and parallel-imported products.

IP Practice Area

- Anti-Counterfeiting & Border Measures
- Copyright, Advertising and Entertainment
- Digital Business Protection
- Genetic Resources, Associated Traditional Knowledge and Folklore
- Geographical Indications
- Innovation advising
- Internet and E-commerce
- IP Litigation
- Licensing Agreements, Technology Transactions and Contracts
- Patents, Utility Models and Trade Secrets
- Plant Varieties Protection
- Technological Intelligence
- Trademarks and Industrial Designs
- Unfair Trade Practices



- Antitrust
- Banking and Finance
- Capital Markets
- Communications and Telecommunications
- Compliance
- Constitutional and Government Relations
- Consumer Relations
- Corporate
- Corporate Criminal Defense
- Corporate Recovery and Bankruptcy
- Credit Recovery
- · Energy, Oil and Gas
- Environmental
- Foreign Capital
- Information Technology and the Internet
- Infrastructure and PPPs
- Insurance and Reinsurance
- Intellectual Property
- International Contracts
- International Trade and Commercial Defense
- Labor Law and Social Security
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Through our strategic cooperation with Baker McKenzie, our clients have access to a global perspective through one of the most extensive and solid networks of the legal market.

We have extensive experience in complex and pioneering aspects of transactions, always maintaining the accuracy in relation to technical quality, ethics and efficiency. With over 210 lawyers, we offer the knowledge and confidence needed to deal with the Brazilian law and unique business practices.

Our professionals accumulate fluency in several languages and knowledge of various cultures and legal systems, to ensure that the highest quality is provided to our international clients.



- Agribusiness
- Antitrust
- Arbitration
- Automotive
- International Trade
- Commercial Contracts
- Public Law
- Real Estate
- Life Sciences
- Compliance
- Consumer
- Dispute Resolution
- · Banking, Finance Law, Project Finance and Capital Market
- Aviation and Aircraft Finance
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Media & Entertainment
- Energy, Mining, Oil & Gas and Infrastructure
- Environmental, Consumer, Social Responsibility and Climate
- Change
- Corporate Criminal Law
- Intellectual Property
- Insurance
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- Information Technology
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Covarrubias & Cía. is a specialized firm exclusively focused on the Intellectual Property field, sprouted due to the rapid economic growth that Chile has experienced during the lasts decades.

A team of professionals working together for more than a decade is ready to personally assist the client. We speak of a united and proactive group of attorneys at law, biologists, chemists, engineers, designers and paralegals with thorough knowledge of the domestic and foreign regulation of Industrial Property, Copyrights, New Technologies, Privacy and Media.

Associated with an efficient network of international correspondents due to years of work in the IP field, Covarrubias & Cía. has become a valuable option for domestic clients who desire to protect their intellectual assets abroad. Likewise, international clients have a strategic partner in Covarrubias & Cía. for the protection, surveillance and management of their intellectual property assets in Chile and Latin America.



- Trademarks
- Patents
- Copyrights
- Domain Names
- · Internet, New Technologies, Privacy and Media
- Sanitary Regulation
- Litigation



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The Marinovic y Cia. law firm was founded by Antonio Marinovic in 1987 and its initial activity was the defense of the Intellectual and Industrial Property through the implementation of domestic Anti-Piracy Campaigns for different industries. As a consequence of their clients' needs, both Chilean and foreign, it currently offers a wide variety of legal counseling services, achieving domestic and international recognition for the excellency and high quality of its services.

The firm's main focus is the Intellectual and Industrial Property field, specifically, the protection of trademarks and copyrights for the most important industries in the world through the implementation of efficient, long term domestic anti-piracy campaigns.

Likewise, in order to provide a wider coverage for the needs of its clients, the firm has specialized in the administration of tax matters associated to the development of economic activities, both from natural and legal persons, foreign and domestic. For that purpose, it has a highly qualified team to face the challenges brought by new legislations.



- Anti-piracy
- Trademarks Prosecution
- Patents Prosecution
- Lawsuits





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THE FIRM: Founded in 2003, OlarteMoure is a highly specialized intellectual property, regulatory and competition law firm formed by recognised leaders in their fields and academic circles. Olarte-Moure strives to provide practical, proactive and timely counsel that is based on comprehensive legal analysis and a thorough understanding of their clients' business environment, under a competitive pricing and cost structure, and all under a rewarding work environment that promotes and stimulates constant professional development and excellence in client service. Persevering in this mission has allowed OlarteMoure to quickly claim and maintain top-tier status as an IP and competition law firm in Colombia. More recently, OlarteMoure has consolidated a regional IP practice throughout the Latin American region. Through a tight-knit alliance of local firms with outstanding relationships with the local IP office and impressive enforcement litigation experience, Olarte-Moure is able to provide an unparalleled regional prosecution and litigation service. In addition to its Bogotá office, the firm has offices in Medellín, Barranquilla, Bucaramanga and a representative office in Tokyo, Japan.

An important percentage of the firm's client base is represented by Global 100 companies in the R&D pharmaceutical industry. Another important category includes local universities and R&D centres. Rounding off the representative clients are local Colombian and regional companies in the banking, industrial manufacturing, transportation, retail and consumer goods industries.

LANGUAGES: Spanish, English, French.



- Patents
- Trademarks
- Anticounterfeiting
- Innovation Protection & Technology Transfer
- LegalDesign
- · Health Regulatory Law
- Antitrust & Restrictive Trade Practices
- Corporate & Transaction
- Publicity & Consumer Protection
- Copyright
 - Plant Variety Protection
 - Lobbying
 - Data Privacy
 - Unfair Competition
 - Compliance
 - Translation



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The permanent use of technology in professional work, along with direct contact between our lawyers and our clients develop an ideal combination that allows for understanding the legal affairs more closely and allows for a timely response.

This dynamic and personalized service surpasses traditional consulting services and unites the emerging needs of a digital society. Electronic Commerce and the Internet have been constituted as a vital focal point for the economy in all countries, which in turn requires specialized legal consulting.

The experience of the team of lawyers at Barzallo & Barzallo Abogados in the information technology field, dealing with international and national information, telecommunications, commerce and consumers has pushed them to the forefront of integral advisory services in our digital society.



- Information technology law
- Telecomunications
- Intellectual property
- Antitrust law
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- Public law









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Its Intellectual Property boutique practice, **FABARA & CIA. IN-TELLECTUAL PROPERTY**, is recognized both nationally and internationally for its profound knowledge, efficiency and effectiveness and renowned for the breadth and depth of its legal expertise, its professionalism, personalized service and accessibility; it is also frequently sought after in cases related to trademarks, patents, copyright, and unfair competition, for its litigation prowess.

The Firm is also aknowledged for having a very active and professional multidisciplinary team specialized in life science matters and patents preparation and litigation, including engineering fields such as bio-chemical, chemical, pharmaceutical among other specialized areas; and, for its relevant experience in technology transfer, negotiation and execution of license and franchising agreements, patents protection, utility models, plant breeders rights, trademarks management and worldwide trademarks protection, e-commerce and data protection.

It relies on its very own proprietary private trademark database, which is the most comprehensive and updated database of local trademark registrations in Ecuador, to monitor potential infringements and advise on likelihood of success in new registrations.



- Industrial property
- Copyright and Related rights
- New technologies
- Litigation and Conflict resolution
- Plant breeding rights



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The firm prides itself on offering top notch services in both contractual and litigation matters, including international arbitration, to clients from the worlds of IT, telecoms, defense and security, automotive, health, fashion and luxury goods.



- Patent law
- Trademark law
- Copyright
- Designs
- Unfair competition law
- Information technology law
- Cyber-security and encryption law
- Commercial law
- Data protection
- Internet law
- Dispute resolution: litigation and ADR
- Arbitration
- Customs procedures
- Licensing and anticounterfeiting strategy
- Contracts: drafting, negotiation, legal advice



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As one of the largest IP firms in Europe, BARDEHLE PAGENBERG offers full service in all fields of Intellectual Property, including all procedures before the patent and trademark offices as well as litigation before the relevant courts.

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BARDEHLE PAGENBERG combines the professional expert knowledge of attorneys-at-law, patent engineers, trademark-specialized attorneys, technical advisors and qualified legal counsel.

BARDEHLE PAGENBERG has longstanding relationships with many top-level patent attorney firms in the United States as well as in emerging markets in Asia such as China.





- Patent Litigation
- Patent Prosecution
- Trademarks
- Designs
- Copyright
- Domain Names
- IT Law
- Employee Inventions
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- Licensing
- Competition/Antitrust



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B POSITIONING

IP Practice

With the largest IP Group in Europe, numbering over 300 dedicated practitioners, Bird & Bird has established an unsurpassed international reputation for its intellectual property expertise and is consistently rated as a leader in the field.

Bird & Bird's French IP team is itself one of the largest IP teams in France with 3 partners and 13 lawyers dedicated to IP, 3 counsels and 1 paralegal. With two offices in Paris and Lyon, the team's practice covers the full spectrum of IP services from prosecution (with the exception of patent prosecution) to litigation and transactional work. The team's client base encompasses leading multinationals as well as SMEs and start-ups in numerous sectors such as Telecoms, electronics, food & beverage, media, sports, or the pharmaceutical industry.

Tech & Comms & Data Protection Practice

Led by 7 partners, our Tech & Comms Team is organised around key areas, including IT, Data Management, Data protection, Internet, e-commerce, Telecoms, payment services and electronic currency which makes our offering one of the most attractive on the French market. Bird & Bird also has one of the largest teams of dedicated experts to the personal data protection, which assists its clients in the definition and implementation of their compliance program with European regulation (GDPR), advises on innovative projects in France and abroad and assists its clients in case of complaints, or investigation procedures and litigation before the French Authority ("CNIL").



IP Practice

- Patents, Trade secrets, Trademarks, Designs, Copyright, Domain names, unfair competition
- Actions before IP Offices
- Brand management
- Transfer of technology and Licensing
- Transfer pricing policy
- Media and online content policy

Tech & Comms Practice

- IT & Telecoms contracts (including SaaS, PaaS, IaaS, agile and cloud computing issues)
- IT and Tech project management (outsourcing, offshoring, near shoring)
- Data management (database, open data, big data)
- E-commerce, electronic signature and cryptology
- Cyber security
- IT disputesPayment Services and electronic currency

Data Protection

- · Compliance and risk management
- GDPR implementation
- Actions before data protection authorities
- Audits, Policies, Procedures, DP schemes
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The Firm has in particular developed a highly experienced practice in legal issues raised by communication technologies: information technology, including new technologies, as well as telecommunications law. The Firm has also extensive experience in all areas of intellectual property.

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- Cross media / Transmedia
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- Networks

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The firm is also involved in conflictual and parasitic unfair competition cases.

Cabinet MP ESCANDE's main areas of intervention concern luxury, automotive, food processing, wine products, glassware, furniture, sports, publishing, mechanical industry, banking and artistic creations.

Its international clients consist of businesses and individuals.

The firm assists them in the establishment and management of their rights in administrative and judiciary proceedings, wether civil, criminal, arbitration or mediation.

A department is specifically dedicated to brand portfolios management and Designs in France and abroad.

This department also oversees intellectual property securities in connection with customs.



- Litigation and counselling
- Patents
- Trademarks
- Industrial designs and models
- · Geographical indications and appellations of origin
- Copyright
- Unfair competition and parasitism
- Patronymic names
- · Portfolio management and audit
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The three Partners of the firm, Patrice de Candé, Julien Blanchard and Claire Herissay-Ducamp, have numerous years of experience in this field.

We advise and assist French and foreign large-scale Companies, in industries as varied as the luxury industry (textile, leather goods, jewellery, watch-making, cosmetics, etc.), the pharmaceutical, building, insurance, banking and computer industries.

Our team intervenes in all proceedings aimed at defending our Clients' intangible assets (Infringement or Unfair competition actions; Customs or Arbitration proceedings, etc.) with French Courts (Regional Courts, Commercial Courts, Criminal Courts) as well as European Courts (Court of First Instance of the European Communities and Court of Justice of the European Union), and with both the French Office (INPI) and the Community Office (EUIPO). Outside of France, our Law Firm has built up a network of specialized foreign colleagues recognized for their expertise and efficiency. Our Law Firm places great emphasis on offering the most in-depth and most reactive service possible, while working very closely with our Clients, in a cost-effective manner.



- Trademarks
- · Designs and Models, Copyright
- Internet, Domain names
- Patents
- Litigation, Legal Disputes, Contracts, Consulting
- Industrial Property Rights



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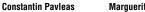




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The firm's DNA is to be dealmakers, taking a pragmatic, business-oriented approach to clients' needs and finding creative, legally sound solutions to close deals. The team assists software and hardware companies in the negotiation of inbound and outbound licenses, technology/IP assignment agreements, research and development agreements, SaaS contracts, OEM agreements, software development agreements, outsourcing agreements, public-founded consortia, patent pools, IP monetization programs and strategic alliances.

Constantin Pavleas Avocats also advises companies on all aspects of data protection. In view of the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) that is applicable as from May 2018, the firm assists its clients on strategy and regulatory compliance, including auditing, implementing internal data protection policies, conducting data protection impact assessments, and negotiating agreements with data controllers or data processors for GDPR compliance. Constantin Pavleas Avocats is active in providing presentations, webinars and seminars on GDPR.

Constantin and his team advise as IP counsel on merger & acquisition transactions, including IP due diligence, IP representations and warranties, IP indemnities and relevant disclosure schedules. Recently, the firm assisted an important provider of security solutions in the acquisition of a Finnish start-up and the assets of a US company specialized in electronic transaction security, including authentication, digital signature and m-payment technologies.



- Information technologies (software, hardware, IoT, AI, big data/ open data)
- Data protection
- Mergers and Acquisitions (IP/IT aspects)
- Commercial agreements
- Copyrights
- Trademarks
- Designs
- Patents
- Unfair competition
- Image rights

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It is recognized as one of the most powerful teams on the French market.

Clients laud the ability of De Gaulle Fleurance & Associés to propose an integrated and transversal service as it is also capable of bringing its expertise in other areas (such as Tax Law, EU Law, M&A and Corporate, Public Law, Labor Law) when needed on a specific matter.

As a result of its unique and businesses-oriented positioning, De Gaulle Fleurance & Associés has gained wide recognition from clients and peers.



BUSINESS

- Intellectual Property Information Technologies
- Patents and Technology transfers
- · Trademarks, Design and Models, Domain Names
- Literary and Artistic property
- Internet and Electronic Commerce
- Medias
- Sports
- Arbitration, Litigation, Contracts
- · Life Sciences, Biotechnology, Healthcare (Regulatory, Medical products, Health data protection)



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Intellectual Property

EBL LEXINGTON takes action, both as a counsel and litigator, on behalf of French and foreign clients in a wide range of sectors including fashion and luxury goods, hightech, music, industrial design, cosmetics, automotive, industrial construction, wine and spirit. The firm represents its clients in administrative and judiciary proceedings whether civil, criminal, arbitration or mediation. In addition, the firm has created a specific department dedicated to the protection of trademarks and domain names.

EBL LEXINGTON's expertise is particularly recognized in proceedings relating to patent, trademark and copyright's infringements, both in France and abroad with the assistance of its international network.

EBL LEXINGTON offers a comprehensive service always in line with the economic approach of the right holders and dedicates its work to find the best creative and economic solutions.

Information technologies

EBL LEXINGTON assists its clients for the implementation, development and running of their technological projects, notably as regards to software, Internet and telecommunications.

The firm also has an established practice in the field of regulations and personal data protection.



Our expertise

- Trademark
- Patent
- Design
- Domain name
- Copyright Music
- Press and Media
- Unfair competition
- Data protection
- · Distribution and competition law
- Criminal law (IP aspects)

Our services

- Litigation
- · Anti-counterfeiting actions both in France and abroad
- Interventions with the Customs authorities
- Audit, valorization and negotiation of IP assets
- Contracts relating to IP rights
- Portfolio management
- International network



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The firm advises both French and international clients and associates, including major, multinational corporations in the pharmaceutical, tobacco, alcoholic products, cosmetics, electronics, food and beverage, consumer products, apparel and luxury goods fields, in all phases of management of their I.P. assets.

We provide complete and personalized legal services encompassing all phases of Intellectual Property management, including clearance and protection of trademarks, designs or other distinctive signs, enforcement against unlawful use, and centralized world-wide coordination of Intellectual Property portfolios and litigation through our extensive network of selected associate firms, as well as an expertise in Customs surveillance and enforcement, providing both domestic and international clients with strategic anti-counterfeiting solutions.

We pride ourselves for an a high degree of responsiveness to our clients budgetary and management requirements and objectives.



- Selection of Intellectual Property Assets
- Protection of Intellectual Property Assets
- Administration of Intellectual Property Assets
- Enforcement of Intellectual Property Assets



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The close collaboration between the legal team of Hirsch & Associates and the lawyers and engineers of our sister firm Hirsch & Partners produces a powerful synergy which cannot but strengthen the performance of Hirsch & Associates.

The almost daily relationship between the lawyers/barristers of Hirsch & Associates and the attorneys and IP specialists of Hirsch & Partners creates a symbiosis of which our clients are the prime beneficiaries both in terras of effectiveness and in terras of costs.

The alliance between our law firm and the teams of engineers and technologists of Hirsch & Partners is a key element of our success when it cornes to complex technical questions arising in asserting and defending patents thanks to the direct support provided by our scientific and technical staff.

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- Patents
- Trademarks and Designs
- Copyright matters
- Domain name disputes
- Unfair competition matters



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VÉRON & ASSOCIÉS is a French boutique firm founded in 2001, entirely dedicated to patent and industrial property litigation. With three partners, two of counsel, five associates and one technical advisor at its offices in Paris and Lyon, VÉRON & ASSOCIÉS is considered one of France's leading patent litigation firms.





- Patents
- Trademarks
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- Arbitration & Mediation
- Advertising
- Counterfeit & Piracy
- Unfair commercial practices/competition
- Design rights



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- E-business websites and market-places (B2B and B2C)
- · Blogs / podcasts
- E-marketing and E-advertisement
- · Personal data protection
- Consumer protection legislation
- User generated contents

Computer Law

- Sales and services contracts
- Web Affiliation, Web-hosting, outsourcing
- High-tech plate-form
- High-tech storage, data security
- High tech services
- Software

Media / Communication / Telecoms

- Telecommunication networks and services
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- Video / Television / Cinema (VOD)
- Advertising
- Press
- · Access providers

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Laude Esquier Champey specializes in business litigation.

The firm has 20 attorneys whose practices are dedicated to managing and resolving disputes both in France and internationally.

The firm primarily acts on behalf of French and international groups, large companies, SMEs and directors and officers operating in a wide variety of economic sectors.

Anticipating and managing conflicts, analyzing risks, developing strategies, resolving crises, achieving settlements or implementing effective judicial proceedings, are at the heart of the firm's activity and expertise.

Led by six seasoned partners with a significant track record in negotiations and litigation, the firm defends its clients' interests efficiently and with determination, arriving at pragmatic solutions that are adapted to the financial and strategic risks at stake.

The firm represents its clients before all types of jurisdictions (judicial, administrative, arbitral).

Laude Esquier Champey is recommended for «the quality of its advice, the timeliness and effectiveness of its services, its strong results and the supreme availability of its attorneys.»



Business litigation

- Acquisitions/postacquisition
- Shareholder lawsuits
- Banking/Finance
- Securities laws
- Insurance
- White collar crime
- Collective procedures
- Construction/Real estate
- Transportation
- Estates

Commercial litigation

- Commercial contracts
- Distribution arrangements
- Consumer law
- Product defects
- Competition and unfair practices
- Distribution networks

IP/IT litigation

- Copyright
- Trademarks
- Design protection
- Patents
- Personal data
- Press and media
- Internet

Employment litigation

- Individual and collective litigation
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Lawways has built, over the course of the last 12 years, a highly recognized law firm offering synergy and complementarity of expertises between new technology law, digitalization and corporate law. Lawways provides legal support to worldwide companies (banks, insurances, IT, global services & industry), as well as investments funds. And also many other law firms in France and abroad rely on Lawways' specific approach and experience.

On the cutting edge of new technology law: Lawways has acquired sharply honed knowledge and skill sets in negotiating and drafting all types of contracts in the field of new technologies, and more specifically software and data, for French and international groups. The firm provides assistance with reviews of existing agreements or with a one-off negotiation, or over a process of several months, acting in a support role for a commercial team or a legal department.

With sought-after know-how: the firm has in-depth knowledge of the world of new technologies that allows it to stay a few steps ahead and anticipate what's next. This is why many law firms rely on the specific knowhow in this field.

Playing in the big leagues of corporate law, private equity, and mergers and acquisitions: Lawways accompanies all of its clients in their development and value creation projects, primarily in the service sector and in the new technologies sector. The firm's skills allow it to often punch above its weight up there with the market leader firms.



Information technology, digitalisation, software, telecoms and the internet

- All types of IT-related agreements
- · SaaS agreements, facility management, IT outsourcing, ERP, ASP, BPO
- Cloud computing, big data, Artificial Intelligence; Fintech
- Data privacy : Data Processing agreements; Financial Data agreements
- Trade marks/domain name; licences / sales IP assignments

Commercial and intellectual property agreements and litigation

- Purchasing/sourcing and procurement / subcontracting agreements
- Distribution/commercial agent agreements
- · General terms of sale/general terms of purchase/general terms of use
- Partnership agreements (business brokerage, etc)
- Professional Services agreements; SOW
- · Infringement actions: pre-litigation strategy Litigation

Mergers and acquisitions

- · Purchase and sale transactions of securities or assets, groups and companies restructuring, mergers and universal transmission of assets; letters of intent and MOUs, NDA, legal due diligence work
- · Purchase agreements, representations and warranties agreement, call and put option agreement
- Majority/minority shareholders' agreements; managers agreement
- · Sale of business; Joint venture

Private equity

- · Advisory services to investment funds, business angels, family offices and managers for venture capital transactions, expansion capital transactions and LBOs
- · Investment and co-investment agreements, issuance of several complexed securities as preferred shares, bounds, etc; management packages, voluntary profit-sharing schemes, good/bad leaver arrangements



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In Paris, our team of six lawyers assists its clients in the valuation, exploitation and defense of their intellectual property rights. The team has extensive experience in managing and resolving patent and trademark litigation in a multi-jurisdictional context. The team has also developed a recognized expertise in litigation that combine competition law and intellectual property issues, particularly in the area of standard essential patents.

The overall structure of our firm is particularly suited for managing complex cross-border issues. We have also created a pan-European working group and a website (www.unifiedpatentcourt.linklaters.com) dedicated to the unitary patent and the Unified Patent Court to assist our clients in the preparation for the changes related to this new system.

We also support our clients in the areas of Technology, Media and Telecommunications and cover the entire spectrum of regulatory and contractual matters to meet the needs of telecommunications and information technology players. In addition, we assist our customers in compliance programs with the new Data Protection Regulations.

The team is eventually renowned for its ability to assist clients in all intellectual property and technology law issues that arise in M&A transactions, capital markets, and complex restructuring by collaborating closely with other departments and offices of the firm.



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Areas

- · Patents and know-how
- Trademarks
- Copyright
- Designs and models
- Unfair competition and parasitism
- Domain names
- Software
- Dataprivacy
- IT and new technologies
- Telecommunications and media

Expertise

- Infringement Seizure
- Actions in infringement and unfair competition
- National and cross-border litigation
- Actions refer to provisional ban
- Actions in nullity
- IP Rights Ownership Claim
- Negotiation and drafting of IP contracts
- Regulations on the creations and inventions of employees audits
- Protection of personal data
- IT and outsourcing contracts
- Telecom Contracts-Infrastructure Sharing
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[An] international and multidisciplinary approach appears more necessary than ever considering the challenges that the economic operators are facing.



Interview with **PAULINE DEBRÉ** Partner, **LINKLATERS**

Leaders League. In your opinion, what changes will the creation of the Unified Patent Court bring about for intellectual property actors?

Pauline Debré. Following the ratification by the United-Kingdom, the Unified Patent Court («UPC») is again on the agenda even if the launch remains suspended to the decision of the German constitutional court. If it enters into force, the UPC will accelerate patent litigation procedures and will provide a «one-stop shop» for economic players, facilitating the management of their disputes in Europe. However, the UPC is a new jurisdiction which will apply rules resulting from different legal systems which sometimes have divergent case law. This new centralized system will emphasize the need for expanded teams of lawyers and technicians, having diverse backgrounds and skills, who will handle increasingly complex cases in shorter timeframes. Eventually, the implementation of the UPC will be gradual, as European patent holders will be able, under certain conditions, to choose not to submit their disputes to the UPC, but to bring them before national courts («opt out»).

Your firm assists the largest actors in the pharmaceutical industry in their patent litigation, how do you see the sector developing in the coming years? There is a growing trend of the pharmaceutical industry towards specialisation, which increases increase the dependency of certain laboratories to a smaller number of "blockbuster" drugs. As a result, tensions with generic companies are heightened and the risk of litigation is increased. In addition, we are seeing an increasing trend in litigation between innovative laboratories. Furthermore, research and development expenditures are growing, and the financial stakes are accordingly higher. The development of «biotech» is an important asset, both for the external growth of existing laboratories (through acquisitions) and for the development of new therapeutic solutions (medical devices, biological drugs, etc.). Standard-essential patents are also likely to be implemented in the pharmaceutical sector, in particular in connected medical devices, so that laboratories will also encounter the particular legal problems such patents entail (and in particular the obligation to grant and/or take licences under «FRAND» conditions). Finally, the lack of automatic of injunctions in the event of infringement, raised in the context of essential patents, could arise more generally and have a serious impact on laboratories' legal strategies.

The General Data Protection Regulation is coming into force. What immediate consequences on your activity do you foresee?

The entry into force of the General Data Protection Regulations ("GPDR") has had a significant impact on our activity. For the past two years, most of our TMT matters have concerned data privacy. In practice, this involves the implementation of several compliance programs and the review of the companies' essential documentation (information notices, data management policy, customer and supplier contracts, etc.). Since not all companies have started their compliance work yet, this activity should continue in the forthcoming months. In addition to the substantial penalties it provides for, the GDPR introduces new remedies before a supervisory authority. Citizens are also increasingly aware of their rights in the processing of their data. Consequently, data protection disputes should increase. Given our ability to work jointly with the Litigation and Public Law departments, both in France and worldwide, we will be well positioned to meet our clients' needs.

What are your firm's areas of development in France?

Linklaters focuses on major international transactions and litigations, where the firm can provide high value-added services. Thus, the team advises its clients in multi-jurisdictional litigations (including arbitration), in particular in patents and trademarks litigations, and in the acquisition or sale of companies or branches of activities. This work is done in close collaboration with all the Paris office teams, but also with the other Intellectual Property departments in Europe and worldwide. This international and multidisciplinary approach appears more necessary than ever considering the challenges that the economic operators are facing. It is best illustrated by our global offer related to essential patents, entitled «Standardised Technology: negotiating and litigating standard-essential patents». This initiative has been led by a dozen of partners from the firm's Intellectual Property, Arbitration and Competition teams in various offices, such as Paris, New York, London, Beijing and Hong Kong. This offers to our clients an appropriate legal and geographical coverage. •



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Created in 2001 from the previous expertise of its founders, the boutique firm MARCHAIS & Associés is a human sized law firm entirely dedicated to advising, prosecution and litigation in the field of intellectual and industrial property law, offering to its clients a real and close partnership.

MARCHAIS & Associés now comprises 10 people including 5 lawyers, some being former Trademark Agents, and 5 experienced paralegals, with both a prosecution department and a litigation department within a single structure, creating then a real synergy for the protection and defense of the IP rights of their clients worldwide.



Prosecution

• Clearance searches, trademark and design filing strategies worldwide, management of examination and registration proceedings and deadlines

Legal and pre-contentious advice

• Consultations on IP rights (trademarks, designs, copyright), oppositions in France and worldwide, cease and desist letters, due diligence

Litigation

- Trademark, patent, design and copyright infringement actions, unfair competition actions, customs actions, UDRP and other domain names proceedings
- Arbitration, mediation

Negotiation and contracts

· Main IP related contracts (assignments, licenses, coexistence agreements) and their recordal



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Founded by Sandra Cabanne and Alexandre Nappey, with four associates and an office manager/paralegal, SCAN AVOCATS AARPI ('SCAN AVOCATS') is a specialist IP and IT law firm based in Paris, with branch offices in Bordeaux and Strasbourg.

SCAN Avocats' lawyers assist their clients from the protection of their intellectual property assets to the defence and valuation, on a worldwide basis, thanks to its extensive network of correspondents.

The firm represents large and medium-sized domestic and foreign clients in a broad range of industries – including transportation, insurance and pension, agro-food, luxury and jewellery, media, real estate and retail as well as innovative start-ups – before the EU Intellectual Property Office, national trademark offices, and civil and criminal courts.

SCAN AVOCATS' lawyers are well-known for their legal advice and representation on:

- Intellectual Property law, prosecution and litigation (including trademarks, designs and models, domain names, authors' rights, copyright and anti-counterfeiting);
- Information Technology and Digital law (including internet and e-commerce, data privacy and e-reputation).

The team offers a modern approach to these areas of law in the best interests of the clients. Quick reactivity is achieved through a combination of readily available technical knowledge and pragmatism.

The partners also run IP/IT law sessions with training institutes and universities (notably the Centre for International Intellectual Property Studies, the European Institute for Enterprise and Intellectual Property, the Bar school and Strasbourg University) and are coach on the National Industrial Property Institute Master Class program.

SCAN AVOCATS develops strategies and creative solutions. These enable the firm to provide bespoke legal advice to its clients allowing them to meet their business challenges with success.

SCAN AVOCATS also relies on state-of-the-art technology to work efficiently with clients. This technology includes collaboration tools, budget monitoring, an IP rights' database and reporting.



Intellectual property law

- Trademarks, Designs and Models (prosecution and litigation)
- Authors' Rights and Copyright
- Domain names (management and disputes)
- Civil and criminal litigation & anti-counterfeiting
- Advertising and Communications Law
- Contracts
- Inventions of employees and Patents

Communications and Information Technology & Digital Law

- Internet and E-commerce
- Data privacy
- Anti-piracy and online brand protection
- E-reputation
- IT Law and Contracts



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The firm Valérie Perrichon, whose activity is entirely devoted to intellectual property, is specialized in Trademark law, designs, company names, trade names, domain names, appellations of origin, copyrights, customs, infringement and unfair competition actions.

The firm assists clients in all stages of life of their intellectual property rights, guides and assits them for their protection, promotion and defense, both in France and abroad by providing innovative and customized solutions.

The firm that represents clients before administrative and judicial authorities, is involved in many industries such as fashion and fashion accessories, jewelry, new technologies, tourism and entertainment, consumer goods, food industry, finance, insurance, education and training...

Valérie Perrichon, exercizing for almost twenty-five years, offers her clients a specialized and personalized expertise and a cross offer in council and litigation within the same structure.

The firm, attentive to the needs and expectations of its clients, guarantees each of them, whether it be SMEs or large French and international groups, reactivity, creativity, dynamism and tailored advice.

Valérie Perrichon relies on a network of foreign counsels and lawyers of high quality, built over the years.



- Trademarks
- Designs and models
- Corporate names, trade names
- Domain names
- Appellations of origin
- Copyright
- Internet law
- Unfair competition
- Prosecution and litigation



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Ursula Bartel has extensive experience in the strategic consulting and management of both international and national brand portfolios. In addition, she is an expert on complex trademark in-fringement disputes as well as on cancellation and nullity proceedings. Ursula Bartel proceeds with tact and sensitivity, always having in mind the image of the trademarks she is responsible for. She not only advises corporations but also small and medium-sized businesses as well as start-ups. She advises her clients on a very high level and with great care, but also in a very comprehensible manner. Her clients appreciate the pleasant and straightforward way Ursula Bartel manages their trademark matters.

Prior to the founding of Bartel Legal in 2016, Ursula Bartel worked for many years with the international law firm Bird & Bird LLP, which enjoys an excellent reputation for intellectual property.

Your advantages:

- · Direct contact with only one contact person
- Fast processing of your needs
- First-class legal advice
- Transparent cost structure
- · Worldwide network of highly specialized trademark lawyers



- Trademarks
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Founded in 1892, HOFFMANN EITLE is with a workforce of more than 400, one of the largest, most well-established and most renowned intellectual property consultancy firms in Europe.

The primary objective of our firm is to provide the best possible services to our clients, by focusing on quality, efficiency, responsiveness and customization of our services.

To achieve this aim, our firm is structured around an international team of more than 100 highly qualified and experienced European representatives and attorneys-at-law, which come from more than 10 countries and work exclusively in the field of intellectual property.

With such a wealthy human capital, both in qualitative and quantitative terms, we provide one of the most complete, homogeneous, and modular services in Europe for intellectual property. In particular, we fulfill the specific needs of our clients:

In all legal and technical fields of intellectual property, in litigious as well as non-litigious proceedings.

In an unrivalled geographic area in terms of size and significance, by the countries in which our European patent attorneys have national qualifications (Germany, France, Belgium, UK, Italy, Spain, and Netherlands).

In all configurations of work (individual, collaborative, cooperative, multidisciplinary, multinational...). We have a strong francophone team specializing in patents.



- Patents
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- Trademarks
- Designs
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We advise our clients to treat a conflict like you treat an asset – consider how to make the most of it by making use of ADR next to traditional means of dispute resolution.



Interview with DR. ESTHER PFAFF, LL.M Counsel, HOFFMANN EITLE

Leaders League. How have you seen the use of ADR in IP litigation evolve in recent years in Germany?

In recent years, ADR made headlines in legal journals and was a hot topic on many conferences. Arbitration and mediation suddenly seemed to be the number one solution to the growing complexity and international dimension of IP disputes. While ADR is still on the rise, this enthusiasm now seems to have sobered up a bit. Arbitration has not turned out to be the easy, cheap and quick solution to cross border disputes it was hailed for. Mediation is more and more frequently used by German enterprises to manage contract negotiations (facilitative mediation) or to settle a dispute (evaluated or court annexed mediation), but its potential is not yet fully exploited. In particular for commercial mediation, there is vast potential for growth. My personal ambition

is to advocate the merits of ADR as part of a sensible dispute resolution concept of a company. Not as a miracle solution but as a tool that can be extremely valuable when used right.

What should clients know when opting for arbitration?

The experience made by clients in the last years is that arbitration requires diligent preparation and is almost as time and cost intensive as litigation. Parties may even require more support from experienced counsels as there is no "court house decorum" that would equalize a lack of preparation or experience with ADR of one party. A thorough preparation becomes even more crucial if you consider that there is often no appeal instance and just one shot to solve a global dispute.

When well prepared, arbitration can be an excellent option for disputes that span several jurisdictions, are technically complex and business sensitive. Examples are disputes about economic terms of license agreements, profit margins etc. Especially, where the dispute has an economic dimension, such as the determination of an appropriate license fee, losses incurred etc., the use of an expert panel in an arbitration forum can be the best option.

Where do you see further potential for mediation?

Court annexed as well as independent mediators can be very efficient tools to save parties years of costly litigation upholding their operative business. We have seen many examples of clients

which achieved a deal with a commercial gain for both parties that would never have been possible in litigation - and that none of them expected before entering into mediation. In today's business landscape, conflicts tend to escalate although there is potential for negotiating a business solution. Professional relationships have become impersonal, company structures and positions change permanently; there is hardly ever an established communication or trust between the parties. Companies therefore benefit greatly if the use of mediation is accepted in-house. Joint-venture agreements nowadays often nominate a mediator from the start, to ensure that a solid communication and a conciliatory mechanism is established.

What advice would you give to your clients regarding the uncertainty linked to the unitary patent and unified patent court?

After all those years that we have been discussing the unitary patent and the UPC, we advise our clients to stay alert but to also be aware that nothing is going to happen overnight. The main precautions, such as the opting-out mechanism etc. are nowadays understood and become relevant again once the system gets going. At the moment, we do see a certain risk that the project loses momentum entirely with the ongoing changes in European governments etc. •







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The firm

Kather Augenstein is a specialist litigation and contentious IP team consisting of five partners and seven associates and set for further growth. They bring the experience and know-how of many years of IP litigation practice from firms such as Preu Bohlig, Linklaters and Bird & Bird to the table. Thus, they merge the best from both worlds of boutique firms and big international law firms. All lawyers have many years of expertise acting in international major cases for significant clients. Their nimble size means that they are much more flexible than many large law firms and their international network with like-minded firms gives them an international footprint. This also means that Kather Augenstein gives full attention to each and every one of their clients. This has allowed them to attract some of the largest companies in the world as clients. After only two years, the firm now represents a large share of companies in the German blue-chip share index DAX.

Areas of practice

- A leading car manufacturer requested Kather Augenstein to defend them in a process series with a total of seven patents asserted by the opponents, a chip manufacturer. Kather Augenstein formed teams for each patent and co-ordinates with patent attorneys and IP consultants of the car manufacturer.
- Kather Augenstein is representing Ericsson is a number of patent infringement proceedings at the regional courts in Düsseldorf and Mannheim. The firm has been working with Ericsson for many years.
- Kather Augenstein is representing Boston Scientific in four different active proceedings regarding patent infringement for a clip device for causing haemostasis, closely working together with patent attorneys and the IP department of Boston Scientific.
- Kather Augenstein is representing Ezpz LLC in various infringement proceedings in design law in Germany and is co-ordinating cross border proceedings.
- Kather Augenstein is representing a highly awarded German robot manufacturer in a wideranging battle about designs and licence agreements against a huge competitor, which also involves antitrust issues.



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- Unfair competition
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Our key strengths lie in patents, trademarks, designs, competition and pharmaceutical law. For many years, we have been providing counsel and representation in complex infringement and validity proceedings before German IP courts, the Federal Patent Court and patent offices, such as the EPO on behalf of companies acting in the energy, medical technology, engineering, chemistry, pharmaceuticals, telecommunications and semiconductor technology sectors. The efforts of Preu Bohlig are often strategically coordinated with parallel litigation outside Germany, such as France and the US. Preu Bohlig also acquired a very good standing in pharmaceutical and life science law with team members of our Munich office. We thus advise in German and European pharma law, medical product law and food supplements. This includes product launches, product design and product advertising as well as different regulatory affairs.

Preu Bohlig represents a broad variety of clients, from small start-up companies to large international enterprises. Our regular clients are renowned blue chips companies. As a tradition, we maintain close relationships with the German industry. In the past years, we counted among our clients, eleven companies of the DAX-30 and the biggest blue chip companies from the telecom industry.

Our professional expertise is evidenced by extensive trial practice and a distinguished record as lecturers and instructors, as well as by numerous publications.



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Founded in 1889, Obligado & Cia. has devoted itself actively to the protection of its clients' interests and rights for more than 120 years.

Professional integrity is our letter of introduction. Talent, creativity and determination are key factors that have developed our firm since its founding.

We are highly experienced, forward-looking, with sound knowledge in all aspects of Intellectual Property, from registration of rights and portfolio handling, to transactional IP work and complex litigation. Our teams are selected by a variety of clients, from individuals and emerging businesses to renowned multinational companies, in order to protect and enforce their most valuable IP assets.

Understanding clients' needs and providing quality services are essential in the current business world. And we know it.

Obligado & Cia. is one of the leading Intellectual Property firms in Argentina, a point of reference for Intellectual and Industrial Property rights.

Our extensive experience supports our commitment.



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- Legal Department
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Placed by all the international Directories at the top of the Italian legal profession, the law firm IP Law Galli was established in 2004 and it is still led by Atty. Professor Cesare Galli, Chair of Industrial Property Law in the Department of Law of the University of Parma, who has been leading with important litigation in Europe regarding all branches of IP Law, often tackling cross-border problems too. In 1999 Professor Galli obtained the first Italian final ruling on biotech patents. In 2004 the firm secured the first Italian ruling on computer-implemented invention patents, and between 2005 and 2018 obtained key decisions on the protection of pharmaceutical patents, renowned trademarks and designs in relation to which some of the highest assessment of damages ever made in Italy were issued.

IP Law Galli was established as a law office "of excellence" highly specialised in the IP sector and characterised by the keen distinguishing mark of the founder, Atty. Professor Cesare Galli, and by a market-oriented approach that aims to enhance the procedural instruments in order to reach positive results as quickly as possible. The Law Firm firmly preserves this attitude without neglecting the importance of highly professional and knowledgeable lawyers who team up with the leader with shared goals and methods and proceed in a mainly international context but at the same time they demonstrate a deep rootedness in the most significant areas of the Italian economic life.



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The work teams, which consist of professionals having wide knowledge acquired in different transactions, are structured to guarantee tailored assistance to each client throughout the entire project life cycle, involving, when required, the specialist expertise of other Legance teams.

Thanks to its attention to client service Legance is a point of reference for major Italian and foreign industrial and financial groups, providing global services in most practice areas.

The close relationships with leading independent law firms throughout the world ensure that Legance can provide to our clients legal services on international transactions of the highest standard in terms of quality and efficiency.



The advice on intellectual property matters that Legance's lawyers provide includes the following:

- advice in the preliminary stages regarding the most suitable registration strategy, based on the client's needs
- drafting of contractual agreements required for the exploitation of intellectual and industrial property rights of any kind
- drafting of legal opinions on any aspect of intellectual and industrial property
- advice on bringing and defending legal proceedings in Italy and abroad, in relation to any intellectual or industrial property right



What will come out of the ongoing discussions in Brussels will surely change the current legal landscape



Interview with **PAOLO MARZANO** Partner, **LEGANCE**

Leaders League. What's the latest on the EU-backed Digital Single Market?

P. M. The attention is currently on the so called Copyright Directive. The key topic is probably that of the value gap. I hope the European Union will be able to adopt a new legislation which will foster the position of right holders. The debate is very interesting and it is taking place in a period in which the position of the so called social media seems to enter into a deep transformation phase, as the 'privacy debate' surrounding Facebook evidences.

How have your clients' needs evolved in recent years?

More and more attention to the role of the Internet, with no doubts; what ever the market in which you client operates (fashion, industrial design, food, entertainment), the ability of a brand to 'stay and play' on the web is now crucial. And this brings in a panoply of ip-related issues.

Traditionally IP lawyers worked for specialized niche law firms. How would you define your work in a full-service law firm?

IP is no longer a niche area, it is so pervasive that the range of clients focusing on it is immense. Leading the IP team in a top full-service lawfirm like Legance turins out to be complex, but extraordinatrily challenging. You must be able to deliver a solution to a wide spectrum of problems emerging everyday. I am not sure that a niche firm would be able to do the same...

Could you tell us more about your track record and the type of clients you represent?

Thank to my knowledge of international and, in particular, US copyright laws, I often deal with multijurisdictional cases involving foreign clients: book publishers, videogame and motion pictures producers are among the clients which I assist. The activities brought forward with the International Trademark Association (INTA) in the field of industrial design is also giving me the opportunity to work for foreign clients and, more generally, in the context of the fashion industry acting on international markets. Challenging work, but amazingly interesting. When we assisted, in 2016, Shiseido in negotiating a worldwide cosmetic license with

the Dolce & Gabbana, we had to deal with almost all forms of intellectual property rights, on multiple markets. Again, difficult, but incredibly dynamic.

Brief us on a significant case you took part in recently.

Can I offer you two cases, rather than one? We have recently been requested to support the motion picture industry involved in a major copyright case pending before the European Court of Justice; it deals with the applicability of the private copying legislation in the case of online remote video recording services. Once issued, this holding will form a supranational rule, along with the US Cablevision and Aero cases, which will strongly influence the behavior of the audiovisual online business models. At the same time, we're assisting a major US company in developing the online transmissions of a wide variety of TV broadcasts, motion pictures and TV series. All evidences of what I was referring to above: the landscape is rapidly evolving and the business models which ensure the production and dissemination of works of authorship vary constantly.

Just what is it that makes a good IP lawyer?

In a rapidly evolving situation, be always ready to question your opinions and never stop learning. The moment you say 'I know this', you risk to be wrong. ◆









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The Firm advises its clients - including some of the largest and most important Italian big companies and private equity funds, as well as international companies, in the field of, inter alia, fashion, design, pharmaceutical, energy and telecommunication on the protection of their intellectual property rights both in court and contractually.

The Firm's professionals specialized in intellectual property law advise mainly in connection with litigation related to the protection of patents, trademarks, confidential information, design rights, copyrights and unfair competition; they also handle the negotiation of any agreements in IP matters (such as license and sponsorship agreement) and provide support in connection with extraordinary transactions relating to companies owning large portfolios of patents, designs and trademarks.

Litigation on trademarks and licenses represents, according to clients, the cornerstone of the practice... Clients praise the professionals: «excellent staff, always on top of events», states a client, «they are capable of building strong arguments on facts.»



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The digital economy is essentially based on binary logics. We are here to add a third dimension to that thinking.

Our law firm was established in 2007 as a boutique with the ambition of covering a vast array of practice areas of interest for business clients. Yes, a vast array but not anything. We decided to use two golden rules: first, follow your passions. The founding partners have put their interests from outside the legal business at the centre of their idea of a law-firm and decided they should seek to assist primarily businesses that operate in those areas of interest; second, be holistic. We believe lawyers' added value lays in the ability to look at matters from as many visual angles as possible. The time of chinese walls between legal issues seems to be fading away. The Internet has dissolved the idea of boundaries and dramatized the concept of interdependence. This holds very true for legal issues.

Our IP and IT department, with this in mind, has developed skills and expertise in all legal areas that are of relevance for advice in the fields of Intellectual Property and Information Technology. The department, headed by Massimo Maggiore, currently counts two partners and four associates and regularly advices on matters that constantly intersect IP and IT, and namely competition law, data protection, contract law, consumer laws. We are also well established litigators in our fields of practice and assist companies both before courts of law and independent administrative bodies, such as the competition authority, the data protection authority or the telecommunication authority.

The industrial sectors that we assist with IP law matters include food, electronic goods, publishing, biotechnology, toys, web marketing, motion picture and entertainment. Our work in IT Law is mainly focused on cloud computing, social lending platforms, behavioural advertising solution providers, software integration, e-commerce.



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Orsingher Ortu - Avvocati Associati is an independent law firm which specializes in complex transactions, advisory work and litigation notably in the fields of intellectual property, new media & information technology, corporate & finance, antitrust, competition & trade and labour laws. Our partners have all developed their professional skills in prominent international law firms and have brought those skills to a tailored, client-focused structure.

Our intellectual propriety, new media & information technology group has a specific focus on the TMT- related industries and is highly committed in partnering with individuals and businesses to enhance:

• creative intellectual works

such as works of literature, music, figurative art, architecture, cinematography, photography and new media, as well as software, databases and designs, all of which are protected by copyright law. Industrial products can also be protected by national and Community exclusive rights in designs if registered, and by unregistered Community exclusive rights in designs (for a shorter time).

• proprietary information

Technical know-how - Proprietary information includes knowhow that resolves a technical problem in a new way; it can be protected as a patent, as a utility model or by exclusive rights over secret information.

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Personal data of customers, potential customers and employees -The use of the personal data of third parties collected by a business is governed by the provisions of the Data Protection Code, which sets the limits to data processing and the forms permitted.

• competitive positioning tools

Trademarks - All of the distinctive signs of a business, including registered and de facto trademarks, the name or trade name, the firm, signs, domain names, and the packaging and forms of the products are protected against passing off and unwarranted copying by competitors.

Company style - All elements used in crafting the identity of a business in the marketplace including advertising campaigns, slogans, signage,the interior design of sales outlets and marketing strategies are protected individually and as a whole by the provisions of the Industrial Property Code and competition law.

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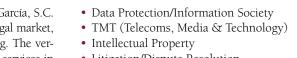
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