

## The Legal 500: Wanhuida receives top-tier firm ranking for IP contentious and non-contentious, 5 lawyers recommended

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In the latest "The Legal 500 Greater China 2025", which is launched on November 20, 2024, 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, Wanhuida is "a specialist *IP firm that excels in both litigation and prosecution matters*". The endorsement is substantiated by satisfactory clients, commending the firm as a "full-service *IP law firm*" with "partners and attorneys fulfilling 100% to their satisfaction" by offering "timely, effective, and commercially astute solutions to issues and challenges in the ever-evolving business and legal landscape in Mainland China" to multi-national corporations. The firm's teams of practitioners are praised for having "profound understanding, knowledge and passion for the client's industry, business and products", and for being "very direct and transparent in advising", "consistently delivering results which has exceeded client's expectations for more than 12 years". Clients acknowledge the firm's "professional team division and English proficiency" and the proactiveness in "providing value-added services, such as intellectual property knowledge training". The firm's "key advantages" are identified as "full-process intellectual property services, outstanding expert partners and diligent lawyers", with "more in-depth insights and cooperation between teams" distinguishing it from rival law firms.

Bai Gang, the firm's Founding Partner and Management Committee Chair, is inducted, five years in a row, into The Legal 500 Hall of Fame, which is exclusively reserved for lawyers that are regarded as being at the very top of the profession, widely known and respected by peers and clients for their longstanding involvement in market-leading work.

Bai Gang and four fellow members from the firm's Management Committee, Dr. Huang Hui, Ren Haiyan, Dr. S. Sam Li and Jason Yao are listed as Recommended Lawyers. Sam is lauded as *"the go-to for patent cases"*, while Jason is *"noted for his expertise in handling trade mark counterfeiting and unfair competition cases"*.

On top of the aforesaid individuals, the firm's Partners Yang Mingming, Du Binbin and He Wei, alongside with Senior Associate Ren Yanfei are listed as Other Key Lawyers. Jason and Yanfei are highly praised by the clients *"for their service quality"*, with Jason singled out and commended for *"his deep understanding of business"*, *"accurate understanding of the business needs of clients"*, and the ability to "propose highly practical solutions for clients and handle difficult and complex dispute cases". Du Binbin and Yang Mingming receive client's recognition for offering *"timely and professional legal advice"* and for *"always understanding the client's needs"*. Wanhuida has received, since 2012, top-tier accolade from The Legal 500 Asia Pacific, fourteen years in a row.

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