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Ongoing backlogs at the Indian trademark office can significantly delay the registration of rights. Practitioners are divided on how best to remedy the issue; some suggest that the lengthy postexamination procedures are in need of curtailment. For its part, the government has taken on a new tranche of employees to handle IP matters. Meanwhile, filings remain steady, thanks to positive economic tailwinds, and enterprises both large and small are vigorously defending their rights. As the consumer space becomes more competitive, brand owners are increasingly finding themselves embroiled in courtroom brawls; while the growth of e-commerce is also being exploited by infringers and counterfeiters. The merger of Singh & Singh and Lall & Sethi dominated the headlines in 2015; market commentators also shared their views on the break-up of full service giant Amarchand & Mangaldas & Suresh A Shroff & Co.



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Consummate professional Gowree Gokhale has carved a niche advising on IP, gaming and healthcare law; he plies his trade at Nishith Desai Associates. Both amiable practitioner and tenacious courtroom champ, GroverLaw founding partner Vikram Grover is an authority on soft IP issues. Jose Antony Madan earns plaudits for his vast knowledge base and abundant experience; the executive director of Khaitan & Co is a star in both the patent and trademark spheres. Mason & Associates is captained by the supremely capable Neel Mason, who has lately been making waves on the IP scene. Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas is the new home of Ranjan Negi; the skilled advocate moved from Shardul IP in May 2015. Neolegal Associates' Xerxes Ranina is a corporate law maven and a deep font of soft IP wisdom. A frequent fixture in must-win litigation, Amarjit & Associates' Amarjit Singh possesses a brilliant tactical mind. Young gun Sushant Singh leads from the front at Sushant M Singh & Associates; his victories in crucial trademark disputes have drawn admiring glances.

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