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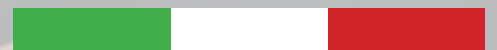
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The IP legal market in Italy continues to demonstrate resilience and strategic relevance within the broader professional services sector. As innovation, digital transformation, and brand protection become increasingly central to business competitiveness, Italian law firms specializing in IP have strengthened their role in supporting companies across a wide range of industries and legal needs.

By Vincenzo Rozzo

The data collected from active law firms in the Italian IP market highlights a sector characterized by balanced professional diversity, stable growth, and a broad distribution of expertise across both traditional and emerging industries. With 408 professionals operating in the market, women represent 52.66% of total professionals, indicating a notably balanced gender composition compared to many other legal practice areas. However, gender representation at leadership level remains less balanced, with female partners accounting for 24.19% of total partners, suggesting that although inclusivity has improved at junior and mid-level positions, progression to senior leadership still presents a challenge across the sector.

From an economic perspective, IP practices continue to represent a significant source of value for Italian law firms. Revenues generated during the last fiscal year accounted for approximately 11.5% of total firm revenues, while annual growth reached 7.89%, confirming the expanding importance of intellectual property services in a market increasingly driven by intangible assets, innovation, and technology-based competition.

The composition of clients demonstrates a well-diversified market structure. Small and medium-sized enterprises each contribute 36.59% of total IP-related revenues, while large enterprises account for 26.81%. This distribution reflects the strategic importance of IP protection not only for multinational corporations, but also for Italy's extensive ecosystem of SMEs, which remain the backbone of the national economy. Italian companies increasingly recognize trademarks, patents, designs, and copyrights as essential instruments for internationalization, brand positioning, and competitive differentiation.

Analysis of practice areas reveals that litigation and advisory services remain the core drivers of IP legal activity. Civil litigation represents the largest share of re-

venues at 44.5%, highlighting the continued relevance of enforcement and dispute resolution in the protection of intellectual property rights. Non-contentious and advisory activities contribute 35%, demonstrating strong demand for strategic counseling, portfolio management, licensing, and compliance support. Filing activities account for 19%, while criminal IP matters remain limited at 1.5%, reflecting the more specialized nature of criminal enforcement proceedings.

Among IP rights, trademarks generate the largest proportion of revenues (36.58%), followed closely by patents (32.12%). Copyright-related work accounts for 21.76%, while design rights contribute 9.55%. These figures confirm the enduring strength of brand protection and innovation-driven legal services in Italy, particularly in sectors where reputation, creativity, and technological development are critical business assets.

Sector analysis further illustrates the diversity of industries relying on IP expertise. Fashion represents the most significant industry segment, accounting for 28.92% of revenues, reflecting Italy's longstanding global leadership in luxury goods, design, and creative industries. Digital technology contributes 17.81%, signaling the growing influence of software, digital platforms, and technology innovation within the Italian economy. Life sciences (14.64%) and advertising (14.54%) also represent substantial portions of the market, while food & beverage, art, and sport continue to maintain meaningful levels of IP-related activity.

Overall, the Italian IP legal market appears dynamic, diversified, and increasingly strategic. The combination of sustained revenue growth, strong SME participation, expanding digital and innovation sectors, and a progressively more balanced workforce suggests that IP practices will continue to play a central role in the evolution of the Italian legal industry and the broader economy in the years ahead.

MARKET OVERVIEW

TEAM AND GENDER EQUALITY	
NUMBER OF PROFESSIONALS	408
FEMALE PROFESSIONALS	215
PERCENTAGE OF FEMALE PROFESSIONALS	52,66%
NUMBER OF PARTNERS	215
FEMALE PARTNERS	52
PERCENTAGE OF FEMALE PARTNERS	24,19

REVENUES	
REVENUE DURING LAST FISCAL YEAR	5,66
PERCENTAGE OF REVENUE COMPARED TO THE TOTAL REVENUE	11,50%
PERCENTUAL VARIATION OF REVENUE COMPARED TO LAST YEAR	7,89%

PERCENTAGE OF IP REVENUE ASSOCIATED WITH ENTERPRISES	
SMALL ENTERPRISES	36,59%
MEDIUM ENTERPRISES	36,59%
BIG ENTERPRISES	26,81%

PERCENTAGE OF IP REVENUE RELATED TO PRACTICE AREAS OF EXPERTISE						
IP RIGHTS						
PATENTS	TRADEMARKS	COPYRIGHT			DESIGN	
32,12%	36,58%	21,76%			9,55%	
PRACTICE						
CIVIL LITIGATION	CRIMINAL	FILING		NON-CONTENTIOUS AND ADVISORY		
44,50%	1,50%	19,00%		35,00%		
INDUSTRY						
LIFE SCIENCES	ADVERTISING	FOOD & BEVERAGE	ART	FASHION	SPORT	DIGITAL TECH
14,64%	14,54%	10,56%	6,11%	28,92%	7,42%	17,81%

All data were collected and aggregated from law firms active in the relevant practice area, as estimated by LC Publishing's research centre

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RESEARCH PERIOD 2025

This report is the second publication from the Research Center of LC Publishing Group, which focuses on the IP sector in the Italian market. The methodology involves analysing three macro-elements, which researchers have used to compile this report:

- Reading and studying submissions and self-applications that report on the main deals and consultations carried out in the last 12 months.
- Conducting market intelligence.
- Collecting feedback and opinions from clients and peers.

This allowed us to identify the true excellence of the sector beyond individual areas of specialization. By using this methodology, we aim to provide a comprehensive and accurate overview of the IP market in Italy. We believe that this report will be a valuable resource for companies, organizations, and individuals who are interested in gaining a better understanding of this sector.

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The firm/professional has a widespread recognition and a high reputation highlighted by their clients, the counterparts, and, in general, by all industry operators surveyed by the research center, including competitors.

ELITE

The firm/professional has a well-established presence in the market with a considerable number of mandates obtained. It has been mentioned by numerous operators (clients and some competitors), demonstrating widespread recognition and reputation.

EXCELLENT

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The firm/professional is present and active in the market; the expertise has peaks of excellence focused on one or more sub-specializations of the practice; recognition primarily obtained from its own clients.

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The firm has distinguished itself through its leading role in protecting intellectual property rights within the food sector, acting effectively in particularly complex contexts. Thanks to a strategic approach and strong technical expertise, the team has successfully countered improper uses and harmful practices, making a significant contribution to strengthening the protection of agri-food excellence and geographical indications.

KEY LAWYERS:

- GIOVANNI GALIMBERTI** (*Managing Partner*)

A distinguished IP litigator with extensive experience in patents, copyright and life sciences disputes, he is widely recognised for coordinating complex pan-European enforcement strategies and UPC proceedings. Clients praise his "reliability and timeliness," highlighting his ability to deliver commercially focused solutions in highly technical matters.

- MASSIMILIANO MOSTARDINI** (*Partner*)

The professional possesses vast experience in intellectual property and design law, he advises on pan-European litigation involving trademarks, copyright, advertising and digital technologies across the luxury, media and life sciences sectors. With over three decades of experience, he is recognised by clients as "an outstanding professional" with a proactive and commercially attuned approach.

- DANIELE DE ANGELIS** (*Counsel*)

Widely respected in the Italian IP market, he advises leading international clients on sophisticated intellectual property matters spanning innovation, technology, and brand protection. With decades of experience, he is particularly valued for his strategic insight and ability to navigate complex contentious scenarios.

IP | EXPERTISE AREA RANKINGS

Practice / Department	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Intellectual Property	-	Top-Tier	Giovanni Galimberti	Top-Tier
			Massimiliano Mostardini	Top-Tier
			Daniele De Angelis	Recommended

Expertise Area Rankings	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Patents	-	Elite	Giovanni Galimberti	Top-Tier
Trademarks	-	Top-Tier	Massimiliano Mostardini	Top-Tier
Copyright	-	Top-Tier	Massimiliano Mostardini	Top-Tier
			Giovanni Galimberti	Elite
			Daniele De Angelis	Excellent
Design	-	Top-Tier	Massimiliano Mostardini	Top-Tier
Life Sciences	-	Top-Tier	Giovanni Galimberti	Top-Tier
Advertising	-	Top-Tier	Massimiliano Mostardini	Top-Tier
			Rita Tardiolo	Excellent

*Partners and associates included (data provided by law firms)

HERBERT SMITH FREEHILLS KRAMER

A rapidly growing firm led by top-tier leadership stands out for its strong presence across all major IP practice areas. The team is composed of professionals widely recognized for excellence in their respective specializations and consistently supports domestic and international clients across multiple industries, including pharma, manufacturing, fashion, data centers, and entertainment.

KEY LAWYERS:

- LAURA ORLANDO** (*Founding and Managing Partner, Head of Life Sciences Team for the EMEA Region*)
 Widely respected for her expertise in patent litigation and life sciences disputes, she regularly handles complex cross-border matters involving pharmaceuticals, biotechnology and regulatory issues. Her practice is distinguished by a strategic combination of technical depth and strong advocacy before Italian and European courts.
- PIETRO POUCHÉ** (*Partner*)
 An accomplished IP professional, advising domestic and international clients on copyright, design, and broader intellectual property disputes, particularly within creative and innovation-driven sectors. His work is distinguished by a pragmatic approach and strong experience in complex contentious matters.

IP | EXPERTISE AREA RANKINGS

Practice / Department	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Intellectual Property	14	Top-Tier	Laura Orlando	Top-Tier
			Pietro Pouché	Excellent
Expertise Area Rankings	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Patents	14	Top-Tier	Laura Orlando	Top-Tier
Trademarks	14	Highly Recommended	Pietro Pouché	Highly Recommended
Copyright	8	Highly Recommended	Pietro Pouché	Highly Recommended
Design	8	Highly Recommended	Pietro Pouché	Excellent
Life Sciences	13	Top-Tier	Laura Orlando	Top-Tier

*Partners and associates included (data provided by law firms)

HOGAN LOVELLS

The firm stands out for advising leading clients in the sector, supporting them in strategic transactions and the management of complex challenges, confirming its position as an international benchmark within the TMT landscape. The team operates across all specializations in the field, leveraging the experience of widely recognized and highly regarded professionals.

KEY LAWYERS:

- **LUIGI MANSANI** (*Partner*)

With more than 25 years of experience, he stands among Italy's leading IP practitioners, combining deep academic insight with high-profile litigation capabilities across trademarks, copyright, design, and life sciences. Described as "an excellent professional with strong skills in assisting with complex situations," he is particularly acclaimed for UPC patent litigation and sophisticated brand protection work

- **GIOVANNI GHIRARDI** (*Partner*)

Known for his strong patent practice, he advises major international clients on sophisticated IP litigation, anti-counterfeiting strategies, and design protection matters. He is particularly active in the luxury and innovation sectors, where his commercially focused counsel is highly valued.

IP | EXPERTISE AREA RANKINGS

Practice / Department	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Intellectual Property	-	Top-Tier	Luigi Mansani	Top-Tier
			Giovanni Ghirardi	Elite
Expertise Area Rankings	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Patents	-	Top-Tier	Giovanni Ghirardi	Top-Tier
			Luigi Mansani	Top-Tier
Trademarks	-	Top-Tier	Luigi Mansani	Top-Tier
Copyright	-	Elite	Luigi Mansani	Top-Tier
Design	-	Top-Tier	Luigi Mansani	Top-Tier
Life Sciences	-	Top-Tier	Luigi Mansani	Top-Tier
			Francesco Banterle	Highly Recommended
Advertising	-	Top-Tier	Luigi Mansani	Top-Tier
			Maria Luigia Franceschelli	Highly Recommended

*Partners and associates included (data provided by law firms)

JACOBACCI AVVOCATI

The firm is an undisputed leader in the Italian intellectual property landscape, backed by a long-established reputation and outstanding results in complex proceedings. With an exceptional team of 46 professionals and cross-disciplinary expertise spanning every specialist area, the renowned boutique is a key reference point for all matters relating to patents, trademarks, design, and life sciences.

KEY LAWYERS:

- **FABRIZIO JACOBACCI** (*Senior Partner*)

A highly respected figure in Italian intellectual property law, he advises leading international clients on complex patent, trademark, and unfair competition matters across highly innovative industries. With decades of experience, he is recognised for combining strategic vision with deep technical and contentious expertise.

- **ALBERTO CAMUSSO** (*Partner*)

Known for his expertise in design and intellectual property law, he advises leading clients on protection, enforcement and strategic management of creative and innovative assets. His practice is particularly active in sectors where aesthetics, branding and innovation intersect.

IP | EXPERTISE AREA RANKINGS

Practice / Department	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Intellectual Property	-	Elite	Fabrizio Jacobacci	Elite
			Alberto Camusso	Highly Recommended

Expertise Area Rankings	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Patents	-	Top-Tier	Fabrizio Jacobacci	Elite
Trademarks	-	Elite	Fabrizio Jacobacci	Elite
			Paola Gelato	Recommended
Design	-	Highly Recommended	Alberto Camusso	Highly Recommended
Life Sciences	-	Top-Tier	Fabrizio Jacobacci	Elite
			Emanuela Truffo	Excellent

*Partners and associates included (data provided by law firms)

ORSINGHER ORTU

Known for its highly specialised IP expertise, the team regularly assists with complex patent, copyright and advertising disputes while maintaining a strong focus on innovation, media and technology-related matters. Clients describe the practice as “technically outstanding and extremely reliable.”

KEY LAWYERS:

- MATTEO ORSINGHER** (*Co-Founding Partner*)

The lawyer needs no introduction, being among the most experienced professionals in the sector. He has extensive experience advising international clients, particularly in the media industry, on both regulatory and contractual matters, as well as in complex litigation proceedings, including a dispute concerning the use of the name of a well-known television series, which led to a landmark decision for the entire audiovisual industry.

- FABRIZIO SANNA** (*Co-founder, Senior Partner*)

Widely regarded for his sophisticated handling of IP litigation, he advises on trademark and design disputes with a particular focus on media, technology and luxury sectors. Valued for his “business-oriented approach” and his ability to manage intricate cross-border matters with precision.

IP | EXPERTISE AREA RANKINGS

Practice / Department	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Intellectual Property	-	Top-Tier	Matteo Orsingher	Top-Tier
			Fabrizio Sanna	Elite
Expertise Area Rankings	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Patents	-	Recommended	Marco Consonni	Highly Recommended
Trademarks	-	Top-Tier	Fabrizio Sanna	Top-Tier
Copyright	-	Top-Tier	Matteo Orsingher	Top-Tier
Design	-	Top-Tier	Fabrizio Sanna	Top-Tier
Advertising	-	Elite	Marco Consonni	Elite

*Partners and associates included (data provided by law firms)

TREVISAN & CUONZO

Widely recognised for its excellence in intellectual property and technology litigation, the firm advises on complex patent, digital, and cross-border enforcement matters. Clients praise its "in-depth analysis and knowledge of the subject matter" and its strategic, commercially focused approach.

KEY LAWYERS:

- **GABRIELE CUONZO** (*Founding Partner*)
Renowned for an innovative approach to multi-jurisdictional IP litigation, he has represented multinational companies in complex international disputes before the Italian courts. Thanks to his strong expertise in international law, he adopts a pragmatic, solution-oriented approach and distinguishes himself in cross-border intellectual property transactions.
- **LUCA TREVISAN** (*Founding Partner*)
A prominent figure in patent and design law, he is highly regarded for advising multinational innovators on sophisticated IP enforcement and portfolio strategies across Europe. His practice blends technical precision with a strong commercial perspective, particularly in high-value patent litigation.
- **DANIELA AMPOLLINI** (*Partner*)
With more than 20 years of experience in the IP field, she is consistently involved in the cases that matter most. She has advised and represented clients in complex, high-value disputes. Most recently, she successfully assisted a prestigious international fashion brand in a complex dispute against a major distributor involving trademark and advertising issues.
- **VINCENZO ACQUAFREDDA** (*Partner*)
A highly respected intellectual property practitioner, he advises clients on sophisticated IP protection and enforcement strategies, with particular strength in complex contentious matters. His practice is recognised for its combination of technical depth, strategic insight and commercial awareness.
- **VITTORIO CERULLI IRELLI** (*Partner*)
The leading patent litigator regularly represents multinational clients in high-profile disputes involving complex technologies and cross-border enforcement strategies. He is commended for his "exceptional technical preparation" and strategic handling of sophisticated contentious matters.
- **FRANCESCA FERRERO** (*Partner, Head of the Commercial Department*)
The highly regarded copyright lawyer assists domestic and international clients on complex IP matters involving publishing, media, entertainment, and digital content. Her work is distinguished by a sophisticated understanding of creative industries and evolving copyright frameworks.

TREVISAN & CUONZO

IP | EXPERTISE AREA RANKINGS

Practice / Department	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Intellectual Property	36	Top-Tier	Gabriele Cuonzo	Top-Tier
			Luca Trevisan	Top-Tier
			Daniela Ampollini	Elite
			Vincenzo Acquafredda	Highly Recommended
			Vittorio Cerulli Irelli	Highly Recommended
			Francesca Ferrero	Recommended

Expertise Area Rankings	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Patents	-	Top-Tier	Luca Trevisan	Top-Tier
			Vittorio Cerulli Irelli	Elite
Trademarks	-	Top-Tier	Daniela Ampollini	Elite
Copyright	-	Elite	Gabriel Cuonzo	Top-Tier
			Francesca Ferrero	Highly Recommended
Design	-	Top-Tier	Gabriel Cuonzo	Top-Tier
			Luca Trevisan	Top-Tier
			Vincenzo Acquafredda	Excellent
Life Sciences	-	Elite	Daniela Ampollini	Elite
			Luca Pellicciari	Highly Recommended

*Partners and associates included (data provided by law firms)

BONELLIEREDE

Led by a leading figure in the sector, the team stands out as one of the most active in trademark protection, with particular specialization in the fashion and luxury industries. Thanks to top-level technical expertise and extensive experience in high-profile transactions, the firm confirms its position as a leading advisor on intellectual property matters, including in complex and strategic contexts.

KEY LAWYERS:

- GIOVANNI GUGLIEMMETTI** (*Partner*)

Renowned for his sophisticated handling of trademark, copyright and patent disputes, he advises on infringement, counterfeiting and bad-faith filing matters for leading international brands. Sources commend his "expertise and competence," noting his strategic approach to complex contentious IP mandates.

- TOMMASO FAELLI** (*Partner*)

A leading name in design and life sciences, he is particularly recognised for his involvement in groundbreaking pharmaceutical and biotech disputes before Italian and European courts. Noted for his "exceptional technical preparation" and ability to handle highly complex cross-border matters.

IP | EXPERTISE AREA RANKINGS

Practice / Department	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Intellectual Property	-	Elite	Giovanni Guglielmetti	Top-Tier
			Tommaso Faelli	Excellent
Expertise Area Rankings	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Patents	-	Elite	Giovanni Guglielmetti	Elite
Trademarks	-	Top-Tier	Giovanni Guglielmetti	Top-Tier
Copyright	-	Top-Tier	Giovanni Guglielmetti	Top-Tier
Design	-	Elite	Tommaso Faelli	Elite
Life Sciences	-	Elite	Tommaso Faelli	Elite

*Partners and associates included (data provided by law firms)

DLA PIPER

Renowned for its multidisciplinary and cross-border capabilities, the practice advises on strategic technology, media, cybersecurity and intellectual property matters. The team combines global reach with strong local expertise to deliver commercially focused solutions.

KEY LAWYERS:

- GUALTIERO DRAGOTTI** (*Partner, Global Co-Chair, Patent Group*)

With extensive experience in patents and trademark litigation, he regularly represents international clients in complex infringement and enforcement proceedings. He is recognised for his strategic handling of technically demanding disputes and cross-border contentious matters.

- ROBERTO VALENTI** (*Partner*)

The experienced IP litigator regularly represents multinational companies in high-stakes patent and trademark disputes, including complex cross-border enforcement proceedings. He is particularly appreciated for his pragmatic counsel and strategic management of technically demanding litigation.

IP | EXPERTISE AREA RANKINGS

Practice / Department	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Intellectual Property	-	Elite	Gualtiero Dragotti	Elite
			Roberto Valenti	Elite

Expertise Area Rankings	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Patents	-	Elite	Gualtiero Dragotti	Top-Tier
			Roberto Valenti	Elite
Trademarks	-	Elite	Gualtiero Dragotti	Elite
			Roberto Valenti	Elite
Copyright	-	Excellent	Roberto Valenti	Excellent
Design	-	Elite	Roberto Valenti	Elite
Life Sciences	-	Elite	Roberto Valenti	Elite

*Partners and associates included (data provided by law firms)

GIANNI & ORIGONI

Led by a widely respected professional, the team has emerged over the past year as one of the most active in the copyright sector. Its high level of technical expertise, combined with the ability to handle complex matters with rigor and precision, confirms the firm's role as a benchmark for specialized assistance in the field.

KEY LAWYERS:

- NINO DI BELLA** (*Partner*)

A distinguished IP lawyer with extensive experience in patents, trademarks and technology-related disputes, he regularly assists major multinational clients in complex litigation and enforcement strategies. Sources praise his ability to deliver "clear and solution-oriented advice" in highly sophisticated matters.

- MASSIMO STERPI** (*Partner, Head of IP/Technology and Art Law*)

Considered one of Italy's foremost intellectual property lawyers, he is renowned for handling high-profile patent, copyright, design, and advertising disputes for leading multinational clients. With decades of experience, he is praised for his "extraordinary strategic vision" and authoritative presence in complex litigation.

IP | EXPERTISE AREA RANKINGS

Practice / Department	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Intellectual Property	27	Elite	Nino Di Bella	Excellent
			Massimo Sterpi	Excellent

Expertise Area Rankings	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Patents	10	Highly Recommended	Massimo Sterpi	Highly Recommended
Trademarks	27	Elite	Nino Di Bella	Elite
			Massimo Sterpi	Elite
Copyright	27	Top-Tier	Massimo Sterpi	Elite
			Nino Di Bella	Excellent
Design	27	Highly Recommended	Massimo Sterpi	Highly Recommended
Life Sciences	10	Highly Recommended	Francesca Fosson	Highly Recommended
			Massimo Sterpi	Highly Recommended
Advertising	5	Excellent	Nino Di Bella	Excellent
			Massimo Sterpi	Excellent
			Raffaello Stefano De Marco	Highly Recommended

*Partners and associates included (data provided by law firms)

SIMMONS & SIMMONS

Distinguished by its international platform and sector-focused expertise, the practice advises on technology, cybersecurity, data protection and digital transformation matters. Clients describe the team as “a real partner in negotiations” with a highly collaborative and business-oriented mindset.

KEY LAWYERS:

- STEFANIA BERGIA** (*Partner*)

Highly regarded by both clients and peers, she regularly advises domestic and international companies on complex intellectual property matters, including patents, trade secrets, trademarks, domain names, and design rights. Her roles before the UPC, AIPPI Italy, and the Italian Patent Group further reflect her outstanding professional trajectory.

- GIULIO ENRICO SIRONI** (*Partner, Co-Head of Intellectual Property*)

The lawyer is highly regarded by the market and recognized as an extremely competent, approachable, and reliable professional. During the research period, he advised a leading global producer of alcoholic beverages in complex trademark disputes.

IP | EXPERTISE AREA RANKINGS

Practice / Department	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Intellectual Property	5	Elite	Stefania Bergia	Top-Tier
			Giulio Enrico Sironi	Elite

Expertise Area Rankings	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Patents	6	Top-Tier	Stefania Bergia	Top-Tier
			Giulio Enrico Sironi	Elite
Trademarks	6	Elite	Stefania Bergia	Elite
			Giulio Enrico Sironi	Elite
Copyright	6	Excellent	Stefania Bergia	Excellent
			Giulio Enrico Sironi	Excellent
Design	6	Excellent	Stefania Bergia	Excellent
			Giulio Enrico Sironi	Excellent
Life Sciences	6	Top-Tier	Stefania Bergia	Top-Tier
			Giulio Enrico Sironi	Excellent

*Partners and associates included (data provided by law firms)

ADVANT NCTM

The firm is well regarded for its dynamic intellectual property practice; the team assists clients with trademark protection, portfolio management, and strategic enforcement, combining commercial awareness with strong litigation capabilities.

KEY LAWYERS:

- LORENZO ATTOLICO** (*Partner, Head of IP Department*)

Recognised for his broad intellectual property practice, he advises on copyright and design matters with a strong focus on commercial strategy and dispute resolution. His work is especially noted in sectors involving innovation, consumer brands, and digital business models.

- PAOLO LAZZARINO** (*Partner, Head of IP Department*)

An experienced intellectual property lawyer, he advises on trademark protection, portfolio management, and contentious IP matters for clients operating in consumer-facing and innovation-driven industries. His approach is recognised for balancing technical precision with practical business considerations.

IP | EXPERTISE AREA RANKINGS

Practice / Department	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Intellectual Property	-	Excellent	Lorenzo Attolico	Excellent
			Paolo Lazzarino	Highly Recommended
Expertise Area Rankings	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Trademarks	-	Excellent	Paolo Lazzarino	Excellent
Copyright	-	Elite	Lorenzo Attolico	Elite
Design	-	Excellent	Paolo Lazzarino	Excellent
			Luca Guidobaldi	Recommended

*Partners and associates included (data provided by law firms)

EY

Leveraging a multidisciplinary platform, the practice delivers comprehensive support across patents, trademarks, copyright, and advertising matters, with notable experience in life sciences and innovation-focused disputes. Valued for its "business-oriented and integrated approach."

KEY LAWYERS:

- DANIELE CANEVA** (*Partner, Head of IP Department*)

Recognised for his multidisciplinary approach to intellectual property disputes, he assists clients on trademark, copyright, patent and design matters with a strong focus on litigation and business-driven protection strategies. He is particularly valued for navigating complex contentious scenarios involving innovation and brand assets.
- ELENA CARPANI** (*Partner*)

A prominent practitioner in intellectual property and innovation law, she assists clients with advertising matters involving emerging technologies. Her multidisciplinary perspective allows her to deliver commercially focused solutions in complex scenarios.

IP | EXPERTISE AREA RANKINGS

Practice / Department	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Intellectual Property	18	Excellent	Daniele Caneva	Elite

Expertise Area Rankings	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Patents	12	Excellent	Daniele Caneva	Excellent
Trademarks	18	Top-Tier	Daniele Caneva	Elite
Copyright	10	Highly Recommended	Daniele Caneva	Highly Recommended
Design	18	Excellent	Daniele Caneva	Excellent
Advertising	3	Top-Tier	Elena Carpani	Top-Tier

*Partners and associates included (data provided by law firms)

IP LAW GALLI

Widely respected in the Italian IP market, the boutique is particularly renowned for its high-level expertise in intellectual property litigation and strategic advisory work involving complex innovation and unfair competition matters.

KEY LAWYERS:

- CESARE GALLI** (*Founding Partner*)
 Considered one of Italy's foremost authorities in intellectual property law, he has built a distinguished reputation. His longstanding experience and influential academic contributions continue to shape the evolution of the Italian IP landscape.

IP | EXPERTISE AREA RANKINGS

Practice / Department	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Intellectual Property	-	Excellent	Cesare Galli	Elite

*Partners and associates included (data provided by law firms)

L&B PARTNERS AVVOCATI ASSOCIATI

Offering a focused and business-oriented IP and TMT practice, the firm advises on trade marks, copyright, licensing agreements and digital business matters. Clients value its practical advice and tailored support for innovative and creative industries.

KEY LAWYERS:

- **VALENTINA BONOMO** (*Partner*)

The lawyer has developed significant experience in handling complex matters for Italian and international clients, assisting them both in litigation and out-of-court matters within the intellectual property sector. She has also contributed to operations of major strategic importance for the Italian biotechnology industry, aimed at protecting and enhancing key assets.

IP | EXPERTISE AREA RANKINGS

Practice / Department	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Intellectual Property	5	Excellent	Valentina Bonomo	Excellent

Expertise Area Rankings	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Patents	5	Excellent	Valentina Bonomo	Excellent
Trademarks	5	Recommended	Valentina Bonomo	Recommended
Copyright	5	Highly Recommended	Valentina Bonomo	Highly Recommended
Life Sciences	5	Elite	Valentina Bonomo	Elite

*Partners and associates included (data provided by law firms)

LCA STUDIO LEGALE

The firm stands out for its leading role in advising on the development and implementation of artificial intelligence governance within corporate groups, with particular attention to transparency, fairness, and accountability. The team has supported companies in the coordinated and responsible adoption of AI technologies across various business areas.

KEY LAWYERS:

- **GIANLUCA DE CRISTOFARO** (*Partner, Head of IP, Media, Tech & Data Department*)
An accomplished litigator in trademark, copyright and advertising matters, he advises clients on unfair competition disputes and strategic IP enforcement across consumer-facing industries. His practice is noted for combining sharp contentious skills with practical commercial insight.

IP | EXPERTISE AREA RANKINGS

Practice / Department	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Intellectual Property	21	Excellent	Gianluca De Cristofaro	Elite
Expertise Area Rankings	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Patents	-	Recommended	Matteo Di Lernia	Recommended
Trademarks	-	Excellent	Gianluca De Cristofaro	Excellent
Copyright	-	Excellent	Gianluca De Cristofaro	Excellent
			Giulio Vecchi	Highly Recommended
Advertising	-	Top-Tier	Gianluca De Cristofaro	Top-Tier

*Partners and associates included (data provided by law firms)

LEGANCE

Recognised for its sophisticated handling of technology-driven and regulatory-sensitive mandates, the firm advises on digital innovation, telecommunications and complex commercial agreements. Its integrated approach is particularly valued in evolving digital and media markets.

KEY LAWYERS:

- MONICA RIVA** (*Partner, Head of the Italian Intellectual Property Practice*)
 The lawyer has become a benchmark in the fashion world, advising high-profile clients and delivering strategic and innovative counsel. Over the past year, she has played a key role in a series of high-impact disputes, particularly involving trademark, design, and unfair competition infringements.

IP | EXPERTISE AREA RANKINGS

Practice / Department	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Intellectual Property	11	Excellent	Monica Riva	Excellent

Expertise Area Rankings	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Patents	11	Highly Recommended	Monica Riva	Highly Recommended
Trademarks	11	Elite	Monica Riva	Elite
Copyright	11	Highly Recommended	Monica Riva	Highly Recommended
Design	11	Highly Recommended	Monica Riva	Highly Recommended
Life Sciences	11	Highly Recommended	Monica Riva	Highly Recommended
Advertising	11	Excellent	Monica Riva	Excellent

*Partners and associates included (data provided by law firms)

LGV AVVOCATI

The firm is known for combining strong IP capabilities with commercial awareness and advises on trade marks, copyright, unfair competition and technology-related disputes. The team is particularly appreciated for its pragmatic approach and close client relationships.

KEY LAWYERS:

- LUIGI GOGLIA** (*Founding Partner*)

The highly regarded lawyer is a benchmark in trademark and patent litigation, advising clients of the highest importance. In the past year, he represented a well-known Italian television production company in a dispute concerning the trademark of a nationally significant production.

- SIMONA LAVAGNINI** (*Partner*)

She is one of Italy's leading intellectual property experts, with extensive experience handling complex copyright matters in the software and media sectors, and is also recognized for her expertise in licensing compliance programs.

IP | EXPERTISE AREA RANKINGS

Practice / Department	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Intellectual Property	11	Highly Recommended	Simona Lavagnini	Excellent
			Luigi Goglia	Highly Recommended

Expertise Area Rankings	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Patents	5	Excellent	Luigi Goglia	Excellent
Trademarks	9	Elite	Luigi Goglia	Elite
Copyright	5	Elite	Simona Lavagnini	Elite
Design	7	Highly Recommended	Simona Lavagnini	Highly Recommended
			Brenda Villa	Recommended
Life Sciences	3	Excellent	Luigi Goglia	Excellent
			Alessandro Bura	Recommended
Advertising	5	Excellent	Simona Lavagnini	Excellent
			Tankred Thiem	Highly Recommended

*Partners and associates included (data provided by law firms)

MORRI ROSSETTI & FRANZOSI

Known for its longstanding experience in patent and design litigation, the practice is particularly active in technically demanding disputes within the life sciences and industrial sectors, offering clients highly specialised intellectual property expertise.

KEY LAWYERS:

- **FEDERICA SANTONOCITO** (*Partner*)

A well-known and highly respected lawyer, she boasts many years of experience in intellectual and industrial property litigation, particularly in the strategic management of complex cases. Most recently, she successfully assisted a leading automotive company in a complex and long-running patent dispute.

IP | EXPERTISE AREA RANKINGS

Practice / Department	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Intellectual Property	77	Star	Guglielmo Maisto	Star

Expertise Area Rankings	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Patents	7	Excellent	Federica Santonocito	Elite
Trademarks	7	Highly Recommended	Federica Santonocito	Highly Recommended
Design	7	Excellent	Federica Santonocito	Excellent
Life Sciences	7	Excellent	Federica Santonocito	Excellent

*Partners and associates included (data provided by law firms)

RUCELLAI & RAFFAELLI

The firm is composed almost entirely of litigators operating across all major legal practice areas, with IP standing out as one of its core strengths. The team was recently involved in a nationally significant dispute concerning the registration of historic trademarks deemed lapsed due to non-use, a matter raising key issues regarding the protection of highly renowned distinctive signs and the limits of public intervention.

KEY LAWYERS:

- **MICHELE FRANZOSI** (*Partner*)

With more than 30 years of experience in intellectual property law, he is widely recognised for his sophisticated patent litigation practice, especially in the pharmaceutical and life sciences sectors. His work is distinguished by deep technical expertise and a strong reputation in high-profile cross-border disputes.

- **OTTAVIA RAFFAELLI** (*Partner*)

Widely recognised for her expertise in intellectual property law, she is valued by clients for her analytical precision and strategic approach in complex cross-border litigation.

IP | EXPERTISE AREA RANKINGS

Practice / Department	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Intellectual Property	6	Excellent	Michele Franzosi	Excellent
			Ottavia Raffaelli	Recommended
Expertise Area Rankings	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Patents	4	Highly Recommended	Michele Franzosi	Highly Recommended
Trademarks	4	Excellent	Michele Franzosi	Excellent
			Michele Franzosi	Excellent
Copyright	4	Highly Recommended	Michele Franzosi	Highly Recommended
Design	4	Top-Tier	Michele Franzosi	Elite

*Partners and associates included (data provided by law firms)

CARNELUTTI

A globally respected practice, the team is recognised for its sophisticated handling of copyright and advertising disputes, particularly within the life sciences and technology sectors. The team is described as “highly pragmatic and exceptionally responsive.”

KEY LAWYERS:

- **MARGHERITA BARIÉ** (*Partner*)

An accomplished litigator in intellectual property law, she regularly handles complex, contentious matters. Clients appreciate her analytical approach and ability to manage sophisticated disputes with commercial awareness.

- **ELISABETTA MINA** (*Partner*)

Known for her expertise in copyright and advertising law, she regularly assists clients in the media, fashion, and consumer sectors on both contentious and advisory matters. Her approach combines commercial sensitivity with a sophisticated understanding of creative and brand-related issues.

IP | EXPERTISE AREA RANKINGS

Practice / Department	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Intellectual Property	-	Highly Recommended	Margherita Barié	Highly Recommended
			Elisabetta Mina	Highly Recommended
Expertise Area Rankings	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Copyright	-	Excellent	Elisabetta Mina	Excellent
Advertising	-	Excellent	Elisabetta Mina	Excellent

*Partners and associates included (data provided by law firms)

CBA

The dynamic intellectual property team advises on trademark protection, portfolio management, and enforcement strategies, combining commercial awareness with strong contentious expertise.

KEY LAWYERS:

- MATTIA DALLA COSTA** (*Co-founding Partner, Head of IP-IT Department*)
 Known for his dynamic IP practice, he advises domestic and international clients on trademark, copyright and design protection, frequently handling litigation and enforcement matters. His approach combines strong technical knowledge with practical commercial insight across creative and consumer industries.
- BARNARA SARTORI** (*Partner*)
 A respected intellectual property practitioner, he assists clients with sophisticated IP disputes and strategic protection matters involving brands, innovation and creative assets. His practice is valued for its precision, responsiveness and commercially focused counsel.

IP | EXPERTISE AREA RANKINGS

Practice / Department	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Intellectual Property	-	Highly Recommended	Mattia Dalla Costa	Excellent
			Barnara Sartori	Highly Recommended
Expertise Area Rankings	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Trademarks	-	Excellent	Mattia Dalla Costa	Excellent
Copyright	-	Elite	Mattia Dalla Costa	Elite
Design	-	Excellent	Mattia Dalla Costa	Excellent

*Partners and associates included (data provided by law firms)

CHIOMENTI

A multidisciplinary practice with extensive international reach, the team delivers comprehensive advice on trademarks, copyright, and design matters. Valued by clients for its "business-oriented and integrated approach."

KEY LAWYERS:

- **LYDIA MENDOLA** (*Partner, Head of Intellectual Property Practice*)

The professional advises domestic and international clients on complex IP protection, enforcement, and commercialisation strategies across innovative industries. Her practice is recognised for its combination of strategic insight and strong contentious capabilities.

IP | EXPERTISE AREA RANKINGS

Practice / Department	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Intellectual Property	-	Highly Recommended	Lydia Mendola	Highly Recommended
Expertise Area Rankings	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Trademarks	-	Highly Recommended	Paolo Bertoni	Highly Recommended
			Lydia Mendola	Highly Recommended
Copyright	-	Highly Recommended	Lydia Mendola	Excellent
Design	-	Highly Recommended	Paolo Bertoni	Highly Recommended
			Lydia Mendola	Highly Recommended

*Partners and associates included (data provided by law firms)

DE BERTI JACCHIA

The Italian firm has a well-established IP practice. It recently assisted an Italian company specialized in design components in negotiating an international partnership agreement, handling all contractual aspects of the project. This strategic and innovative work further confirms the firm's excellence in the sector.

KEY LAWYERS:

- **ROBERTO JACCHIA** (*Founding Partner, Head of the Competition and IP teams*)

Widely respected for his extensive experience in intellectual property and EU law, he regularly advises clients on complex IP disputes, regulatory issues, and cross-border enforcement strategies. His practice is noted for combining strong contentious capabilities with deep institutional and commercial insight.

IP | EXPERTISE AREA RANKINGS

Practice / Department	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Intellectual Property	12	Highly Recommended	Roberto Jacchia	Highly Recommended

Expertise Area Rankings	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Design	4	Excellent	Andrea Terragni	Highly Recommended
Life Sciences	-	Excellent	Roberto Jacchia	Excellent

*Partners and associates included (data provided by law firms)

DELOITTE LEGAL

The department, led by a highly experienced figure universally recognized as a leading authority in the field, has handled several large-scale mandates, fully leveraging its extensive industry knowledge. Among many notable engagements, the team also advised one of the most important organizations operating in the fashion world on the organization of one of the flagship events of Italian fashion.

KEY LAWYERS:

- IDA PALOMBELLA** (*Partner, Head of IP, Tech, Data Practice*)

The experienced lawyer advises clients on trademarks, design, and advertising matters, with particular focus on brand protection and commercial communication strategies. Her multidisciplinary perspective allows her to navigate complex issues involving innovation and evolving market practices.
- VALENTINA FAVERO** (*Managing Associate, Director*)

Recognised for her work in intellectual property and advertising law, she advises clients on brand protection, marketing compliance and strategic management of intangible assets. Her multidisciplinary approach is particularly valued in matters involving innovation and evolving commercial practices.

IP | EXPERTISE AREA RANKINGS

Practice / Department	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Intellectual Property	15	Highly Recommended	Ida Palombella	Highly Recommended
			Valentina Favero	Recommended

Expertise Area Rankings	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Trademarks	8	Excellent	Ida Palombella	Excellent
			Diego Gerbino	Recommended
Copyright	8	Recommended	Federica Caretta	Recommended
Design	8	Highly Recommended	Ida Palombella	Excellent
			Federica Caretta	Highly Recommended
Life Sciences	1	Recommended	Diego Gerbino	Recommended
Advertising	8	Elite	Ida Palombella	Elite
			Valentina Favero	Excellent

*Partners and associates included (data provided by law firms)

DENTONS

A versatile intellectual property team advising on trademark, copyright, and advertising matters alongside complex litigation mandates for clients in the media, technology, and consumer sectors.

KEY LAWYERS:

- FEDERICO FUSCO** (*Partner*)

Widely regarded for his broad intellectual property practice, he regularly advises multinational clients on patents, trademarks, copyright, and advertising disputes across highly regulated and innovation-driven industries. Appreciated for his pragmatic approach and ability to manage sophisticated cross-border litigation.

IP | EXPERTISE AREA RANKINGS

Practice / Department	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Intellectual Property	-	Highly Recommended	Federico Fusco	Highly Recommended

Expertise Area Rankings	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Patents	-	Highly Recommended	Federico Fusco	Highly Recommended
Trademarks	-	Excellent	Federico Fusco	Excellent
Copyright	-	Excellent	Federico Fusco	Excellent
Design	-	Highly Recommended	Federico Fusco	Highly Recommended
Life Sciences	-	Highly Recommended	Federico Fusco	Highly Recommended
Advertising	-	Highly Recommended	Federico Fusco	Highly Recommended

*Partners and associates included (data provided by law firms)

DWF

Leveraging a broad international network, the firm assists clients with patents, trademarks, and design matters across multiple jurisdictions. Its commercially driven approach makes it a trusted adviser for businesses navigating digital transformation projects.

KEY LAWYERS:

- **MARCO ANNONI** (*Partner, Head of Intellectual Property Department*)

He is one of the youngest partners leading an intellectual property department and advises numerous clients on the active management of their trademark, design, and domain name portfolios. This year, he assisted a major industrial group in interim proceedings concerning design infringements and unfair competition practices, work involving significant strategic and technical complexity.

IP | EXPERTISE AREA RANKINGS

Practice / Department	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Intellectual Property	3	Highly Recommended	Marco Annoni	Highly Recommended

Expertise Area Rankings	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Patents	1	Highly Recommended	Marco Annoni	Highly Recommended
Trademarks	3	Excellent	Marco Annoni	Excellent
Design	2	Elite	Marco Annoni	Elite

*Partners and associates included (data provided by law firms)

EVERSHEDS SUTHERLAND

The team has distinguished itself through the excellence demonstrated in patent litigation, particularly in complex cases and multi-jurisdictional disputes. Thanks to a rigorous approach and close attention to detail, the team has successfully assisted leading multinational companies, especially in the pharmaceutical and telecommunications sectors, including before antitrust authorities.

KEY LAWYERS:

- ANNA MARIA STEIN** (*Partner*)

With extensive experience in patents, trademarks and design law, she regularly assists clients with sophisticated litigation and enforcement strategies across highly competitive industries. Clients value her strategic mindset and ability to navigate technically complex IP disputes with precision.

IP | EXPERTISE AREA RANKINGS

Practice / Department	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Intellectual Property	-	Highly Recommended	Anna Maria Stein	Excellent

Expertise Area Rankings	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Patents	-	Elite	Anna Maria Stein	Elite
Trademarks	-	Elite	Anna Maria Stein	Elite
			Beatrice Bigonzi	Highly Recommended
Copyright	-	Highly Recommended	Giuseppe Rizzo	Recommended
Design	-	Highly Recommended	Anna Maria Stein	Highly Recommended
Life Sciences	-	Highly Recommended	Beatrice Bigonzi	Highly Recommended
Advertising	-	Highly Recommended	Beatrice Bigonzi	Highly Recommended
			Giuseppe Rizzo	Highly Recommended

*Partners and associates included (data provided by law firms)

GATTI PAVESI BIANCHI LUDOVICI

The firm is among the leading players in the Italian telecommunications market, standing out for its expertise across several legal areas. This year, the team, led by a standout figure in the sector, provided strategic assistance in complex transactions for a leading international market operator.

KEY LAWYERS:

- ANNA GARDINI** (*Partner, Head of Intellectual Property Practice*)

Known for her refined expertise in intellectual property law, she assists clients with brand protection, enforcement strategies and complex contentious matters across a variety of sectors. Her practice is particularly appreciated for its commercial sensitivity and detail-oriented approach.

IP | EXPERTISE AREA RANKINGS

Practice / Department	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Intellectual Property	-	Highly Recommended	Anna Gardini	Highly Recommended

Expertise Area Rankings	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Patents	-	Highly Recommended	Anna Gardini	Highly Recommended
Trademarks	-	Excellent	Anna Gardini	Excellent
Design	-	Excellent	Anna Gardini	Excellent

*Partners and associates included (data provided by law firms)

KPMG

A refined intellectual property practice, the team regularly represents prominent brands in design litigation, with clients commending its "deep expertise and meticulous attention to detail."

KEY LAWYERS:

- **MARINA LANFRANCONI** (*Principal*)

Recognised for her expertise in intellectual property and design law, she advises clients on the protection, exploitation and enforcement of creative assets across a range of industries. Her practice is noted for combining strategic commercial insight with a strong understanding of evolving market trends.

IP | EXPERTISE AREA RANKINGS

Practice / Department	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Intellectual Property	-	Highly Recommended	Marina Lanfranconi	Elite

Expertise Area Rankings	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Design	-	Excellent	Marina Lanfranconi	Elite

*Partners and associates included (data provided by law firms)

LEXSENTIAL

Recognised for its focused intellectual property expertise, the team advises clients on patent and trademark protection strategies, combining technical knowledge with strong experience in portfolio management and enforcement matters.

KEY LAWYERS:

- VINCENZO PICCARRETA** (*Partner*)

Known for his strong trademark practice, he advises clients on portfolio management, enforcement, and strategic protection of valuable brand assets across multiple industries. His work is distinguished by a practical, business-oriented approach to complex IP matters.

IP | EXPERTISE AREA RANKINGS

Practice / Department	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Intellectual Property	-	Highly Recommended	Vincenzo Piccarreta	Highly Recommended
Expertise Area Rankings	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Patents	-	Highly Recommended	Vincenzo Jandoli	Highly Recommended
Trademarks	-	Excellent	Vincenzo Piccarreta	Excellent

*Partners and associates included (data provided by law firms)

MARTINI MANNA & PARTNERS

A highly experienced IP boutique, the practice is noted for its capabilities across patents, trademarks, copyright, and advertising matters, frequently representing clients in complex litigation and life sciences disputes. Clients praise its "deep technical expertise and responsiveness."

KEY LAWYERS:

- **ELENA MARTINI** (*Founding and Managing Partner*)

A well-known regarded practitioner in patents, trademarks, and life sciences, she regularly assists clients with sophisticated IP litigation and enforcement strategies across innovative industries. Her work is distinguished by deep technical expertise and a pragmatic approach to protecting valuable intangible assets.

- **LUIGI MANNA** (*Founding Partner*)

A prominent figure in Italian intellectual property law, he has extensive experience handling copyright and unfair competition disputes for major domestic and international clients. He is particularly recognised for his strategic litigation capabilities and longstanding expertise in protecting creative and innovative assets.

IP | EXPERTISE AREA RANKINGS

Practice / Department	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Intellectual Property	9	Highly Recommended	Elena Martini	Highly Recommended
			Luigi Manna	Recommended

Expertise Area Rankings	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Patents	-	Highly Recommended	Elena Martini	Highly Recommended
Trademarks	-	Highly Recommended	Elena Martini	Highly Recommended
Copyright	-	Recommended	Luigi Manna	Recommended
Design	-	Excellent	Elena Martini	Excellent
Life Sciences	-	Highly Recommended	Elena Martini	Highly Recommended
Advertising	-	Excellent	Margherita Stucchi	Highly Recommended

*Partners and associates included (data provided by law firms)

MONDINI BONORA GINEVRA

The boutique is widely respected for its refined approach to intellectual property matters, advising innovative companies on strategic protection, enforcement and contentious mandates across a range of industries.

KEY LAWYERS:

- **CARLO GINEVRA** (*Co-Managing Partner*)

A distinguished figure in the Italian IP landscape, he is highly regarded for handling sophisticated trademark, copyright and unfair competition disputes for leading domestic and international clients. With decades of experience, he is recognised for his strategic vision and authoritative presence in high-profile litigation.

IP | EXPERTISE AREA RANKINGS

Practice / Department	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Intellectual Property	-	Highly Recommended	Carlo Ginevra	Highly Recommended

*Partners and associates included (data provided by law firms)

NUNZIANTE MAGRONE

Combining technical precision with strong litigation capabilities, the practice advises on patents, trademarks, copyright and life sciences matters, regularly assisting clients in complex domestic and cross-border disputes.

KEY LAWYERS:

- **NICCOLÒ FERRETTI** (*Partner*)

Recognised for his sophisticated practice in patents, trademarks and design law, he advises innovative companies on complex IP protection and enforcement strategies, particularly within the life sciences sector. His work is distinguished by a strong combination of technical expertise and commercial awareness in high-value contentious matters.

IP | EXPERTISE AREA RANKINGS

Practice / Department	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Intellectual Property	-	Highly Recommended	Niccolò Ferretti	Highly Recommended

Expertise Area Rankings	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Patents	-	Highly Recommended	Niccolò Ferretti	Highly Recommended
Trademarks	-	Excellent	Niccolò Ferretti	Excellent
			Pietro Ilardi	Recommended
Copyright	-	Recommended	Beatrice Cuseri	Recommended
Design	-	Highly Recommended	Niccolò Ferretti	Highly Recommended
Life Sciences	-	Highly Recommended	Niccolò Ferretti	Excellent

*Partners and associates included (data provided by law firms)

ONTIER

An increasingly visible player in the Italian market, the team advises on copyright and advertising matters with a particular focus on digital, media and innovation-related mandates.

KEY LAWYERS:

- **PIERLUIGI DE PALMA** (*Of Counsel*)

The lawyer is among Italy's leading experts in intellectual property law within the entertainment and media sectors. His deep knowledge of the music industry has made him a regular advisor to major artists and companies in the sector, both nationally and internationally.

- **LUCA PARDO** (*Founding Partner*)

An experienced IP practitioner, he advises clients on copyright, advertising and media-related matters with a strong focus on contentious work and commercial strategy. His practice combines practical business insight with deep knowledge of the evolving digital and creative landscape.

IP | EXPERTISE AREA RANKINGS

Practice / Department	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Intellectual Property	-	Highly Recommended	Pierluigi De Palma	Highly Recommended
			Luca Pardo	Recommended
Expertise Area Rankings	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Copyright	-	Elite	Pierluigi De Palma	Excellent
			Luca Pardo	Excellent
Advertising	-	Elite	Luca Pardo	Elite
			Pierluigi De Palma	Excellent

*Partners and associates included (data provided by law firms)

PAVIA E ANSALDO

The practice stands out for its comprehensive intellectual property offering, covering patents, trademarks, design, and advertising matters, with notable strength in high-profile litigation and life sciences mandates. Clients highlight its "commercial awareness and strategic approach."

KEY LAWYERS:

- **GIAN PAOLO DI SANTO** (*Partner, Head of the Food and Beverage Department, Head of the Industrial and Intellectual Property Department*)

Highly regarded for his expertise in trademark, patents and advertising law, he advises clients on contentious and non-contentious IP matters across media, fashion and consumer sectors. His practice stands out for its commercial sensitivity and strategic approach to brand protection.

IP | EXPERTISE AREA RANKINGS

Practice / Department	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Intellectual Property	-	Highly Recommended	Gian Paolo Di Santo	Excellent

Expertise Area Rankings	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Patents	-	Excellent	Gian Paolo Di Santo	Excellent
Trademarks	-	Elite	Gian Paolo Di Santo	Elite
Design	-	Highly Recommended	Gabriele Girardello	Highly Recommended
Life Sciences	-	Excellent	Gian Paolo Di Santo	Elite
Advertising	-	Highly Recommended	Gian Paolo Di Santo	Highly Recommended

*Partners and associates included (data provided by law firms)

PEDERSOLIGATTAI

The team is among the most active in the field of new technologies and artificial intelligence, including within the creative sector. Recently, it advised a leading international digital platform on an EU AI Act compliance strategy and related IP protection, including the mapping of proprietary and third-party AI solutions and the implementation of an AI governance and risk management framework.

KEY LAWYERS:

- **LICIA GAROTTI** (*Partner, Head of Intellectual Property and TechLaw Practice*)

An accomplished lawyer in intellectual property and life sciences, she advises on patent litigation, trademark protection and unfair competition matters for major international clients. Her practice combines deep technical understanding with strategic counsel in complex contentious and regulatory scenarios.

IP | EXPERTISE AREA RANKINGS

Practice / Department	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Intellectual Property	16	Highly Recommended	Licia Garotti	Highly Recommended

Expertise Area Rankings	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Patents	6	Highly Recommended	Licia Garotti	Highly Recommended
Trademarks	5	Elite	Licia Garotti	Elite
Copyright	6	Elite	Licia Garotti	Elite
Design	5	Elite	Licia Garotti	Elite
Life Sciences	5	Highly Recommended	Licia Garotti	Highly Recommended
Advertising	2	Elite	Licia Garotti	Elite

*Partners and associates included (data provided by law firms)

PORTOLANO CAVALLO

The firm is particularly active in advertising and life sciences matters, advising clients on regulatory compliance, marketing campaigns, sponsorships, consumer protection, and promotional initiatives across highly regulated sectors. The firm also assists pharmaceutical, healthcare, and biotech companies with intellectual property connected to innovative products and services.

KEY LAWYERS:

- ERNESTO APA** (*Partner*)

Widely recognised for his expertise in intellectual property and advertising law, he advises major domestic and international clients on complex regulatory, media and digital communication matters. His practice stands out for its deep industry knowledge and strategic approach to evolving market challenges.

IP | EXPERTISE AREA RANKINGS

Practice / Department	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Intellectual Property	-	Highly Recommended	Ernesto Apa	Highly Recommended
Expertise Area Rankings	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Life Sciences	-	Excellent	Elisa Stefanini	Excellent
Advertising	-	Elite	Ernesto Apa	Elite

*Partners and associates included (data provided by law firms)

PWC LEGAL

The firm has distinguished itself through its assistance to top-tier clients in the management and enhancement of strategic technological assets, integrating expertise across IP, digital, and regulatory matters. Thanks to its technical excellence, strategic vision, and impact within the digital tech landscape, the team stands out as a leading reference in the sector.

KEY LAWYERS:

- **PAOLA FURIOSI** (*Partner, Head of IP, Tech & Data Department*)

A versatile IP practitioner, she assists clients across patents, trademarks, copyright and advertising matters, with notable experience in litigation and strategic portfolio management. Her multidisciplinary approach is particularly valued in complex matters involving life sciences, innovation and brand protection.

IP | EXPERTISE AREA RANKINGS

Practice / Department	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Intellectual Property	-	Highly Recommended	Paola Furiosi	Highly Recommended

Expertise Area Rankings	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Patents	-	Recommended	Paola Furiosi	Highly Recommended
Trademarks	-	Highly Recommended	Paola Furiosi	Highly Recommended
Copyright	-	Highly Recommended	Paola Furiosi	Highly Recommended
Design	-	Elite	Paola Furiosi	Elite
Life Sciences	-	Highly Recommended	Paola Furiosi	Highly Recommended
Advertising	-	Excellent	Paola Furiosi	Excellent

*Partners and associates included (data provided by law firms)

WITHERS

The team provides advice on international GDPR compliance, privacy and cybersecurity training, due diligence, litigation, and audits. This year, it supported a non-profit organization with data protection compliance and contractual structuring in a complex matter involving extensive regulatory constraints.

KEY LAWYERS:

- JACOPO LIGUORI** (*Partner, Head of Intellectual Property, Technology & Privacy Team*)
 Known for his strong litigation practice, he advises clients on copyright, life sciences and broader IP disputes, frequently handling complex cross-border matters involving innovative products and creative assets. Clients value his commercially focused advice and strategic handling of contentious proceedings.
- CARLO ALBERTO DEMICHELIS** (*Partner, Head of Brand Protection and IP Advisory Italy*)
 An accomplished practitioner in trademarks, design and IP litigation, he regularly advises luxury, fashion and consumer brands on enforcement strategies and high-profile disputes. Clients appreciate his ability to combine technical precision with pragmatic and business-oriented counsel.

IP | EXPERTISE AREA RANKINGS

Practice / Department	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Intellectual Property	5	Highly Recommended	Jacopo Liguori	Highly Recommended
			Carlo Alberto Demichelis	Recommended

Expertise Area Rankings	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Trademarks	5	Highly Recommended	Tommaso La Scala	Recommended
Copyright	5	Highly Recommended	Carlo Alberto Demichelis	Highly Recommended
Design	5	Highly Recommended	Carlo Alberto Demichelis	Highly Recommended
Life Sciences	5	Highly Recommended	Jacopo Liguori	Highly Recommended
Advertising	5	Highly Recommended	Jacopo Liguori	Highly Recommended

*Partners and associates included (data provided by law firms)

BIPART

The boutique is particularly noted for its expertise in trademarks, copyright, design and advertising matters, regularly representing clients in complex litigation and unfair competition disputes.

KEY LAWYERS:

- GILBERTO CAVAGNA DI GULDANA** (*Founding Partner*)

He advises clients on trademark, copyright, design and advertising disputes with particular strength in complex enforcement and unfair competition matters. His practice is recognised for combining strategic litigation skills with a commercially focused understanding of brand protection.

IP | EXPERTISE AREA RANKINGS

Practice / Department	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Intellectual Property	-	Recommended	Gilberto Cavagna di Guldana	Recommended

Expertise Area Rankings	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Trademarks	-	Recommended	Gilberto Cavagna di Guldana	Recommended
Copyright	-	Highly Recommended	Gilberto Cavagna di Guldana	Highly Recommended
Design	-	Recommended	Gilberto Cavagna di Guldana	Recommended
Advertising	-	Highly Recommended	Gilberto Cavagna di Guldana	Highly Recommended

*Partners and associates included (data provided by law firms)

CASTALDIPARTNERS

The firm is particularly active in copyright and patent matters, advising clients on the protection, enforcement, and commercialization of intellectual property rights across a wide range of industries. The firm handles patent prosecution and litigation, copyright protection strategies, licensing agreements, and disputes involving technology, life sciences, media, and innovative products.

KEY LAWYERS:

- **VIVAN GRACE CHAMMAH** (*Counsel*)

The professional focuses on copyright and patent matters, advising clients on the protection, enforcement, and commercialization of intellectual property rights across technology, media, and innovative industries. She is particularly active in patent litigation, copyright strategy, licensing, and cross-border IP disputes involving digital content, brands, and emerging technologies.

IP | EXPERTISE AREA RANKINGS

Practice / Department	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Intellectual Property	9	Recommended	Vivan Grace Chammah	Recommended
Expertise Area Rankings	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Patents	4	Recommended	Vivan Grace Chammah	Recommended
Copyright	3	Recommended	Vivian Grace Chammah	Recommended
			Fabio Moretti	Recommended

*Partners and associates included (data provided by law firms)

GA-ALLIANCE

Known for its focus on intellectual property matters, the practice assists clients with strategic protection, enforcement, and portfolio management across innovative and creative industries.

KEY LAWYERS:

- GIOVANNI CASUCCI** (*Partner*)

A lawyer with more than thirty years of experience in intellectual property, he stands out for excellence in trademark litigation. His recent arrival at the firm has significantly strengthened the team's capabilities, bringing strategic vision and technical rigor.

IP | EXPERTISE AREA RANKINGS

Practice / Department	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Intellectual Property	-	Recommended	Giovanni Casucci	Excellent

Expertise Area Rankings	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Patents	-	Recommended	Giovanni Casucci	Excellent
Trademarks	-	Highly Recommended	Giovanni Casucci	Elite
Design	-	Highly Recommended	Giovanni Casucci	Excellent

*Partners and associates included (data provided by law firms)

ON THE WEB SIDE

Known for its modern and focused approach to digital business law, the firm assists clients with technology transactions, e-commerce, AI-related matters, and data protection issues. The practice is valued for delivering practical solutions tailored to fast-evolving digital markets.

KEY LAWYERS:

- **ALBERTA ANTONUCCI** (*Founding Partner*)

A highly regarded professional and longstanding leader in this specific area of expertise, she has distinguished herself through authoritative thought leadership in the advertising sector, delivering clear and strategic analysis to leading companies operating across a range of industries.

IP | EXPERTISE AREA RANKINGS

Practice / Department	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Intellectual Property	9	Recommended	Alberta Antonucci	Recommended

Expertise Area Rankings	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Advertising	2	Elite	Alberta Antonucci	Elite

*Partners and associates included (data provided by law firms)

STUDIO TORTA

It is one of the largest and most structured filing firms in the Italian market, as well as one of the most active. Its professionals are recognized, highly experienced, and appreciated by clients, and can boast top-tier expertise in the life sciences market within the national landscape.

IP | EXPERTISE AREA RANKINGS

Practice / Department	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Intellectual Property	69	Recommended	-	-

Expertise Area Rankings	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Patents	54	Highly Recommended	Lidia Casciano	Recommended
Design	-	Recommended	Erika Andreotti	Recommended
Life Sciences	-	Recommended	Alessandra Bosia	Recommended

*Partners and associates included (data provided by law firms)

UGHI E NUNZIANTE

The team regularly advises domestic and international clients on trademarks, copyright, design and advertising matters, offering strong litigation capabilities and extensive experience in brand protection strategies.

KEY LAWYERS:

- **DANIELA DE PASQUALE** (*Partner*)

Known for her refined expertise in trademarks and design law, she assists clients across the fashion, creative, and media sectors in both contentious and advisory matters. Her practice stands out for its strong commercial sensitivity and tailored approach to protecting creative assets.

IP | EXPERTISE AREA RANKINGS

Practice / Department	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Intellectual Property	14	Recommended	Daniela De Pasquale	Recommended

Expertise Area Rankings	Team dedicated*	Team Ranking	Lawyers / Team Leader	Lawyers Ranking
Trademarks	7	Recommended	Daniela De Pasquale	Recommended
Copyright	13	Highly Recommended	Agostino Clemente	Highly Recommended
Design	7	Highly Recommended	Daniela De Pasquale	Highly Recommended
Advertising	7	Highly Recommended	Agostino Clemente	Highly Recommended

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IP 2026

SPAIN



Spain has one of the most dynamic IP legal markets in Europe, driven by a strong industrial base, an internationally recognised consumer goods sector, and increasing innovation in technology and life sciences.

By Vincenzo Rozzo

Intellectual property law has become a strategically important practice area for both domestic and international companies operating in Spain, particularly as businesses place greater emphasis on brand protection, digital content, research and development, and anti-counterfeiting measures.

The Spanish IP market is traditionally divided into four principal areas of expertise: patents, trademarks, copyright, and industrial designs. Patent work is especially significant in sectors with high levels of research and development, including pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, medical devices, engineering, telecommunications, and renewable energy. Law firms advising in this area commonly handle patent prosecution, litigation, licensing agreements, and disputes relating to supplementary protection certificates and regulatory exclusivities.

Trademark practice remains one of the busiest segments of the Spanish IP market. Spain is home to several globally recognised consumer brands, particularly in fashion, food and beverage, cosmetics, retail, and hospitality. As a result, companies require extensive support in brand registration, portfolio management, enforcement actions, unfair competition claims, and anti-counterfeiting strategies. Copyright work is similarly important, particularly in the media, entertainment, publishing, software, audiovisual, and digital platform industries, where issues involving licensing, online infringement, streaming rights, and artificial intelligence are becoming increasingly prominent.

Industrial design protection also plays an important role in the Spanish market, especially for businesses operating in fashion, furniture, consumer products, automo-

tive manufacturing, and luxury goods. Spain's internationally influential fashion industry, led by major retail groups and designers, generates substantial demand for design registration, enforcement, and litigation services.

The industries generating the highest volume of IP-related legal work in Spain include food and beverage, fashion and luxury goods, pharmaceuticals and healthcare, technology and software, media and entertainment, automotive, cosmetics, and industrial manufacturing. The continued expansion of e-commerce and digital business models has also increased the need for cross-border enforcement and online brand protection strategies.

Several law firms are widely regarded as leaders in intellectual property practice in Spain. International firms with strong IP departments include Clifford Chance, Uría Menéndez, Cuatrecasas, and Gómez-Acebo & Pombo. Specialist boutiques such as Elzaburu and PONS IP are also highly respected for patent and trademark prosecution, portfolio management, and litigation. In addition, international firms including Bird & Bird, Baker McKenzie and KPMG maintain active and well-regarded IP practices in the Spanish market.

Overall, the Spanish intellectual property sector continues to evolve in response to technological innovation, digitalisation, and increasing internationalisation of business operations. As companies seek stronger protection for intangible assets and brands, intellectual property law is expected to remain one of the most active and strategically significant areas of legal practice in Spain.

IP - SPAIN

RESEARCH PERIOD 2025

This report is the second publication from the Research Center of LC Publishing Group, which focuses on the IP sector in the Spanish market. The methodology involves analysing three macro-elements, which researchers have used to compile this report:

- Reading and studying submissions and self-applications that report on the main deals and consultations carried out in the last 12 months.
- Conducting market intelligence.
- Collecting feedback and opinions from clients and peers.

This allowed us to identify the true excellence of the sector beyond individual areas of specialization. By using this methodology, we aim to provide a comprehensive and accurate overview of the IP market in Spain. We believe that this report will be a valuable resource for companies, organizations, and individuals who are interested in gaining a better understanding of this sector.

LEGEND

TOP-TIER

The firm/professional has a widespread recognition and a high reputation highlighted by their clients, the counterparts, and, in general, by all industry operators surveyed by the research center, including competitors.

ELITE

The firm/professional has a well-established presence in the market with a considerable number of mandates obtained. It has been mentioned by numerous operators (clients and some competitors), demonstrating widespread recognition and reputation.

EXCELLENT

The firm/professional has been indicated by prestigious market operators as an excellence in the market. Active in all specializations of the practice, it has widespread recognition and a reputation highlighted by its clients and some counterparts.

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

The firm/professional is present and active in the market; the expertise has peaks of excellence focused on one or more sub-specializations of the practice; recognition primarily obtained from its own clients.

RECOMMENDED

The firm/professional is present and active in the market; the expertise has focused excellence in specific areas of the practice; it has a consolidated and partially widespread recognition, obtained from its own clients.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY - LAW FIRM**TOP-TIER**

Bird & Bird
Clifford Chance
Cuatrecasas
Grau & Angulo
Pérez-Llorca
Uría Menéndez

ELITE

Baker McKenzie
Elzaburu
Eversheds Sutherland
Garrigues
Gómez-Acebo & Pombo
Hogan Lovells
KPMG

EXCELLENT

ECIJA
Osborne Clarke
PONS IP
Santiago Mediano Abogados

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

ABRIL ABOGADOS
Andersen Spain
Baylos
EJASO
Intangibles
MENTA Legal
Pellisé Abogados
RocaJunyent

RECOMMENDED

Delvy
MRG Abogados

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY - LAWYERS

TOP-TIER

Alejandro Angulo - Grau & Angulo
 Álvaro Bourkaib - Cuatrecasas
 Kiko Carrión - Eversheds Sutherland
 Manuel Lobato - Bird & Bird
 José María Méndez - Baker McKenzie
 Miquel Montaña - Clifford Chance
 Montiano Monteagudo Monedero
 Uría Menéndez
 Carolina Pina - Garrigues
 Andy Ramos Gil de la Haza - Pérez-Llorca

ELITE

Vicente Arias - Eversheds Sutherland
 Enrique Armijo Chávarri - ELZABURU
 Ana Castedo - Hogan Lovells
 Eduardo Castillo - Pérez-Llorca
 Cristina Duch - Pérez-Llorca
 Sofia Martínez-Almeida
 Gómez-Acebo & Pombo
 Ingrid Pi - Uría Menéndez
 Ignacio Temiño - ABRIL ABOGADOS

EXCELLENT

Antonio Cueto - Bird & Bird
 Rafael García del Poyo - Osborne Clarke
 Marta González - Eversheds Sutherland
 José Miguel Lissén - Bird & Bird
 Santiago Mediano
 Santiago Mediano Abogados
 Sara Molina Pérez-Tomé - Pérez-Llorca
 Josep Montefusco - Clifford Chance
 Ignacio Pontijas - Grau & Angulo
 Rafael Sánchez Aristi - Cuatrecasas
 Alejandro Touriño - ECIJA

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Laura Alonso - ECIJA
 Noemí Brito Izquierdo - KPMG
 Imogen Fowler - Hogan Lovells
 Ana Herrera Arroyo - PONS IP
 Luis M. Latasa Vassallo - EJASO
 Pedro Merino Baylos - Baylos
 Sergio Miralles - Intangibles
 Javier Vázquez - RocaJunyent

RECOMMENDED

Violeta Arnaiz Medina - PONS IP
 Iban Diez - MENTA Legal
 José Garrido - Andersen Spain
 Carolina Montero - ECIJA
 José Morato - Dely
 Alejandro Negro - Cuatrecasas
 Mireia Paricio - KPMG
 David Pellisé - Pellisé Abogados
 Nerea Sanjuan - Andersen Spain
 Roger Segarra - Osborne Clarke
 Aina Rabell - Dely
 María Jesús Román Gallardo - MRG Abogados
 Anna Viladàs - Gómez-Acebo & Pombo

LAW FIRMS' PROFILES

SPAIN

BIRD & BIRD

Widely recognised for its market-leading IP practice, the team excels in complex patent, copyright, and trademark disputes, particularly across technology, media, and life sciences sectors. Considered as "a first-choice firm for sophisticated cross-border IP matters."

KEY LAWYERS:

- **MANUEL LOBATO** (*Of Counsel*)

TOP-TIER: PATENTS / LIFE SCIENCES

The professional is distinguished for his work at the intersection of patent litigation and life sciences, advising pharmaceutical, biotech, and medical device companies on strategically significant disputes. Particularly noted for coordinating multi-jurisdictional matters across Europe.

- **ANTONIO CUETO** (*Partner*)

EXCELLENT: TRADEMARKS

The professional possesses extensive experience advising global and domestic companies on brand protection strategies. Particularly noted for managing cross-border disputes and complex portfolio matters, described as "a highly responsive and commercially minded adviser."

- **JOSÉ MIGUEL LISSÉN** (*Partner*)

EXCELLENT: TRADEMARKS / PATENTS

A highly regarded IP practitioner with extensive experience spanning both trademarks and patents, advising leading domestic and international companies on protection and enforcement strategies. Known for handling sophisticated cross-border disputes with a pragmatic and commercially focused approach.

CLIFFORD CHANCE

Combining deep technical expertise with a strategic international outlook, the practice advises on high-stakes patent litigation, trademark enforcement, and portfolio management. Clients praise its "solid technical expertise with a highly refined strategic vision."

KEY LAWYERS:

- **MIQUEL MONTAÑA** (*Partner*)

TOP-TIER: PATENTS

Among Spain's most respected patent professionals, he brings decades of experience in pharmaceutical and biotechnology disputes. Regularly involved in precedent-setting litigation and strategic patent enforcement matters, he is noted for "combining exceptional technical knowledge with a remarkable ability to navigate complex litigation strategies", making him a trusted advisor in high-stakes patent disputes.

- **JOSEP MONTEFUSCO** (*Partner*)

EXCELLENT: PATENTS / TRADEMARKS

An accomplished intellectual property lawyer with substantial experience in both patent and trademark matters, ranging from portfolio management to high-value litigation. Particularly valued for his strategic perspective on protecting and maximising the value of intangible assets.

CUATRECASAS

Distinguished by its full-service approach, the team handles complex IP litigation, copyright protection, and trademark matters for leading domestic and international brands. Its practice is particularly noted for technology, retail, and media-related mandates

KEY LAWYERS:

- **ÁLVARO BOURKAIB** (*Partner*)

TOP-TIER: COPYRIGHT

A leading copyright practitioner with notable expertise in software, digital content and online platform liability matters. Frequently entrusted with sophisticated advisory, transactional and contentious mandates in the technology and media sectors.

- **RAFAEL SÁNCHEZ ARISTI** (*Partner*)

EXCELLENT: COPYRIGHT

A renowned copyright professional and academic, with extensive experience advising on authors' rights, digital content, licensing, and collective management matters. His combination of scholarly authority and practical expertise makes him a trusted adviser on sophisticated copyright issues.

- **ALEJANDRO NEGRO** (*Counsel*)

RECOMMENDED: TRADEMARKS

A highly regarded trade mark practitioner with extensive experience advising leading brands on portfolio management, enforcement, and contentious proceedings. He is praised for "his strategic mindset and ability to handle sophisticated cross-border brand protection issues".

GRAU & ANGULO

A premier IP boutique, renowned for handling some of Spain's most significant patent, trademark, and anti-counterfeiting disputes. The firm combines specialist focus with extensive litigation capabilities and a strong cross-border practice.

KEY LAWYERS:

- **ALEJANDRO ANGULO** (*Founding Partner*)

TOP-TIER: TRADEMARKS / DESIGN

The professional is widely recognised for handling complex trademark and design disputes, particularly those involving cross-border enforcement and luxury brands. He is a trusted adviser on high-stakes portfolio protection and anti-counterfeiting strategies.

- **IGNACIO PONTIJAS** (*Partner*)

EXCELLENT: PATENTS

He is recognised for his strong patent litigation practice, particularly in technically complex disputes involving pharmaceutical and industrial innovations. Clients highlight "his analytical skills and ability to manage challenging matters with efficiency and precision".

PÉREZ-LLORCA

Known for delivering commercially focused advice, the firm assists major national and international clients on contentious and transactional IP matters, with particular strength in innovation-driven industries.

KEY LAWYERS:

- **ANDY RAMOS GIL DE LA HAZA** (*Partner*)

TOP-TIER: COPYRIGHT

Recognised as a leading authority on copyright, technology, and digital content regulation, the professional advises global clients on cutting-edge issues involving AI, online platforms, software, and content exploitation, combining legal insight with deep industry knowledge.

- **EDUARDO CASTILLO** (*Partner, Head of IP Litigation*)

ELITE: PATENTS / LIFE SCIENCES

A prominent figure in pharmaceutical patent litigation, regularly advising on strategically significant disputes involving innovative medicines and healthcare technologies. Known for “delivering pragmatic solutions in highly technical and business-critical cases”.

- **CRISTINA DUCH** (*Partner*)

ELITE: TRADEMARKS

She is widely regarded for advising leading brands on trademark portfolio management, enforcement, and commercial exploitation. Her practice combines strategic brand protection with substantial experience in contentious proceedings across multiple sectors.

- **SARA MOLINA PÉREZ-TOMÉ** (*Partner, Head of Global Innovation*)

EXCELLENT: DIGITAL TECH

She is distinguished for her expertise in technology, digital regulation, and innovation-driven projects, advising clients on complex legal challenges arising from emerging technologies. The professional is praised for her ability to navigate evolving regulatory frameworks with clarity and commercial awareness.

URÍA MENÉNDEZ

Among Spain's most prestigious legal practices, the team advises on complex intellectual property disputes and strategic portfolio management for leading multinational clients. Its multidisciplinary approach is especially valued in highly regulated sectors.

KEY LAWYERS:

- **MONTIANO MONTEAGUDO MONEDERO** (*Partner*)

TOP-TIER: TRADEMARKS

An accomplished trademark lawyer advising leading national and international brands on portfolio management, enforcement, and contentious proceedings. Particularly valued for navigating complex brand protection strategies across multiple jurisdictions.

- **INGRID PI** (*Partner*)

ELITE: PATENTS

An accomplished patent lawyer with notable experience in complex litigation and advisory matters, particularly within highly regulated industries. Value for her "analytical approach and ability to manage technically demanding disputes".

BAKER MCKENZIE

With the backing of an extensive global network, the intellectual property team is well-positioned to manage multi-jurisdictional IP portfolios, enforcement strategies, and technology-related disputes. Clients value its seamless coordination across international markets.

KEY LAWYERS:

- **JOSÉ MARÍA MÉNDEZ**
(*Managing Partner of the Technology, Intellectual Property and Communications Department*)

TOP-TIER: COPYRIGHT

Highly regarded for advising on complex copyright matters spanning media, entertainment, and digital content, he combines deep legal knowledge with a commercial approach to licensing, exploitation, and enforcement strategies.

ELZABURU

Boasting one of Spain's longest-established IP practices, the team offers comprehensive protection and enforcement strategies across patents, trademarks, copyright, and designs. Its technical depth and longstanding market presence remain key differentiators.

KEY LAWYERS:

- **ENRIQUE ARMIJO CHÁVARRI** (*Partner*)

ELITE: PATENTS / LIFE SCIENCES

A highly experienced patent practitioner with a strong focus on the life sciences sector, advising pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies on protection, enforcement, and litigation strategies. Noted for "handling technically sophisticated matters with precision and strategic insight".

EVERSHEDS SUTHERLAND

Recognised for its pragmatic and business-oriented approach, the practice advises on intellectual property protection, litigation, and commercialisation matters, often in conjunction with broader technology and regulatory issues.

KEY LAWYERS:

- **KIKO CARRIÓN** (*Partner*)

TOP-TIER: PATENTS

Known for his strong patent litigation practice, with a particular focus on pharmaceutical-sector disputes. Clients value the team's ability to deliver practical and technically sound solutions to complex issues. "His explanations and solutions are of the highest calibre."

- **VICENTE ARIAS** (*Partner, Head of Technology, Media and Entertainment Law*)

ELITE: PATENTS / COPYRIGHT

He is known for his versatile IP practice spanning both patent and copyright matters, with particular strength in technology-driven disputes. Clients appreciate his ability to translate complex legal and technical issues into clear, commercially focused advice.

- **MARTA GONZÁLEZ** (*Partner, Co-Head International Life Sciences & Healthcare Practice*)

EXCELLENT: PATENTS / LIFE SCIENCES

With more than two decades of experience in intellectual property, she is particularly recognised for advising pharmaceutical and life sciences companies on complex patent disputes and regulatory matters. Praised for her ability to combine technical expertise with practical, business-oriented solutions.

GARRIGUES

A powerhouse in the Spanish legal market, the firm combines extensive IP litigation experience with sophisticated advisory capabilities across patents, trademarks, copyright, and unfair competition. Its scale and sector expertise make it a trusted adviser to many of the country's leading companies.

KEY LAWYERS:

- **CAROLINA PINA** (*Partner, Co-head of Intellectual Property, Media & Telecom Department*)

TOP-TIER: TRADEMARKS / COPYRIGHT

The professional is renowned for her expertise in trademarks, copyright, and emerging digital issues, including the protection of intangible assets in evolving technological environments. He is frequently sought after by innovative companies operating in the creative and technology sectors.

GÓMEZ-ACEBO & POMBO

Recognised for its strong litigation capabilities, the team advises on complex patent, trademark, and copyright disputes, acting for leading domestic and international clients. Its combination of technical expertise and commercial insight is particularly valued in contentious matters.

KEY LAWYERS:

- **SOFIA MARTÍNEZ-ALMEIDA** (*Partner*)

ELITE: TRADEMARKS

The highly respected lawyer is known for assisting domestic and international clients with the protection, management, and enforcement of valuable trademark portfolios. Particularly adept at developing practical brand protection strategies aligned with commercial objectives.

- **ANNA VILADÀS** (*Counsel, Head of Intellectual Property and Technology Team*)

RECOMMENDED: COPYRIGHT

The professional is recognised for her work on copyright, media and digital content matters, advising clients on the creation, exploitation and protection of intellectual property assets. Clients appreciate her ability to provide clear, commercially focused advice on complex legal issues.

HOGAN LOVELLS

Leveraging a highly integrated international platform, the practice handles sophisticated patent litigation, trademark enforcement and IP portfolio management across multiple jurisdictions. Known as “a team that combines excellent legal knowledge with a practical business approach.”

KEY LAWYERS:

- **ANA CASTEDO** (*Partner*)

ELITE: PATENTS / LIFE SCIENCES

The professional is respected for her work on complex patent disputes and regulatory issues affecting innovative life sciences businesses. She combines deep sector knowledge with extensive experience advising pharmaceutical and healthcare companies on high-value matters.

- **IMOGEN FOWLER** (*Partner*)

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED: TRADEMARKS

A highly regarded trademark practitioner with extensive experience advising international brands on portfolio management, enforcement, and contentious proceedings. Clients describe her as “commercial, responsive, and exceptionally strategic” when handling complex brand protection matters.

KPMG

Bringing together intellectual property, technology, and regulatory expertise, the team advises on the protection, exploitation and commercialisation of valuable intangible assets. Its multidisciplinary approach is particularly effective for innovation-driven businesses.

KEY LAWYERS:

- **NOEMÍ BRITO IZQUIERDO** (*Partner, Co-Head of Data, Digital and Technology Law*)

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED: DIGITAL TECH / TRADEMARKS / COPYRIGHT

A versatile practitioner with expertise spanning digital technology, trademarks, and copyright, assisting clients with the protection and commercialisation of valuable intangible assets. She is recognised for providing integrated advice on technology-driven IP matters in rapidly evolving markets.

- **MIREIA PARICIO** (*Senior Manager*)

RECOMMENDED: TRADEMARKS

She is known for assisting clients with the protection, management, and commercialisation of trademark portfolios across a wide range of industries. Her practice is distinguished by a pragmatic approach to brand protection and enforcement strategies.

ECIJA

Positioned at the intersection of intellectual property, technology, and digital business, the practice is widely recognised for its expertise in copyright, media, entertainment, and emerging technologies. The team regularly assists market-leading companies with complex digital and content-related matters.

KEY LAWYERS:

- **ALEJANDRO TOURIÑO** (*Managing Partner, Head of TMT*)

EXCELLENT: COPYRIGHT

Widely recognised for his work at the intersection of copyright, technology, and digital business, he advises leading companies on content exploitation, platform liability, and emerging technologies. Noted that he is “always one step ahead of market developments.”

- **LAURA ALONSO** (*Partner*)

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED: TRADEMARKS

The well-known lawyer advises prominent brands on trademark protection, portfolio management, and enforcement strategies across a wide range of industries. Clients commend “her responsiveness and commercial approach to complex brand protection challenges”.

- **CAROLINA MONTERO** (*Partner*)

RECOMMENDED

Widely recognised for her expertise in copyright, digital content and technology law, she advises clients on the protection, commercialisation and enforcement of intellectual property rights. Valued for her ability to navigate novel legal issues arising from digital transformation and emerging technologies.

OSBORNE CLARKE

With a strong focus on technology and innovation, the team advises on a broad spectrum of intellectual property matters, from portfolio management to high-value disputes. Its sector-driven approach makes it a trusted adviser to clients operating in fast-evolving industries.

KEY LAWYERS:

- **RAFAEL GARCÍA DEL POYO** (*Managing Partner, Head of OC Spain TMC Sector, Head of OC Spain IT*)

EXCELLENT: DIGITAL TECH / DATA PROTECTION

A leading practitioner at the intersection of technology, digital business, and data protection, he advises multinational clients on regulatory compliance and innovation-driven projects. Widely recognised for his expertise in emerging technologies, platform regulation, and digital transformation initiatives.

- **ROGER SEGARRA** (*Partner*)

RECOMMENDED: LIFE SCIENCES / PRIVACY

A recognised adviser at the intersection of life sciences, privacy and regulatory compliance, assisting healthcare, pharmaceutical, and technology companies with complex legal challenges. Valued for “his ability to deliver practical solutions in highly regulated sectors”.

PONS IP

A highly experienced practice, renowned for its expertise in patents, trademarks, designs, and innovation strategy. The team combines legal and technical knowledge to deliver comprehensive protection and enforcement solutions for a diverse client base.

KEY LAWYERS:

- **ANA HERRERA ARROYO** (*Director of Patents, Technological Development in Innovation*)

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED: PATENTS

A recognised professional for her expertise in patent protection and prosecution, particularly in technically demanding sectors such as life sciences and innovation-driven industries. Clients value her meticulous approach and ability to align IP strategies with broader business objectives.

- **VIOLETA ARNAIZ MEDINA** (*Partner, Head of Copyright, AI and Software Department*)

RECOMMENDED: COPYRIGHT

The versatile professional is known for advising clients on copyright protection, licensing, and exploitation across creative, media, and technology sectors. Her practice combines technical legal expertise with a strong understanding of the commercial realities surrounding content-driven businesses.

SANTIAGO MEDIANO ABOGADOS

Widely respected for its specialist IP focus, the firm advises on complex copyright, trademark, and unfair competition matters, with particular strength in media, entertainment, and digital content. Its tailored and partner-led service is highly regarded by clients.

KEY LAWYERS:

- **SANTIAGO MEDIANO** (*Founding Partner*)

EXCELLENT: COPYRIGHT

With over 30 years of experience, he is widely recognised as one of Spain's leading copyright practitioners, advising clients across the media, entertainment, and creative industries. He is described as "an excellent strategist with profound knowledge of copyright law."

ABRIL ABOGADOS

Distinguished by its boutique approach, the team provides highly focused advice on intellectual property, technology, and data protection matters. Its ability to deliver practical solutions to complex legal challenges has earned it a strong reputation among innovative businesses.

KEY LAWYERS:

- **IGNACIO TEMIÑO** (*Partner*)

ELITE: TRADEMARKS

The professional is recognised for his expertise in trademark prosecution, enforcement, and portfolio management, advising a broad range of brand owners. He frequently handles contentious matters involving infringement, unfair competition, and reputation protection.

ANDERSEN SPAIN

Combining intellectual property expertise with broader commercial and regulatory capabilities, the practice assists clients with the protection, enforcement and strategic management of their IP assets. The team is particularly active in matters involving technology and innovation.

KEY LAWYERS:

- **JOSÉ GARRIDO** (*Partner*)

RECOMMENDED: TRADEMARKS

Known for his work in trademark protection, portfolio management, and enforcement, he advises clients ranging from emerging businesses to established international brands. Frequently recognised for his responsive service and strategic approach to brand-related matters.

- **NEREA SANJUAN** (*Partner, Director of Culture, Sports and Entertainment*)

RECOMMENDED: COPYRIGHT

Distinguished for her expertise in copyright, media, and digital content matters, she advises clients on the protection and exploitation of valuable creative assets. Frequently sought after for her commercially focused guidance in rapidly evolving digital environments.

BAYLOS

A highly regarded IP boutique, recognised for its longstanding expertise in patents, trademarks, copyright, and unfair competition. The firm is frequently entrusted with complex disputes and strategic advisory work by both national and international clients.

KEY LAWYERS:

- **PEDRO MERINO BAYLOS** (*Partner*)

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED: PATENTS

With decades of experience in intellectual property, he is widely recognised for his work on patent litigation, prosecution, and strategic advisory matters. Frequently entrusted with technically sophisticated disputes involving valuable innovation assets.

EJASO

Known for its practical and business-oriented approach, the team advises on a broad range of intellectual property matters, including trademark protection, copyright disputes and the commercial exploitation of intangible assets. Its multidisciplinary capabilities are particularly valued by innovative companies.

KEY LAWYERS:

- **LUIS M. LATASA VASSALLO** (*Partner, Director of the Digital Law and Intellectual Property Area*)

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED: TRADEMARKS

An experienced adviser on trademark protection, portfolio management, and enforcement, assisting clients across a broad range of sectors. Known for "delivering practical, business-focused solutions to complex brand protection challenges".

INTANGIBLES

The boutique focuses exclusively on intellectual property, offering strategic advice on patents, trademarks, copyright, and unfair competition matters. The team is recognised for its technical expertise and personalised client service.

KEY LAWYERS:

- **SERGIO MIRALLES** (*Founding Partner*)

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED: TRADEMARKS

Distinguished for his expertise in trademark protection and enforcement, he advises leading companies on the development and defence of their brands. Clients praise his "deep understanding of trademark strategy and litigation."

MENTA LEGAL

Combining intellectual property, technology, and digital business expertise, the practice assists clients with the protection, monetisation, and enforcement of intangible assets. Its forward-thinking approach is particularly well-suited to emerging and innovation-driven sectors.

KEY LAWYERS:

- **IBAN DIEZ** (*Managing Partner*)

RECOMMENDED: COPYRIGHT

A leading adviser on copyright, digital content, and technology-related matters, assisting innovative businesses with increasingly complex legal and regulatory challenges. Appreciated by clients for his ability to provide "clear, pragmatic and forward-thinking advice."

PELLISÉ ABOGADOS

Widely respected for its IP focus, the firm advises on complex trademark, copyright, and unfair competition matters, with notable experience in both litigation and strategic advisory work. Valued for “responsiveness and deep sector knowledge”.

KEY LAWYERS:

- **DAVID PELLISÉ** (*Managing Partner*)

RECOMMENDED: TRADEMARKS

With more than two decades of experience in intellectual property, he is recognised for advising clients on trademark prosecution, portfolio management, and contentious matters. Clients highlight his responsiveness and deep understanding of brand protection challenges.

ROCAJUNYENT

Offering a well-rounded intellectual property practice, the team advises on the protection and enforcement of IP rights, as well as the commercial aspects of innovation and branding strategies. Its pragmatic approach is appreciated by both domestic and international clients.

KEY LAWYERS:

- **JAVIER VÁZQUEZ** (*Partner*)

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED: TRADEMARKS

A respected trademark lawyer advising domestic and international clients on portfolio management, infringement disputes, and brand protection strategies. He is noted for his practical approach and strong commercial awareness.

DELVY

Particularly active in the innovation ecosystem, the firm advises startups, scale-ups, and established businesses on intellectual property protection, technology transactions, and digital assets. Its entrepreneurial mindset distinguishes it in the market.

KEY LAWYERS:

- JOSÉ MORATO** (*Partner*)
RECOMMENDED: COPYRIGHT
 He is recognised for advising innovative businesses, creators, and technology companies on copyright protection, licensing, and content exploitation strategies. Valued by clients for "his practical, business-oriented approach to complex digital and creative sector matters".
- AINA RABELL** (*Partner, Head of Intellectual Property*)
RECOMMENDED: TRADEMARKS
 Known for advising companies on trademark strategy, portfolio management, and brand enforcement matters. Her commercial awareness and attention to detail make her a trusted adviser for businesses seeking to protect and strengthen their brand assets.

MRG ABOGADOS

A boutique firm with recognised expertise in intellectual property, advising clients on trademark, copyright, and unfair competition matters across a range of industries. The team is noted for its strategic guidance and close client relationships.

KEY LAWYERS:

- MARÍA JESÚS ROMÁN GALLARDO** (*Director of Legal Services*)
RECOMMENDED: COPYRIGHT
 An experienced copyright practitioner advising creators, rights holders, and businesses on protection, licensing, and enforcement matters. Particularly recognised for "her strong understanding of the commercial and legal issues affecting creative industries".



IP 2026

PORTUGAL



The Portuguese legal market offers sophisticated expertise across the full spectrum of IP rights, combining advisory, registration, transactional, and litigation services before national and European authorities, including the Portuguese Institute of Industrial Property (INPI), the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO), and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).

By Vincenzo Rozzo

The most common areas of specialization within Portuguese IP practice are patents, trademarks, copyright, and industrial designs. Trademark work remains particularly significant, encompassing portfolio management, clearance searches, registration, enforcement, opposition proceedings, and anti-counterfeiting measures. Patent practice is also highly developed, especially in sectors driven by research and development, with pharmaceutical patent litigation representing one of the most sophisticated and active segments of the market. Copyright matters cover both traditional creative works and digital content, including software, media, music, entertainment, and technology-related rights. Industrial designs and models are increasingly important for companies seeking to protect product appearance, packaging, and branding strategies. Portuguese firms also frequently advise on unfair competition, trade secrets, licensing agreements, technology transfer, franchising, and IP-related commercial transactions.

Demand for IP services is generated by a diverse range of industries. The food and beverage sector is particularly active due to the importance of trademarks, packaging, geographical indications, and brand protection. Fashion, clothing, footwear, luxury goods, and design-intensive businesses regularly require advice on trademarks, designs, counterfeiting, and licensing arrangements. The pharmaceutical and life sciences industries generate substantial patent prosecution and litigation work, especially concerning innovative medicines and regulatory exclusivities. Technology, software, telecommunications, media, and digital services companies are increasingly significant clients, creating demand for copyright, software protection, data-related rights, and technology licensing. Additional sectors with

notable IP needs include automotive, manufacturing, furniture and decoration, financial services, consumer goods, and communications.

Portugal's IP legal market is served by both full-service commercial law firms and specialist intellectual property boutiques. Among the most active and highly regarded firms are VdA, widely recognized for its strength in patent litigation, particularly in the pharmaceutical sector; Morais Leitão, which maintains a comprehensive IP practice covering patents, trademarks, copyright, and industrial property matters; Abreu Advogados, noted for its strong capabilities in patent and trademark litigation and prosecution; and Sérvulo & Associados, which offers extensive expertise in industrial property and life sciences matters.

Specialist IP firms also play a prominent role in the market. Baptista, Monteverde & Associados is one of Portugal's leading intellectual property firms, with significant expertise in trademarks, patents, industrial designs, copyright, and international portfolio management. Other notable firms in the market include Antas da Cunha Ecija, BAS – Sociedade de Advogados, Cerejeira Namora, Marinho Falcão, and SPS Advogados.

Overall, the Portuguese intellectual property market continues to evolve alongside the country's innovation ecosystem, with increasing activity in technology, life sciences, consumer brands, and creative industries. As businesses place greater emphasis on protecting intangible assets and expanding internationally, demand for sophisticated IP legal services is expected to remain strong across both contentious and non-contentious matters.

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RESEARCH PERIOD 2025

This report is the second publication from the Research Center of LC Publishing Group, which focuses on the IP sector in the Portuguese market. The methodology involves analysing three macro-elements, which researchers have used to compile this report:

- Reading and studying submissions and self-applications that report on the main deals and consultations carried out in the last 12 months.
- Conducting market intelligence.
- Collecting feedback and opinions from clients and peers.

This allowed us to identify the true excellence of the sector beyond individual areas of specialization. By using this methodology, we aim to provide a comprehensive and accurate overview of the IP market in Portugal. We believe that this report will be a valuable resource for companies, organizations, and individuals who are interested in gaining a better understanding of this sector.

LEGEND

TOP-TIER

The firm/professional has a widespread recognition and a high reputation highlighted by their clients, the counterparts, and, in general, by all industry operators surveyed by the research center, including competitors.

ELITE

The firm/professional has a well-established presence in the market with a considerable number of mandates obtained. It has been mentioned by numerous operators (clients and some competitors), demonstrating widespread recognition and reputation.

EXCELLENT

The firm/professional has been indicated by prestigious market operators as an excellence in the market. Active in all specializations of the practice, it has widespread recognition and a reputation highlighted by its clients and some counterparts.

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

The firm/professional is present and active in the market; the expertise has peaks of excellence focused on one or more sub-specializations of the practice; recognition primarily obtained from its own clients.

RECOMMENDED

The firm/professional is present and active in the market; the expertise has focused excellence in specific areas of the practice; it has a consolidated and partially widespread recognition, obtained from its own clients.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY - LAW FIRM & LAWYERS

TOP-TIER

Abreu Advogados
Baptista, Monteverde & Associados
Morais Leitão

ELITE

CMS
VdA

EXCELLENT

Bird & Bird
Cuatrecasas
Garrigues
PLMJ
Sérvulo & Associados

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Andersen in Portugal
Antas da Cunha Ecija
BAS - Sociedade de Advogados
Cerejeira Namora, Marinho Falcão
SPS Advogados

RECOMMENDED

CCA Law Firm
Dower Law Firm
Miranda & Associados
pbbr
Vasconcelos Advogados

TOP-TIER

António Andrade - Abreu Advogados
José Luís Arnaut - CMS
Filipe Baptista
Baptista, Monteverde & Associados
Paulo Monteverde
Baptista, Monteverde & Associados
Vasco Stilwell d'Andrade - Morais Leitão

ELITE

Marta Alves Vieira - VdA
Manuel Durães Rocha - Abreu Advogados
Francisca Ferreira Pinto - Garrigues
Ricardo Henriques - Abreu Advogados
Hugo Monteiro de Queirós - PLMJ
Ana Rita Paínho - Bird & Bird

EXCELLENT

Carina Branco - Morais Leitão
Mariana Costa Pinto - Sérvulo & Associados
João Miranda de Sousa - Garrigues
Eduardo Nogueira Pinto - PLMJ
Sónia Queiróz Vaz - Cuatrecasas

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Gonçalo Cerejeira Namora
Cerejeira Namora, Marinho Falcão
Gonçalo Gil Barreiros - Andersen in Portugal
Sara Henriques - SPS Advogados
João Leitão Figueiredo - CMS
Cláudia Monge
BAS - Sociedade de Advogados
Lídia Neves - Antas da Cunha Ecija

RECOMMENDED

Cláudia Carvalho - Dower Law Firm
Eduardo Marques - Dower Law Firm
João Peixe - Vasconcelos Advogados
Pedro Rebelo Tavares - Andersen in Portugal
Rita Roque de Pinho - pbbr
João Luis Traça - Miranda & Associados
Cláudia Xara-Brasil - CCA Law Firm

*Included non contentious and civil litigation advisory

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LAW FIRMS' PROFILES

PORTUGAL

ABREU ADVOGADOS

The firm is recognized for its strong capabilities in patent and trademark litigation, copyright protection, and complex IP disputes across regulated industries. Praised for combining deep technical expertise with practical commercial insight, particularly in life sciences and technology matters.

KEY LAWYERS:

- **ANTÓNIO ANDRADE** (*Partner, Co-Head of IP/IT Practice Area*)

TOP-TIER: PATENTS / LIFE SCIENCES

An IP practitioner with more than two decades of experience, he is particularly recognised for pharmaceutical patent litigation and arbitration. His practice spans complex patents, making him a trusted adviser to life sciences clients, often described as "an outstanding strategist with deep industry knowledge."

- **MANUEL DURÃES ROCHA** (*Partner, Co-head of Intellectual Property Practice*)

ELITE: TRADEMARKS / PATENTS

A highly respected IP practitioner, he is especially recognised for his expertise in patent arbitration and healthcare-related disputes. His longstanding experience makes him a go-to adviser for complex trademarks and patent matters.

- **RICARDO HENRIQUES** (*Partner, Executive member of the Board of Directors*)

ELITE: TRADEMARKS / PATENTS / PRIVACY / DIGITAL TECH

Combining intellectual property, technology and data protection expertise, he is particularly well positioned to advise businesses operating in digital environments. His practice covers the management of IP assets, privacy compliance and innovation-driven projects.

BAPTISTA MONTEVERDE & ASSOCIADOS

The team is widely respected for its expertise in patent litigation, SPC arbitration, trademark disputes, and anti-counterfeiting enforcement. Clients highlight its "excellent" service quality, noting a proactive approach and particular strength in pharmaceutical patent matters.

KEY LAWYERS:

- **FILIFE BAPTISTA** (*Partner*)

TOP-TIER: TRADEMARKS / PATENTS

Recognised for his practical and business-oriented approach, he advises clients on trademark portfolio management, patent protection, and IP enforcement strategies. His work frequently involves cross-border matters requiring both technical precision and commercial insight.

- **PAULO MONTEVERDE** (*Partner*)

TOP-TIER: PATENTS / LIFE SCIENCES

A leading figure in Portugal's patent landscape, he is particularly noted for handling high-value pharmaceutical and life sciences disputes. His practice combines deep technical knowledge with extensive experience in patent litigation and regulatory-sensitive matters.

MORAIS LEITÃO

The well-known firm is distinguished by its comprehensive IP practice, spanning patent litigation, trademarks, copyright, trade secrets, and licensing matters. Frequently instructed by leading players in the pharmaceutical, manufacturing, and media sectors on high-stakes contentious and advisory work.

KEY LAWYERS:

- **VASCO STILWELL D'ANDRADE** (*Partner, Co-Head of Intellectual Property Area*)

TOP-TIER: TRADEMARKS / PATENTS / DESIGN / COPYRIGHT

With more than 25 years dedicated to intellectual property, he is highly regarded for complex disputes involving trademarks, patents, copyright and design rights. Clients describe him as “an excellent lawyer” distinguished by his deep market knowledge and responsiveness.

- **CARINA BRANCO** (*Partner*)

EXCELLENT

The professional is recognised for her sophisticated approach to intellectual property matters, advising clients on trademark protection, patent strategy and complex enforcement issues. Clients praise her for being “highly responsive and solution-oriented”, combining technical expertise with commercial awareness.

CMS

Offering full-service intellectual property support, the team advises on portfolio management, enforcement strategies, litigation, and brand internationalization. Particularly active in assisting multinational clients across technology, luxury goods, energy, and consumer-facing industries.

KEY LAWYERS:

- **JOSÉ LUÍS ARNAUT** (*Managing Partner*)

TOP-TIER: TRADEMARKS / PATENTS

Widely regarded as one of Portugal’s leading IP lawyers, he combines strategic trademark and patent expertise with a strong international outlook. With nearly two decades of experience, he is praised for his “great competence and agility” in handling sophisticated matters.

- **JOÃO LEITÃO FIGUEIREDO** (*Partner*)

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED: TRADEMARKS

A respected trademark lawyer assisting clients with brand protection, portfolio management, and enforcement strategies across multiple sectors. Sources commend his “excellent responsiveness and strategic thinking”, particularly in complex and international trademark matters.

VDA

The firm is renowned for handling sophisticated intellectual property matters, from patent and trademark litigation to licensing, technology transfer, and digital innovation projects. Its multidisciplinary approach makes it a trusted adviser for clients operating in highly regulated and innovation-driven sectors.

KEY LAWYERS:

- **MARTA ALVES VIEIRA** (*Partner, Head of Intellectual Property Litigation*)

ELITE: PATENTS / LIFE SCIENCES

An emerging force in the Portuguese IP market, she is particularly active in patent and life sciences matters. Her practice focuses on assisting innovative businesses with the protection, enforcement, and commercialisation of valuable intellectual property assets.

BIRD & BIRD

Drawing on one of Europe's most recognized IP firms, the team combines international reach with strong capabilities in technology, brands, and contentious IP matters. Particularly well-positioned to support innovative businesses navigating complex intellectual property and digital regulatory challenges.

KEY LAWYERS:

- **ANA RITA PAÍNHO** (*Partner*)

ELITE: PATENTS / LIFE SCIENCES

Recognised as one of Portugal's rising IP leaders, she focuses on patent and life sciences matters, advising innovative companies on protection, enforcement and regulatory-sensitive issues. Her arrival at the Portuguese market's newest international IP platform has further strengthened her profile in the sector.

CUATRECASAS

Combining Iberian strength with international reach, the firm advises on trademark, copyright, patent, and unfair competition matters across diverse industries. Known for delivering “commercially focused solutions” in both contentious and transactional intellectual property work.

KEY LAWYERS:

- **SÓNIA QUEIRÓZ VAZ** (*Partner*)

EXCELLENT: COPYRIGHT / TRADEMARKS / DESIGN

Distinguished by her broad intellectual property practice, she assists clients with copyright, trademark, and design matters across both contentious and advisory work. She is described as “extremely dedicated and detail-oriented”, with a strong ability to translate legal complexity into practical guidance.

GARRIGUES

A leading choice for complex intellectual property mandates, the firm offers extensive experience in litigation, portfolio management, licensing, and brand protection. Regularly engaged by multinational companies seeking strategic advice on innovation, technology, and intangible asset protection.

KEY LAWYERS:

- **FRANCISCA FERREIRA PINTO** (*Counsel*)

ELITE: TRADEMARKS

Known for her strong trademark practice, she advises clients on portfolio management, enforcement strategies and brand protection. Her commercial awareness and attention to detail have earned recognition among the market's leading associates.

- **JOÃO MIRANDA DE SOUSA** (*Partner*)

EXCELLENT: TRADEMARKS

Widely recognised for his expertise in trademark protection and brand strategy, he advises domestic and international clients on the management and enforcement of valuable IP portfolios. Clients highlight his “exceptional technical knowledge” and ability to navigate complex cross-border matters with ease.

PLMJ

The highly regarded firm advises on the protection, enforcement, and commercialization of intellectual property rights across domestic and international markets. Its practice is particularly noted for "handling sophisticated disputes and strategic portfolio management matters" for leading brands and innovators.

KEY LAWYERS:

- **HUGO MONTEIRO DE QUEIRÓS** (*Partner*)

ELITE: TRADEMARKS / DESIGN / PATENTS

Distinguished by his broad IP practice, the professional advises on trademarks, designs and patents across both contentious and non-contentious matters. He is valued for delivering pragmatic solutions that align legal protection with commercial objectives.

- **EDUARDO NOGUEIRA PINTO** (*Partner, Head of Healthcare, Life Sciences & Pharmaceuticals Practice Area*)

EXCELLENT: LIFE SCIENCES

A leading practitioner in the life sciences sector, he advises pharmaceutical, biotechnology and healthcare companies on regulatory and strategic matters. Commended for his "deep industry knowledge" and ability to provide practical solutions to highly complex issues.

SÉRVULO & ASSOCIADOS

The firm is noted for its strong litigation practice covering patents, trademarks, copyright, and distribution-related disputes, with particular prominence in life sciences. Clients commend the team's responsiveness and efficiency in addressing complex legal and commercial challenges.

KEY LAWYERS:

- **MARIANA COSTA PINTO** (*Partner*)

EXCELLENT: LIFE SCIENCES

A trusted adviser to pharmaceutical, healthcare, and life sciences companies, she assists clients with regulatory, compliance, and innovation-related matters. Known for her practical guidance, she is valued for delivering "clear and business-focused advice" in highly regulated environments.

ANDERSEN IN PORTUGAL

The firm is known for advising on trademarks, copyrights, patents, technology transfer, and IP litigation, serving both domestic and international clients. Clients praise its "comprehensive, exhaustive, and rigorous approach", combined with close communication and swift responses to complex matters.

KEY LAWYERS:

- **GONÇALO GIL BARREIROS** (*Partner*)

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED: LIFE SCIENCES

Combining regulatory and commercial expertise, he supports life sciences companies through complex legal and compliance challenges. His pragmatic approach and sector knowledge have earned praise from clients seeking commercially minded advice in regulated industries.

- **PEDRO REBELO TAVARES** (*Senior Associate*)

RECOMMENDED: TRADEMARKS / DESIGN

A recognised figure in the Portuguese IP market, he advises clients on trademark and design protection strategies, with particular strength in complex brand-related matters. Described as "highly knowledgeable and commercially astute", noting his ability to anticipate risks and opportunities alike.

ANTAS DA CUNHA ECIJA

Leveraging strong expertise in intellectual property and digital law, the team advises on trademarks, copyright, licensing, domain names, and related disputes. Particularly valued by technology-driven businesses seeking practical guidance on innovation, brand protection, and data-related matters.

KEY LAWYERS:

- **LÍDIA NEVES** (*Of Counsel, Head of IP Practice Area*)

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED: DESIGN / ADVERTISING / TRADEMARKS

Recognised for her multifaceted IP practice, she advises clients on trademark protection, design rights and advertising law matters. Clients appreciate her "pragmatic and commercially focused approach", particularly when navigating brand-related challenges across competitive markets.

BAS - SOCIEDADE DE ADVOGADOS

A well-regarded firm offering tailored advice on trademark protection, copyright, licensing, and commercial exploitation of intellectual assets. Its client-focused approach and business-oriented mindset make it a trusted adviser for companies navigating evolving IP challenges.

KEY LAWYERS:

- **CLÁUDIA MONGE** (*Partner*)

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED: LIFE SCIENCES

A highly experienced adviser in the life sciences field, she supports pharmaceutical and healthcare companies on regulatory, compliance and market access issues. Clients describe her as “knowledgeable, approachable and extremely reliable”, highlighting her ability to deliver practical solutions in demanding environments.

CEREJEIRA NAMORA, MARINHO FALCÃO

The firm is widely recognised for providing strategic support across trademarks, patents, copyright, and unfair competition matters, with experience in both contentious and advisory work. Clients particularly appreciate its “availability and commitment” as well as its ability to provide clear, commercially focused guidance.

KEY LAWYERS:

- **GONÇALO CEREJEIRA NAMORA** (*Partner*)

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED: PATENTS

With extensive experience in patent-related matters, he advises innovative businesses on the protection and enforcement of their technological assets. Valued by clients for his “availability and strategic vision”, particularly in technically demanding disputes and advisory mandates.

SPS ADVOGADOS

The firm is recognised for advising on the registration, enforcement, and commercialisation of intellectual property rights across multiple sectors. Sources highlight the team's "availability and dedication", noting its responsiveness and commitment to achieving practical outcomes for clients.

KEY LAWYERS:

- **SARA HENRIQUES** (*Partner*)

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED: *COPYRIGHT / ADVERTISING*

The professional is known for her work at the intersection of copyright, media and advertising law, advising clients on the protection and commercial exploitation of creative assets. She is appreciated for her "efficient and solution-driven approach" and ability to balance legal risk with business objectives.

CCA LAW FIRM

Highly regarded for its sophisticated IP practice, the firm advises on trademarks, patents, copyright, technology transfer, and licensing arrangements. The team is described as "highly business-oriented" and is commended for its ability to deliver "practical and effective solutions" tailored to commercial objectives.

KEY LAWYERS:

- **CLÁUDIA XARA-BRASIL** (*Of Counsel*)

RECOMMENDED: *TRADEMARKS / DESIGN*

Recognised for her expertise in trademarks and design rights, she advises clients on the development, protection and enforcement of IP portfolios. Sources highlight her strong client service and strategic perspective, with one noting her ability to deliver "effective and business-focused solutions" across challenging matters.

DOWER LAW FIRM

Known for delivering practical and commercially focused solutions to both emerging and established businesses, the firm offers specialized advice on intellectual property protection, brand management, copyright, and innovation-related matters.

KEY LAWYERS:

- **CLÁUDIA CARVALHO** (*Principal Associate*)

RECOMMENDED: TRADEMARKS

Known for her dedication to brand protection strategies, she assists clients with trademark prosecution, portfolio management, and enforcement matters. She is valued for her responsiveness and ability to provide clear, business-oriented solutions to complex IP issues.

- **EDUARDO MARQUES**

(*Founding and Managing Partner, Head of Corporate, M&A, Labour and Data Protection Practice Area*)

RECOMMENDED: TRADEMARKS

A trusted adviser on trademark matters, he supports clients in protecting and strengthening their brands across diverse industries. Clients commend his "attention to detail and strategic mindset", highlighting his effectiveness in both contentious and non-contentious matters.

MIRANDA & ASSOCIADOS

The well-known firm brings extensive experience in intellectual property, technology, and regulatory matters, particularly in innovation-driven and highly regulated sectors. Its lawyers are valued for their "deep knowledge of the sectors in which they operate" and their ability to navigate complex, multi-jurisdictional issues.

KEY LAWYERS:

- **JOÃO LUIS TRAÇA** (*Partner*)

RECOMMENDED: COPYRIGHT

Distinguished by his work in copyright law, he assists clients with the protection, exploitation, and enforcement of creative and cultural assets. He is valued for his thoughtful advice and is described as "an excellent partner for complex copyright issues", combining legal precision with practical insight.

PBBR

Combining litigation expertise with strategic advisory work, the team assists clients with trademarks, copyright, unfair competition, and related disputes. Particularly noted for providing pragmatic solutions in complex commercial and intellectual property matters.

KEY LAWYERS:

- **RITA ROQUE DE PINHO** (*Partner, Head of Life Sciences Practice Area*)

RECOMMENDED: LIFE SCIENCES

The professional Focuses on the life sciences sector, advising pharmaceutical, healthcare, and biotechnology companies on regulatory and strategic matters. Her ability to combine technical legal expertise with commercial understanding has earned praise from clients operating in highly regulated environments.

VASCONCELOS ADVOGADOS

A recognised firm for its work in trademark, copyright, and patent matters, assisting clients with both portfolio management and enforcement strategies. Sources highlight the firm's "close relationship with clients" and its efficient, solution-oriented approach to protecting valuable intangible assets.

KEY LAWYERS:

- **JOÃO PEIXE** (*Partner*)

RECOMMENDED

The well-known professional brings extensive experience in intellectual property matters, advising clients on the protection, management, and enforcement of valuable intangible assets.



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