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Intellectual Property Disputes

IP Disputes Law Firm in India for Patents, Trademarks, and Copyright Litigation

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Overview

Sophisticated Advocacy in High-Value IP and Personality Rights Conflicts

Our Intellectual Property Disputes practice advises and represents clients in complex, high-stakes disputes involving intellectual property and personality rights, where legal outcomes directly affect brand value, market position, and commercial strategy. We act for rights holders, technology companies, media entities, creators, public figures, and enterprises in matters requiring technical depth, strategic judgment, and experienced advocacy.

With extensive experience across contentious proceedings involving patents, trademarks, copyrights, designs, trade secrets, and personality rights, our team delivers integrated dispute strategies that are legally rigorous and commercially attuned. We appear regularly before Commercial Courts, High Courts, and the Supreme Court of India, and coordinate with international counsel in cross-border disputes.

Our Services

Patent Disputes

We represent clients in technically complex patent disputes, including:

- Patent infringement actions and validity challenges
- Revocation proceedings and counterclaims
- Pre-grant and post-grant opposition proceedings
- Standard Essential Patent (SEP) and FRAND-related disputes
- Pharmaceutical and life sciences litigation, including biosimilars
- Compulsory licensing and government use matters
- Interim and final injunctive relief and damages claims

Trademark & Brand Disputes

Our trademark disputes practice focuses on safeguarding brand integrity through:

- Trademark infringement and passing off actions
- Trade dress, packaging, and get-up disputes
- Well-known trademark recognition and enforcement
- Bad faith adoption, trademark squatting, and domain name disputes
- Comparative advertising and unfair competition litigation
- Cross-border brand enforcement and coordination

Copyright, Media & Personality Rights Disputes

We advise on contentious matters involving creative works, digital content, and individual identity rights, including:

- Copyright infringement actions and anti-piracy enforcement
- Software and technology copyright disputes
- Digital content, OTT, and platform-related litigation
- John Doe and other injunctive relief proceedings
- Personality rights enforcement relating to name, image, likeness, voice, and reputation
- Unauthorized endorsements, deepfakes, and misuse of celebrity or influencer identity
- Defamation-adjacent IP claims and reputation-centric injunctions
- Intermediary liability and notice-and-takedown actions

Design Disputes

We assist clients in disputes involving product aesthetics and visual identity, including:

- Design infringement and piracy actions
- Design cancellation and validity proceedings
- GUI and digital interface disputes
- Strategic management of overlapping design, copyright, and trademark rights

Trade Secrets & Confidential Information

We represent clients in disputes involving proprietary information and confidential know-how, including:

- Trade secret misappropriation and breach of confidence claims
- Employee mobility and post-termination disputes
- Technology theft and unfair competition actions
- Interim relief, evidence preservation, and enforcement strategies

Enforcement & Interim Relief

We are experienced in securing urgent and effective remedies, including:

- Ad-interim and ex-parte injunctions
- Anton Piller and John Doe orders
- Customs recordal enforcement and border measures
- Criminal complaints, raids, and anti-counterfeiting actions
- Online enforcement against infringing digital platforms

Strategic Dispute Resolution

In addition to litigation, we advise clients on:

- Pre-litigation risk assessment and dispute strategy
- Cease-and-desist actions and enforcement negotiations
- Mediation and arbitration of IP, media, and technology disputes
- Structuring settlements and dispute-driven commercial solutions

Key Highlights

We regularly represent clients across sectors including:

- Technology, software, AI, and digital platforms
- Pharmaceuticals and life sciences
- Media, entertainment, sports, and influencer-driven businesses
- Manufacturing and engineering
- Fashion, luxury, and consumer goods

Clients value our IP disputes practice for:

- Depth of technical and industry-specific expertise
- Experience before all major judicial and administrative forums
- Strategic, measured, and outcome-focused advocacy
- Ability to manage complex, multi-jurisdictional disputes
- Integration with our advisory and transactional IP teams

Our Intellectual Property Disputes practice provides rigorous legal representation designed to protect innovation, identity, and reputation while advancing long-term commercial interests.

Key Professionals



Vinod P.V.
Senior Partner



Abha Shah
Partner



Arpita Dutta
Partner

Frequently Asked Questions

Q1 What does an intellectual property disputes practice actually cover?

It covers contentious proceedings involving patents, trademarks, copyrights, designs, trade secrets, and personality rights. This includes infringement actions, validity challenges, injunctions, damages claims, and enforcement across courts and appellate forums in India.

Q2 When should a business engage IP litigation counsel rather than waiting?

Early engagement is critical when you detect infringement, receive a cease and desist notice, or face opposition proceedings. Delay can weaken injunction prospects, allow infringing goods to saturate the market, and reduce recoverable damages significantly.

Q3 Which Indian statutes and forums govern intellectual property disputes?

Key statutes include the Patents Act 1970, Trade Marks Act 1999, Copyright Act 1957, Designs Act 2000, and the IT Act for digital matters. Disputes are heard in Commercial Courts, High Courts, the IPAB's successor forums, and the Supreme Court of India.

Q4 How long does a typical IP infringement case take in Indian courts?

Interim injunction applications in Commercial Courts can be heard within weeks if urgency is shown. Final disposal typically takes two to four years depending on complexity, volume of evidence, and court workload. SEP and patent cases often run longer due to technical issues.

Q5 What documents should a client prepare before filing an IP dispute?

Key documents include registration certificates, evidence of prior use or creation, sales and revenue records, samples of infringing material, correspondence with the opposing party, and licence agreements. For patents, prior art searches and claim charts are also essential.

Q6 What common mistakes do rights holders make in IP enforcement?

A frequent error is filing suit without preserving evidence of infringement through notarised purchases or screenshots. Another is neglecting trademark renewals or patent maintenance fees, which weakens enforcement standing. Poorly drafted cease and desist notices can also undermine later court proceedings.

Related Practice Areas

Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) | Copyright | Design Services | Geographical Indications & Traditional Knowledge | IP Enforcement & Litigation | IP Transactions & Commercialization | Trade Secrets & Confidential Information | Trademark