

# The Legal 500: Wanhuida receives top-tier firm ranking for IP contentious and non-contentious, five lawyers recommended

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In the latest *"The Legal 500 Greater China 2024"*, which is launched on November 15, 2023, Wanhuida Intellectual Property has been rated as a TIER-1 PRC FIRM in both categories of "Intellectual Property: Contentious" and "Intellectual property: Non-contentious".

According to *The Legal 500*, "with footprints spanning major IP hubs in China", Wanhuida is "praised for its solid track record" and is "best placed to handle the full scope of contentious and non-contentious IP matters". The firm is commended for being "very creative and proactive in solving problems", with "all questions answered quickly and reliably" and "pragmatic solutions developed". Its team is applauded for being "very knowledgeable about the industry, highly professional and provide quick feedback" and for being capable of providing "excellent patent application and maintenance services". Clients acknowledge the firm's expertise and offering of "full-process intellectual property solutions" by a team "cooperating closely" and in concert with "experts in different fields" to "serve the same client".

BAI Gang, the firm's Founding Partner and Management Committee Chair, is inducted, four years in a row, into *The Legal 500 Hall of Fame*, which is exclusively reserved for lawyers that are widely regarded as being at the very top of the profession.

BAI Gang, along with three fellow members from the firm's Management Committee, Dr. HUANG Hui, REN Haiyan and Dr. S. Sam LI, and partner Zegang (Bruce) Yu are listed as Recommended Lawyers. Bruce makes his debut this year for being "a key name to note for trade secrets, OEM-related disputes and IP infringement matters".

On top of the aforesaid individuals, the firm's Partners Jason YAO, TANG Tiejun, ZHANG Shuhua, XIE Minnan and WANG Yuming are listed as Other Key Lawyers. Lauded as a lawyer with "extremely high case management experience and capabilities", Jason is praised for being "good at combining legal and commercial values, putting himself in the shoes of clients, and providing valuable advice". ZHANG Shuhua impresses clients as being "a very committed litigation partner who prepares the proceedings very well and conducts them in a stringent manner".

Wanhuida has received, since 2012, top-tier accolade from *The Legal 500 Asia Pacific*, thirteen years in a row.

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