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refined anti-counterfeiting groups and has an outstanding record of keeping fakes off the market. Its comprehensive service ensures that prosecution matters are also dispatched with aplomb. In-house counsel are quick to praise the "commercial consideration it brings to bear on important brand concerns". "Insightful and seasoned professional" **Hemant Singh** is a renowned litigator and significant authority on all things IP.

Legasis Partners

Legasis Partners breaks into the *WTR 1000* this year thanks to the strength of its offering and glowing feedback from peers. "Its ability to maturely span the contentious/non-contentious divide and its seamless inter-departmental interaction make it a truly unique proposition." Prosecution is perhaps its forte and the impressive group accounts for a large proportion of domestic filings. Litigation and dispute resolution chief **Mustafa Safiyuddin** brings a useful international perspective to the table, having previously trained in the United Kingdom.

RNA International Property Associates

With a close association to Rouse, Ranjan Narula Associates has established itself as one of the region's most active trademark outfits. It works across the trademark spectrum, offering "superior services underpinned with strong commercial acumen, transparency and responsiveness". Name partner **Ranjan Narula** reflects the group's multinational approach, having earned his spurs at prominent international IP firms.

RK Dewan & Co

RK Dewan & Co's "excellent knowledge of the law, solid understanding of business processes and precise, timely consultation on strategy" ensure its continued success. The stellar team's ability to handle large volumes of work simultaneously has made it a favourite among companies both at home and abroad. Litigation and licensing ace **Mohan Dewan** "always has time for his clients, and can break down complex concepts into succinct explanations that a layman can understand".

has really boomed in recent years and, alongside its capacious filing operation, it has a contentious function that is steeped in quality." The stellar unit is also hailed for its commercial nous: its band of five-star professionals has accrued an enviable track record of brokering heavyweight licensing deals. Its commitment to teasing out the issues and idiosyncrasies of individual clients means that it is equally comfortable advising smaller domestic entities as it is blue-chips.

Singh & Associates

This "well-organised and flexible group always offers supreme service levels and regularly secures results". Its responsiveness is a boon in this sometimes frustrating jurisdiction, and patrons have been quick to compliment its "depth of knowledge and attention to detail". The trademark team's deep integration with the local market is hailed by international entities, which appreciate its ability to carve a path through complex regulatory and filing regimes. Manoj Singh is the firm's widely regarded founder.

Other recommended experts

Client favourite **Gowree Gokhale** drives trademark operations at notable commercial collective

Nishith Desai Associates. Formerly of leading outfit Remfry & Sagar, litigation specialist **Vikram Grover** has struck out on his own at Groverlaw. Peers reckon that his proven skill and perspicacity are a recipe for future success. WS Kane & Co is

thriving under the stewardship of litigation virtuoso **Himanshu Kane**, a veteran of the Mumbai trademark scene. Khaitan & Co's **Jose Antony Madan** is an "outstanding attorney and leader"; although perhaps best known for his patent work, he is hugely skilled in the trademark arena too.

Neel Mason, founder of niche litigation practice Mason & Associates, is acclaimed for his contentious nous. He matches this with a keen insight into non-contentious matters. At corporate group Amarchand & Mangaldas & Suresh A Shroff & Co, **Ranjan Negi** is "the go-to authority for trademark issues with a commercial flavour".

Entertainment and media guru **Xerxes Ranina** of Neolegal Associates earns plaudits for his work in support of some of India's most prominent marks. Contentious doyen **Amarjit Singh** is the figurehead at Amarjit & Associates, thanks to his string of achievements in tricky cases. The "versatile"

Sushant Singh heads up Sushant M Singh & Associates, and is known for securing favourable outcomes in even the most complex disputes. ■