

## INDIA



The Indian government knows the importance of strong IP protection and has been working to improve the market for innovative companies; for example, trademark rule changes in 2017 brought about several improvements, including expedited prosecution and the electronic service of documents. The Indian Trademark Office has also devoted substantial resources to clearing the prosecution backlog and done so judiciously; most trademark applications now proceed to grant in less than one year; practitioners are hopeful this will last, given that the number of filings is increasing. The government has made other changes to make it easier to do business in India; the Commercial Courts Act was amended to allow for matters valued at Rs300,000 or more to be heard before the commercial courts – as opposed to Rs10 million, as it was the requirement previously.

## Other recommended experts

**Rekhar Dabas** is the IP director at Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas. The Remfry & Sagar and Rouse alumnus has a wealth of experience across the full spectrum of trademark work. Commercial and IP lawyer **Gowree Gokhale** plies her trade at Mumbai firm Nishith Desai Associates. **Groverlaw's Vikram Grover is a contentious ace who often represents multinational companies in must-win litigation and raid actions.** Managing partner of Mason & Associates, **Neel Mason** leads a team of young lawyers to provide a customer-centric trademark service. **Amarjit Singh Monga** is a "superb litigator and a deep font of trademark knowledge" at Amarjit & Associates. Consummate counsel **Ranjan Negi** provides brand owners with incisive guidance from the Delhi office of Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas. Independent practitioner **Anupam Pandey's** practice encompasses IP, e-commerce, IT and media law. Over at Neolegal Associates, "eminent copyright and entertainment lawyer" **Xerxes Ranina** is revered for his commercially oriented approach to trademark work. **Mustafa Safiyuddin** recently left Legasis to found ABH Law. Delhi-based **Ajay Sahni** runs Ajay Sahni & Associates. He is an elder statesman who has dedicated 35 years of his career to intellectual property. **Raja Selvam** at Selvam and Selvam "is incredibly responsive and possesses extensive industry knowledge". **Sushant Singh** offers top-notch contentious advice at Sushant M Singh & Associates.

Individuals: enforcement and litigation

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**Shwetasree Majumder** - Fidus Law Chambers

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