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At **AKLEA**, which opened in January 2009, the IP/IT and media department is managed by Anne-Marie Pecoraro who previously led the practice at **Bignon Lebray & Associés**. Pecoraro has a long-standing reputation and is recommended for the 'seriousness of her work'. She heads up an 'efficient and friendly' team.

August & Debouzy handles advisory and contentious work in relation to trade mark protection domestically and internationally, under the directorship of Mahasti Razavi and Kami Haeri. The practice has benefited from the recent arrival of Christian Charrière-Bournazel, a renowned art and literary rights lawyer.

Clifford Chance advises on trade mark and patent matters, including litigation. Christian Lachèze and Jean-Frédéric Gaultier, who is 'extremely competent' and has 'good understanding of how to work with American clients', are recognised in the sports industry. The team manages the French trade mark portfolio of Fédération Française de Football, Kimberly-Clark and Gap, and recently represented The Times before the Paris criminal court in a libel litigation case against the Barclays twins, owners of the Telegraph. Other clients include EADS, Airbus, Carrefour and Lagardère.

OTHER RECOMMENDED FIRMS

BMH Avocats – Breitenstein Hauser ☼
Bersay & Associés ☼
CMS Bureau Francis Lefebvre ☼
Carbonnier Lamaze Rasle & Associés
Carreras, Barsikian, Robertson & Associés
Coblence & Associés
Cotty Vivant Marchisio & Lauzeral
Courtois Lebel
DLA Piper ☼
DS Avocats
Dewey & LeBoeuf ☼
Ernst & Young Société d'Avocats
Eversheds LLP
Field Fisher Waterhouse
Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer
Ginestí Magellan Paley-Vincent
Granrut Avocats
Jones Day ☼
LMT Avocats ☼
Lamy & Associés ☼
Lartigue Tournois & Associés ☼
Lefèvre Pelletier & associés ☼
PDGB
Proskauer Rose LLP ☼
Simmons & Simmons ☼
Staub Bénichou & Associés
Taylor Wessing ☼
UGGC & Associés
Veil Jourde ☼
Vivien & Juvigny
WAN Avocats

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At **Denton Wilde Sapte**, Stephan Naumann heads the firm's technology media and telecoms practice, which is recommended in IP as 'available at short notice and responsive'. Clients are drawn from advertising, pharmaceutical, movie and distribution industries, and expertise encompasses patents, trade marks and copyrights. Recent highlights include successfully representing Colgate-Palmolive in a dispute brought by Lascad relating to Colgate-Palmolive's Tahiti deodorants; and Arch Water Products in a patent infringement dispute relating to pool cleaners.

Hogan & Hartson MNP's practice, headed by the 'impressive' Xavier Buffet Delmas, is 'highly reactive' and has 'very good knowledge of copyright law'. The team also deals with litigation and trade mark matters. The Paris practice has clients from a wide range of industries (Danone, L'Oréal, MySpace). The team assisted Ford Motor Company on the French IP aspects attached to the sale of Jaguar and Land Rover, and Nintendo of America of the IP aspects of its launch of new games in Europe.

At **NomoS**, Héléna Delabarre and Eric Lauvaux are recommended for IP law, advising clients in the music and media industry.

Intellectual property:

Boutiques

Armengaud Guerlain is well renowned, with recognised expertise in trade marks with Stéphane Guerlain, and in patents with Jacques Armengaud, notably in the pharmaceutical industry.

Cousin & Moatty is one of leading firms for patent litigation, especially in the pharmaceutical, chemistry and mechanical sectors. Pierre Cousin is recommended.

Cabinet Escande deals with trade marks, patents and designs, with expertise in the luxury, food and car sectors. Michel-Paul Escande is 'particularly excellent in unfair competition and label of origin matters'.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

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ARMENGAUD GUERLAIN
COUSIN & MOATTY
ESCANDE, CABINET
GAULTIER LAKITS SZLEPER
GILBEY DELOREY
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HOWREY LLP
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OTHER RECOMMENDED FIRMS

Borowsky & de Baecque
Casalonga Avocats
Corinne Champagner Katz
Damien Challamel – Avocat
EGAvocats
Feral-Schuhl/Sainte-Marie ☼
Gilles Vercken Avocats
Hoffman
Hugot Avocats
Cabinet Neuer
Nicolas Boespflug
Pierrat
Teissonnière Sardain Chevé
Wilhelm & Associés

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Gaultier Lakits Szleper specialises in industrial property law covering both patent and trade mark matters. The firm is highly regarded for its patent litigation practice, with experienced Geoffroy Gaultier recommended.

Gilbey Delorey is recommended for trade mark matters, with the 'open-minded' Richard Gilbey 'at ease in various legal environments'.

Greffe handles trade mark and patent matters under the leadership of François and Pierre Greffe. The firm represents advertising agencies and press editors.

Hollier-Larousse & Associés covers trade mark, patent, copyright and design matters. The practice is led by Christian Hollier-Larousse, Sandrine Bouvier-Ravon and Annette Sion.

Howrey LLP has one of the strongest teams in patents, led by Marina Cousté, the 'outstanding' Denis Monégier du Sorbier and François Jonquères. The practice, which also handles trade marks, is strong in the fashion and pharmaceutical industries. The team represented Essilor International in a patent and trade mark infringement case relating to a corrective lens, and Céline in a trade mark case.

Philippe Combeau offers a 'very good service'. IP expert Philippe Combeau has long-standing experience in patent and trade mark matters.

Véron & Associés is 'very knowledgeable on patent issues', with the team at the cutting edge of patent litigation. Pierre Véron is highly recommended as one of France's leading patent experts.

Intellectual property:

Patent and trade mark attorneys

This chapter introduces the best patent and trade mark attorneys in France (CPI – Conseils en Propriété Industrielle) which remains a distinct profession. CPI firms advise inventors on protecting