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Enthusiasm for the Modi administration is reflected in the fortunes of the Indian economy. It has publicly declared its intention to boost manufacturing, which bodes well for domestic filing activity. IP-rich companies have applauded the government's willingness to reform the country's creaking patent system. Although the full effects of this initiative remain to be seen, innovators already feel more confident in the courts and the patent office, thanks to more consistent application of patentability guidelines and diminished reliance on foreign jurisprudence. While domestic applications are on the rise, most filings still come in from abroad. Contentious activity is slowly increasing, fuelled by the recent expiry of some key pharmaceutical patents. The dominance of long-established IP titans Anand and Anand and Remfry & Sagar remains relatively unchallenged in the contentious sphere; however, a handful of dynamic prosecution start-ups with personalised, cost-sensitive offerings are positioning themselves as credible alternatives to Big Law.

Firms - litigation and transactions

Anand and Anand

Remfry & Sagar

K&S Partners

Krishna & Saurastri Associates

Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan

S Majumdar & Co

Singh & Singh Lall & Sethi

Perfexio Legal

RK Dewan & Co

Firms - prosecution

Highly recommended

Anand and Anand

K&S Partners

Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan

Remfry & Sagar

S Majumdar & Co

Recommended

De Penning & De Penning

Groverlaw

Khaitan & Co

Khurana & Khurana, Advocates
and IP Attorneys

Krishna & Saurastri Associates

Lall Lahiri & Salhotra

Legasis Partners

LexOrbis

Obhan & Associates

RK Dewan & Co

SKS Law Associates

SS Rana & Co

Subramaniam Nataraj & Associates

ZeusIP Advocates

Anand and Anand

“Anand and Anand is a top IP player and probably always will be. It is one of the few firms with the size and capacity to consistently take an active role in developing and improving the Indian IP infrastructure.” For more than 25 years it has been a trusted adviser to an enviable client base, including the likes of Boehringer Ingelheim, Colgate Palmolive and Nitto Denko. Its popularity among multinationals is due in no small part to the staunch leadership and legal smarts of **Pravin Anand**, a “lion in litigation” and “a truly pre-eminent figure on the Indian IP scene”. **Archana Shanker**’s assured command of the patent and designs department has yielded impressive successes in the most challenging of filings.

De Penning & De Penning

“Clients can rest easy when De Penning & De Penning is on the case.” The rock-solid prosecution shop, quartered in Chennai, “uses its long history and experience to skilfully execute filing and drafting strategies” in all fields of technology. A “technical thinker with great legal skills”, **David Solomon** can “handle the most mentally challenging matters without breaking a sweat”.

Groverlaw

Groverlaw has taken huge strides since its inception in 2013, winning over companies large and small alike with its “personalised and attentive care on all matters, regardless of size or significance”. “It gives full weight to detailed technical considerations without sacrificing on response times.” Vivek Dahiya is “highly attuned to the discriminating IP needs of sophisticated clients in the fast-changing Indian market”.

K&S Partners

Respected ensemble K&S Partners “has a well-deserved place among the top players in patent prosecution”. It stakes a strong claim on the domestic innovation scene and has made acolytes of many leading Indian technology companies; this places it in contrast to many other firms on the list, which focus on representing international enterprises. The life sciences is a strong suit, thanks to the presence of “top of the line” prosecution ace **Calab Gabriel** and biotechnology whizz **Ravi Bhola**.

Khaitan & Co

With its “professional, judicious approach” and incisive insight into IP law, Khaitan & Co attracts a glittering roster of foreign and domestic patrons. It strikes a balance between inbound and local work, so its guidance is always informed by varied and extensive experience. One of the oldest full-service firms in India, it does a great job teaming up members from different departments to dispense tailored, perspicacious advice. This is particularly apparent on the transactional side of