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New trademark rules came into force in India in March 2017, which ushered in several notable changes: they allow for the registration of sound marks; enable expedited prosecution; and provide for the electronic service of documents. The applicant classification system was also changed, with a distinction being drawn between start-ups and small enterprises on the one hand and larger companies on the other; while official fee increases are limited for those in the former group, they are much greater for the latter. These developments indicate that the government is paying greater attention to IP issues. Notwithstanding complaints surrounding attempts to tackle the backlog of cases at the Indian trademark office, this has been welcomed as a positive step by the country's IP community.

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Other recommended experts


Rekhar Dabas of Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas is “a proficient trademark lawyer with a deep understanding of the market”. A commercial lawyer with a strong foundation in intellectual property, **Gowree Gokhale** of Nishith Desai Associates provides business-conscious advice to brand owners in the technology and life sciences arenas. **Groverlaw’s Vikram Grover is a hugely popular lawyer. “He provides clear, well-reasoned advice and is extremely thorough and proactive – by far one of the best Indian IP attorneys. He is someone you can absolutely trust to provide quality legal support and in a quick turnaround time.”** Dual-qualified in India and England and Wales and an ace brand strategist with a knack for effective enforcement, **Neel Mason** has done much to shape Indian copyright law and is at the forefront of trademark issues in the digital realm. He is the leader at Mason & Associates. **Ranjan Negi** of Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas is a top technology lawyer with a wealth of IP expertise. Independent practitioner **Anupam Pandey** has a thorough understanding of international and domestic IP policy. “The leading copyright and entertainment lawyer in India”, **Xerxes Ranina** also knows a thing or two about brands and is “an extremely clever lawyer who has a lot of commercial sense”. He practises out of Neolegal Associates. **Ajay Sahni** is the proprietor of his own eponymous law firm and a respected name in IP circles, having held leadership positions in Indian and international IP associations. He has litigated at all court levels and is an experienced enforcer of intangible rights. **Raja Selvam** of Selvam and Selvam is recommended as “a proactive, knowledgeable lawyer who provides clear, to-the-point advice”. **Amarjit Singh** runs Amarjit & Associates. A founding partner of Anand and Anand, he has practised at the vanguard of intellectual property in India for decades. **Sushant Singh** runs an IP boutique under his own name. He has a first-rate track record in litigation and dispute resolution.

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