

# INDIA FIRMS TO



## Beruar & Beruar

*Year established: 2018*

*Office locations: New Delhi, Mumbai, Ranchi*

*Number of partners: 4*

IP boutique Beruar & Beruar was established in New Delhi in January last year with two partners and four associates; since then, it has added two more partners, and offices in Mumbai and Ranchi. The fee-earner count currently stands at 11. The firm already has a wide client base in industries such as education and publishing, media and entertainment, automotive and auto components, leisure, travel and hospitality, pharmaceuticals, energy & power generation, agriculture, manufacturing, fashion and luxury goods and biotechnology. Among key team members, the firm names co-founder Nidhi Jain, a seasoned litigator with over 13 years of experience in civil and commercial litigation as well as arbitration, who “has seamlessly laid the foundation of our dispute resolution practice, representing clients in varied contentious matters before various for a throughout the country.” The firm says it is working on expanding scope of services offered. “We aim to grow our design and patent vertical, bringing it to the same footing as the other verticals and are in the process of acquiring experienced attorneys in this field. Additionally, with the rapid development of data protection framework in India, the firm further plans to build an extensive privacy law and data protection practice,” says Beruar & Beruar.

## C&C Advisors

*Year established: 2017*

*Office location: Mumbai*

*Number of partners: 2*

C&C Advisors specializes in environment, energy and resources law, probably the first practice of its kind in India, and a rarity even globally. The firm advises NGOs, companies, international funding agencies, governments and universities on matters including water, biodiversity, renewable energy and clean-tech, oceans conservation and regulation of global value chains. It also aims to act as a bridge between the government and the private sector, as well as between Europe and India on specific deals. Started in May 2017 by Ipshita Chaturvedi with the aim of focusing on sustainable development and helping entities mainstream environmentally sound laws and business behaviour, the firm has hired three consultants in the last year for its biodiversity, oceans and pharma supply chain projects. And client interest is also picking up; since December 2018, C&C landed two more retainerships and is now plugging into much bigger projects. “My vision for C&C is to develop an India-specific environment and clean energy legal practice that encompasses all aspects of the sector, so that future lawyers who want to work in conservation and sustainability can do so while getting paid a decent salary and without having to choose between a career in advocacy and litigation or commercial law,” says Chaturvedi.

## Clasis Law

*Year established: 2010*

*Office locations: New Delhi, Mumbai*

*Number of partners: 4*

Known for a number of years as Clyde & Co’s Indian “best friend,” Clasis Law’s formal relationship with the UK firm ended in 2018, and it presently has four partners, led by managing partner Vineet Aneja. In the past year, the firm has hired eight lawyers across its Delhi and Mumbai offices, but Clasis is also expanding in different ways: It recently started a start-up and emerging company practice with the intention of having a one-stop shop to assist start-ups in ensuring that their business is undertaken in a legally compliant manner and that they are investment ready. Clasis has also developed a focus on data privacy laws in light of the EU GDPR and the proposed Personal Data Protection Bill, 2018. “We have a dedicated team analysing foreign legislations, as applicable to Indian businesses and the upcoming bill on the subject to develop expertise in this practice area,” says Clasis. Finally, it is looking to expand its handling of white-collar crimes, including advising clients on compliance issues, ring fencing under the anti-corruption laws and handling matters of employee misconduct, terminations and litigation involving corporate corruption. White-collar crimes and data privacy will continue to be a key focus in the next 12 months.