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Intellectual property

Boutiques

Armengaud Guerlain represents leading groups – especially luxury goods and healthcare companies – in patent and trade mark cases. The firm recently obtained the cancellation of a major veterinary product patent. Stéphane Guerlain, Jacques Armengaud and Catherine Mateu are recommended.

Casalonga Avocats handles major pharmaceuticals patent cases as well as retail trade marks. Arnaud Casalonga and Caroline Casalonga are the names to note.

Cousin & Associés is 'a good firm' for patent cases in the pharmaceuticals and wider life sciences fields. Pierre Cousin, Myriam Moatty, Jean-Martin Chevalier and Sandrine Bouvier-Ravon head the team.

Cabinet Escande advises prominent luxury goods and industrial clients on trade mark issues. Michel-Paul Escande is highly regarded.

Hoyng Monégier LLP is 'very efficient in patent litigation', particularly in the healthcare sector and has 'extremely high trade mark expertise'. Clients include L'Oréal, Freyssinet, AstraZeneca and LVMH. Denis Monégier du

Sorbier is 'an outstanding orator'; Sophie Micallef 'does not hesitate to look for new original angles'; Marie Georges-Picot is a trade mark and soft IP expert; and Benoît Strowel focuses on patents.

Cabinet Schertenleib is 'a small but effective patent litigation boutique' and ranks among the leading firms for life sciences cases. It excels at representing generics companies in proceedings against proprietary drug manufacturers. 'Seasoned litigator' Denis Schertenleib has 'a technical background that really helps for handling biotech cases'. Of counsel Ombeline Degreze-Péchade is also highly active.

The 'truly excellent' **Véron & Associés** is recognised as France's leading firm for patent litigation, particularly in the healthcare sector. Pierre Véron, Isabelle Romet, Thomas Bouvet, Sabine Agé and Amandine Métier are top professionals.

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Full-service firms

Allen & Overy LLP is 'extremely knowledgeable' about the life sciences industry, where the team advises leading pharmaceutical groups such as Merck Sharp & Dohme on patent protection and is representing Novartis in a case addressing the scope of supplementary protection certificates. In electronics and telecoms, the team is representing Samsung in French aspects of its worldwide battle with Apple Inc. Practice head Laëtitia Bénard is 'very bright, courageous and pushes frontiers'. The 'very responsive' David Por and counsel Alexandre Rudoni are also recommended.

Bird & Bird has a full-service IP practice with strong patent litigation skills and which handles telecoms, healthcare and electronics work. It is representing Actebis, Tech Data and ETC Metrologie in a high-profile MPEG standard patent dispute. Huawei is also a client. Practice head Yves Bizollon and Anne-Charlotte Le Bihan, who 'provides really good strategic advice', are the key figures along with trade mark experts Rebecca Delorey, Nathalie Ruffin and Marc Schuler.

Dentons' strong patent and trade mark team has been acting in a headline telecoms patent case and also won judicial recognition of Havianas figurative community trade mark. David Masson heads the firm's European practice, which includes the 'greatly experienced and organised' Isabelle Leroux, senior counsel Gérard Delile and senior consultant Michel Vivant.

Gide provides 'polished services' in patent litigation and 'outstanding' trade mark expertise. The 'high-quality team has considerable insight into the pharmaceuticals industry'; it also handles telecoms cases and is representing Nokia

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De Gaulle Fleurance & Associés ◊	
Dechert ◊	
Eversheds LLP ◊	
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Olswang France LLP	

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Networks in a patent infringement case with High Point. AP-HP Hospital is also a client. The team includes 'excellent strategic thinker' Arnaud Michel; Grégoire Triet, whose 'experience is vast and knowledge encyclopaedic'; Emmanuel Larere; and the 'very smart and pragmatic' Raphaëlle Dequière-Portier.

Hogan Lovells (Paris) LLP's 'very efficient team is capable of dealing with complex patent issues in short periods of time', and also advises on trade mark and domain names. It is involved in cross-border cases regarding chemicals, pharmaceuticals and electronics, and represented Eli Lilly in a dispute with Teva, which established that a second medical use claim may be patented. Other clients include Clarins, Facebook and Lego. Practice head Marie-Aimée de Dampierre is a highly regarded trade mark expert. Xavier Buffet Delmas addresses 'clients' queries with high-quality responses'; Stanislas Roux-Vaillard is 'very knowledgeable in patent matters and deeply involved in cases'; and David Taylor is a leading international expert in domain name issues.

August & Debouzy has 'precious expertise in the life sciences area' and 'unique know-how in cases mixing IP and public law issues'. The firm handles high-profile patent litigation and successfully defended Citroen Automobiles before the Court of Appeal and has been representing Teva in its battle with Sanofi. IP practice head Mahasti Razavi and Florence Chafiol-Chaumont are key figures along with Grégoire Desrousseaux, whose 'very high level of expertise and technique are major assets' in cases,

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OTHER RECOMMENDED FIRMS

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Arénaire ◊
Benoliel Avocats
Bilalian Avocats
Bouchara Avocats, Cabinet
Clairmont Avocats
Crefovi
Duclos Thorne Mollet-Viéville & Associés
HBC Avocats
HMV Avocats
Hollier-Larousse & Associés
Jacobacci
Kern, Weyl & Andréani
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