

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Patent and trade mark attorneys

Beau de Loménie, Cabinet ¹
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Marks & Clerk
Novagraaf Technologies SA
Plasseraud, Cabinet
Regimbeau
SantarelliDidier Martin, Cabinet
Harlé et Phélip, Cabinet
IXAS ConseilFirms are listed A-Z within tiers¹ indicates firm displays contact details at the end of this chapter

stamping document software to assist clients with the management of immaterial rights. The firm represents many CAC 40 and multinational companies. It has offices in Paris, Lyon, Toulouse, Clermont-Ferrand, Rennes and Munich, and works in collaboration with law firm **Lavoix Avocats**.

Media and entertainment

Boutiques

Media and entertainment boutiques are listed alphabetically here:

Bauer & Bigot is a key adviser in the news press and magazines sector where the firm represents high-profile French and foreign titles. The practice is also involved in the publishing field, acting for large publishers. Christophe Bigot and Camille Bauer are strongly recommended.

Borowsky & de Baecque's Sophie Borowsky is well established in the movie and TV industries where she represents European producers, some major US studios and investors in the negotiation of movie or TV series production and distribution agreements, litigation and tax. Olivier de Baecque advises estates of contemporary and legacy artists, as well as museums and galleries on a whole range of matters including copyright, contract law, art recovery and counterfeiting proceedings.

Gilles Vercken Avocats has extensive experience advising TV broadcasters and press groups on a whole range of matters including

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Boutiques Art

Borowsky & de Baecque ¹
Hugotavocats
Neuer, Cabinet**MEDIA AND ENTERTAINMENT**

Boutiques Book publishers

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Gilles Vercken Avocats
Hugotavocats
Pierrat**MEDIA AND ENTERTAINMENT**

Boutiques Cinema

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contractual negotiation, copyright and IT matters. It also has 'very specialised knowledge of the publishing industry', and advises major book publishers and music producers and artists, and has strong know-how regarding negotiations with collective rights societies. This 'very responsive' team provides 'in-depth analyses'. Gilles Vercken is 'brilliant'.

Led by Jean-Philippe Hugot and Olivier Hugot, **Hugotavocats** has a strong knowledge of copyright, IP and the internet. It acts for a major French book publisher and represents art galleries, artists and artist estates.

Laude Esquier Champey acts for movie production companies such as Quinta Communications in litigation relating to movie production and distribution issues, and is also regularly instructed by websites to launch libel proceedings against newspapers and magazines. In the TV sector, it is adviser to TV broadcaster Direct 8. Olivier Laude, Victor Champey and Sophie Havard Duclos are the main partners.

Martine Coisne is 'one of the leading references' in the audiovisual field.

Art specialist Jean-Jacques Neuer at **Cabinet Neuer** represents art galleries, painters, sculptors and artist estates. He regularly acts in recovery proceedings.

Nicolas Boespflug is a strong name in the music sector, and also handles radio and print media work.

PRD Avocats' 'highly tenacious' and 'dynamic' team shows an 'acute understanding of press law, image rights and audiovisual-related litigation'. Pierre-Randolph Dufau is an 'excellent press lawyer recognised by peers and magistrates', and Anne-Sophie Carlus is also recommended.

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Boutiques Music

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Boutiques Newspapers and magazines

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Laude Esquier Champey
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PRD Avocats
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Boutiques TV/radio

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The firm is adviser to the NextRadioTV Group, and regularly defends the group and its journalists in defamation proceedings. It also acts for many leading national and regional newspapers.

Pierrat is regarded as the leading firm for publishing contracts and litigation.

Teissonnière Sardain Chevé is adviser to French newspaper *Le Figaro* as well as several magazines. The firm also assists audiovisual producers such as TéléParis and La Chaîne Météo. Frédéric Sardain is the main contact. Laurence Chevé is expert in sports law.

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Full-service firms

Carreras, Barsikian, Robertson & Associés is expert in the music, audiovisual and sports industries. Leading figure Alain Barsikian advises on contractual and tax matters pertaining to music tours, merchandising issues and the signing of new musicians. In the audiovisual sector, Olivier Sprung is adviser to TV channel TF1, Pierre-Olivier Chartier has handled major litigations in the area, and the firm also advises several independent movie producers. In sports law, Judith Vuillez acts for Adidas regarding sponsorship, distribution and litigation matters.