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**Neel Mason**

Mason &amp; Associates (New Delhi)

**Vikrant Rana**

SS Rana &amp; Co (New Delhi)

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**Hemant Singh**

Inttl Advocare - IP Attorneys (New Delhi)

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**Prathiba M Singh**

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firm. An "excellent litigator, extremely tenacious and hardworking", she wins plaudits for her modern and practical approach.

**SS Rana & Co**

This compact, family-run boutique covers the gamut of trademark services, from filing to litigation. Recent highlights include representing McDonald's in a dispute over the 'M' logo; the firm also has major international clients in the leisure sector. It provides an "outstanding service with very proactive and responsive lawyers". Clients report a high level of satisfaction with both the service provided and the fees charged. The "excellent" **Vikrant Rana** is a partner at the firm, particularly rated for his "knowledge, responsiveness and high success rate".

**ZeusIP Advocates**

This boutique has made an impact that belies its size and youth. Although only set up in 2003,

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it is hailed as "an extremely good firm that is challenging some of the big players". The growing team is particularly commended for its speed of response and depth of analysis. It has acted for a number of multinational mobile phone companies, especially on enforcement work. Managing partner **Gunjan Paharia** is "a highly responsive and knowledgeable" practitioner who has trained her staff to the same high standard.

**Other recommended experts**

Formerly at Anand and Anand, **Neel Mason** recently set up his own firm - Mason & Associates - focusing on trademark and copyright matters, across the entertainment and publishing industries in particular. He handles a mix of trademark work, but remains best known for contentious matters; he is "a brilliant lawyer who has done a lot of litigation". Inttl Advocare's **Hemant Singh** enjoys strong market recognition

## Singh, Hemant

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Hemant Singh is a well-known IP litigator in India, as well as managing partner and founder member of leading IP law firm Inttl Advocare - IP Attorneys. He joined the Bar in 1984 and ever since has practised exclusively in the field of IP rights. He has been involved in significant judicial pronouncements emanating from various courts in India. Under Mr Singh's leadership, Inttl Advocare has grown steadily from having national to international clientele. He has handled over 1,400 IP litigations in various courts and has argued complex legal issues in the IP field, such as what constitutes prior use regarding an overseas brand owner; the requirement of trademark usage to constitute infringement; the use of a trademark by an ancillary industry falling within permitted use and exceptions to infringement; inventive step and the obviousness test for valid patents; the exclusion of a functional and utilitarian shape as a trademark; an injunction against the parallel import of goods in India; proprietary rights in respect of generic and descriptive marks; the requirement of compliance with the principles of natural justice in a case involving the renewal of lapsed trademark registrations; and estoppel against a licensee challenging the proprietary right of a licensor.

Mr Singh is chairman of the IP Committee of the oldest Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry in India, and is involved in various ongoing debates and deliberations to strengthen further IP protection and enforcement in India.

He is a keen participant in several trademark and trade name sub-committees of several IP rights bodies, including the International Trademark Association and the Asian Patent Attorneys Association. He has also authored several articles published in various IP magazines worldwide, and has spoken on various IP topics in various countries.

Mr Singh is a registered patent agent and is involved in number of patent litigations involving complex patent issues.



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