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Intellectual property is increasingly becoming a focal point of the Indian government's vision of economic expansion. In May 2016 the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion unveiled its first National IP Rights Policy under the slogan 'Creative India; Innovative India', and another state ministry recently launched the Startup India initiative to promote innovation. In addition, there are efforts to make the country's patent system more efficient; a number of new examiners are being hired with the goal of achieving an 18-month file-to-grant timeframe by March 2018.

Firms: litigation and transactions

Highly recommended

Anand and Anand



Remfry & Sagar

Recommended

K&S Partners

Krishna & Saurastri Associates LLP

Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan



Lall & Sethi

Perfexio Legal



RK Dewan & Co



S Majumdar & Co

Singh & Singh

Firms: prosecution

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Chadha & Chadha Intellectual Property Law Firm

De Penning & De Penning

Groverlaw

Khaitan & Co

Khurana & Khurana, Adovcates and IP Attorneys

Krishna & Saurastri Associates LLP

Lall Lahiri & Salhotra

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Obhan & Associates



RK Dewan & Co



SKS Law Associates

SS Rana & Co

Subramaniam & Associates

ZeusIP Advocates

➡ Anand and Anand

With more than 100 specialist professionals on staff, powerhouse boutique Anand & Anand effortlessly dispatches the most complex and demanding patent instructions. The dual qualification of many of its practitioners – as lawyers and attorneys – gives them a panoramic perspective on IP matters and they perform adroitly on either side of the contentious/non-contentious divide. At the cutting edge of the country’s evolving jurisprudence, managing partner **Pravin Anand** – dubbed “the best litigator in India” – has played a pivotal role in many precedent-setting trials. Heading the patent team, the versatile **Archana Shanker** stands out for her cogent advocacy in pharmaceuticals spats and steady-handed portfolio management. Technical nous and commercial savvy characterise her practice.

Chadha & Chadha Intellectual Property Law Firm

Eminent prosecution shop Chadha & Chadha makes its sophomore appearance in the *IAM Patent 1000* this year. The ISO 9001:2008-certified firm – described by one international client as “one of the most efficient, trustworthy and reliable in India” – uses state-of-the-art case management systems and boasts an impressive 98% patent grant rate. Working adeptly across the technology spectrum, its well-drilled team “listens to the client’s specific needs and tailors its work accordingly. It provides an efficient and professional service, responding to inquiries quickly and monitoring pending patent applications with a keen eye”. The outfit was recently able to add new rights to Samsung’s portfolio. “Excellent practitioner” **Chetan Chadha** interfaces brilliantly with global innovators, guiding them assuredly around obstacles to patent protection; electronics, telecommunications and Information technology are his fortes.

De Penning & De Penning

Established in 1856, De Penning & De Penning is one of India’s oldest IP law firms; though steeped in history and tradition, it remains at the forefront of patent practice in the country and is always looking forward in anticipation of economic and legal changes. A dexterous drafter of applications across several technology sectors, **David Solomon** is also a go-to professional for contentious proceedings before the Intellectual Property Appellate Board (IPAB).

Groverlaw

Renowned for procuring cast-iron protection, Groverlaw is rapidly developing its contentious and commercialisation capabilities too; partnering with IP analytics firm Sagacious Research, it offers insightful advice across the gamut of patent matters. Clients laud the “outstanding professionalism, dedication and responsiveness” of **Vivek Dahiya**, who is “excellent in prior art searches and gives clear guidance on how to protect innovations; he becomes part of the client’s team and implements a clear strategy”.

K&S Partners

Sterling all-rounder K&S Partners is especially celebrated for its slick prosecution offering; it is India’s largest filer of Patent Cooperation Treaty applications and is also commended by foreign clients for its “efficient and solutions-orientated” work before the Indian Patent Office (IPO). Its non-contentious professionals have been especially active recently on behalf of prestigious research institutions such as the Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research, the University of North Carolina and the Indian Institute of Science. The firm’s 100-strong team also includes top-notch litigators, who lately won an IPAB trial for the National Institute of Immunology in a ground-breaking case regarding the maintainability of divisional patents; they also represented a world-renowned pharmaceuticals brand in a Delhi High Court battle. “Responsive, process driven, yet creative”, **Ravi Bhola** helms the patent practice; the life sciences expert is praised for his ability to “explain complex concepts in a very clear way”.

Khaitan & Co

ZeusIP Advocates

ZeusIP Advocates boasts a deep font of technical and legal wisdom from which his clients can draw. Celebrated for its thorough drafting capabilities and astute management of patent portfolios, the boutique is additionally lauded for its client-centric approach: it focuses on long-term business goals and builds vigorous relationships which stand the test of time. Naqeeb Nawab is the main point of contact.

Other recommended experts

Patent dignitary **Calab Gabriel** harbours over 35 years of experience and frequently advises the government on IP issues; the shrewd chemist recently opened up his own outfit, LEX IP Care. Having dedicated over six decades to patent work, **Francis Groser** is a wellspring of knowledge and a leading light in this field; he runs Groser and Groser. New-Delhi based **Rajeshwari Hariharan** is a biotechnology maven and a polished litigator; she is stationed at Rajeshwaro & Associates. One of the founders of Fidus Law Chambers, **Shwetaree Majumder** cuts a dash on contentious mandates, no matter how complex. Helming the IP practice at Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co is **Dev Robinson**, who excels at enforcing rights and facilitating critical transactions.

Individuals: prosecution

Ravi Bhola - K&S Partners

Chetan Chadha - Chadha & Chadha Intellectual Property Law Firm

Vivek Dahiya - Groverlaw

Mohan Dewan - RK Dewan & Co

Niti Dewan - RK Dewan & Co

Calab Gabriel - LEX IP Care

Francis Stewart Groser - Groser & Groser

Ashwin Julka - Remfry & Sagar

Tarun Khurana - Khurana & Khurana, Advocates and IP Attorneys

Malathi Lakshmikumaran - Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan

Jose Antony Madan - Khaitan & Co

Subhatosh Majumdar - S Majumdar & Co

Ranjna Mehta-Dutt - Remfry & Sagar