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long and distinguished legacy of excellence in prosecution; today, the department comprises some 40 lawyers. The litigation team is also highly sought after, with recent highlights including a successful claim for trademark infringement and passing off on behalf of one of the world's biggest real estate brokerages. Other key industries for the firm include banking, retail, electronics and fashion. Standout **Ashwin Julka** is a font of trademark registration knowledge.

RK Dewan & Co

Having enhanced its global profile in the past few years, this Mumbai-based firm ascends to the silver tier on the strength of its illustrious client roster and outstanding courtroom results. Traditionally one of the country's most prolific outbound filers, the group counts several of India's largest companies among its 3,000 domestic patrons. However, more Western firms are now coming on board as well. One reason for this is RK Dewan's astute and effective litigation tactics: by

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filing cases in district courts outside Delhi – in Pune, for example – complainants can obtain equally favourable decisions in less time and at a fraction of the cost. Seasoned advocate **Mohan Dewan** is a pre-eminent IP expert; he offers counsel on all stages of the trademark lifecycle.

Bronze**Fidus Law Chambers**

Fidus Law Chambers has come to the forefront of trademark practice in India since it was set up by the multi-talented **Shwetasree Majumder** in 2008. "She is one of the individuals whose success I'm personally proud of and happy for," remarks an esteemed peer. While the specialist outfit deftly executes portfolio management and commercial instructions, the litigation unit has been thrust into the national spotlight through its involvement in the ongoing Supreme Court fight over parallel imports.

Inttl Advocare

"INTTL Advocare is gaining substantial momentum", thanks largely to the efforts of leading light **Hemant Singh**. An expert in every species of IP litigation, Singh helms a team that is

spheres, the firm excels at helping large corporates to streamline their IP management – an attractive value proposition in a cost-conscious business environment. Managing partner **Gunjan Paharia** is a font of “great trademark expertise”.

Recommended

De Penning & De Penning

There are vast reserves of institutional knowledge to be tapped into at De Penning & De Penning, India’s oldest trademark and patent firm. A large and highly specialised prosecution team consistently tops the list of filers in the country. However, a reputation for quality makes the De Penning brand among the industry’s strongest: its many blue-chip clients would settle for nothing less than the best. **David Solomon** is perhaps best known for his patent know-how, but is also a safe pair of hands for trademark prosecutions.

DP Ahuja & Co

A healthy mix of foreign and domestic enterprises rely on the large and efficient team at DP Ahuja & Co to obtain protection for their valuable marques in India. The firm also boasts a significant outbound filing practice, helping local clients to expand into new markets around the world. Prominent brands such as Calvin Klein, Revlon and Hitachi have called on its top-notch services in the enforcement sphere as well. Samresh Chakraborty is a good first port of call.

Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan

Intellectual property is one of three core offerings at commercial outfit Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan. In addition to the full complement of trademark prosecution and enforcement services, the group advises on valuation and M&A deals, in which the team’s ability to call on the expertise of the firm’s corporate and tax divisions proves invaluable. Nine offices across the country provide local and foreign clients with immediate, extremely effective hands-on assistance wherever they do business. Parthasarathy R heads the IP division from the Chennai office.

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LexOrbis

The forward-thinking practitioners at LexOrbis enjoy a growing reputation inside and outside India for their technical and legal insights. The firm displays impressive leadership in the local and international IP community and is also active in the policy-making sphere. A range of top-class

businesses rely on it to coordinate tricky multi-jurisdictional briefs, leveraging on its network of global contacts. Co-founder Manisha Singh practises across the IP spectrum and is a good point of contact.

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Singh & Associates, Advocates and Solicitors

Full-service corporate ensemble Singh & Associates, Advocates and Solicitors has a high standing in the Indian legal world and its prestige extends to the trademark space. A deep pool of talented lawyers is ever-ready to troubleshoot the most vexing of trademark dilemmas. The firm counts some of India’s largest companies among its clients and protects numerous well-known foreign brands. Founder Manoj Singh leads four other partners and their associates.

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Other recommended experts

At Nishith Desai Associates, **Gowree Gokhale** is a trusted IP adviser with exceptional knowledge of the pharmaceutical and healthcare industries.

The “eminent” **Vikram Grover** continues to build up a very respectable practice at Groverlaw: “He is a seasoned lawyer who shows the utmost care for his clients and his work.” IP generalist

Jose Antony Madan handles both patent and trademark briefs at Khaitan & Co, one of the country’s premier full-service corporate firms. **Neel Mason** “is making his mark” at Mason & Associates, “a practice to watch in times to come”. India’s largest corporate firm, Amarchand & Mangaldas & Suresh A Shroff & Co, is home to a first-class IP operation, headed by the superlative **Ranjan Negi**. Neolegal Associates founder **Xerxes Ranina** is well versed in both corporate law and intellectual property; he approaches brand matters with commercial flair. Courtroom dynamo **Amarjit Singh** relishes challenging difficult suits at the eponymous Amarjit & Associates. **Sushant Singh** leads Sushant M Singh & Associates, Advocates and Solicitors with a steady hand; dispute resolution is the group’s forte. ■