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Richard Gilbey is a founding partner of the Paris law firm *Gilbey Legal*, which specialises in intellectual and industrial property law.

It offers full services in these fields, from preliminary advice and clearance searches for trademarks, through filing and prosecution of trademarks and designs internationally, to enforcement, litigation and licensing aspects of trade marks, designs and copyright, including customs enforcement.

The practice includes representing French and foreign clients before the Community trademarks and designs registry, including representation up to the EU Courts of Justice. The firm also assists in trademark and trade dress regulatory, labelling and advertising issues, and domain names registration and disputes.

Richard is assisted by four *avocats*, all members of the Paris Bar (Jehan-Philippe Jacquey, Joanne Quirin, Richard Metzger and Arnaud Lellinger) as well as by a highly competent paralegal staff headed by Cécile Chabane.

Richard Gilbey is fully bilingual. He graduated in law from the Queen's College, Oxford. After studying comparative law in France, he qualified as a solicitor in the UK where he practised for three years. He then obtained postgraduate degrees in European Community law and industrial property law from Strasbourg University. He spent two years as a researcher and teacher at the University of Strasbourg Intellectual Property Centre (CEIPI).

After seven years heading the trademarks and designs departments of life sciences companies *Synthelabo* and *Sanofi*, he set up *Gilbey Legal* in December 1992.

Richard Gilbey is a lecturer at the CEIPI Intellectual Property Centre of the University of Strasbourg.

Richard Gilbey is a frequent speaker at French and international trademark conferences (APRAM, INTA, PTMG, ECTA) and a member of the advisory board of the intellectual property department of Akron University, Ohio. He has given seminars for AIPPI Japan and has had articles published in the *AIPPI Japan Review*.

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TRADEMARKS

2015 began with several high-profile trademark matters. The Court of Paris recently reached a decision finding no trademark infringement, no counterfeiting and no unfair competition in a case brought by Gucci against Guess. The decision saw Gucci's request for 55 million euros in damages denied. Furthermore, France's IP office rejected 50 trademark applications for 'Je suis Charlie'. In this active sphere, we identify 27 leading lawyers.

Gide Loyrette Nouel leads the research with three lawyers singled out.

Emmanuel Larere is a specialist in trademark law advising leading brands in the luxury goods, sport apparel and jeanswear sectors. **Arnaud Michel** is a "great practitioner" specialising in trademarks and designs. He is a "delight to work with" and a "valuable asset to any team". **Grégoire Triet** has wide-ranging experience in copyright, unfair competition and trademark cases.

At Gilbey Legal, **Richard Gilbey** has over 25 years' experience in trademark law. He previously worked in-house as head of trademarks and provides "invaluable commercial insight" to his clients. **Richard Metzger** concentrates on contentious and non-contentious trademark matters and is "simply superb".

Dentons has two listings in this chapter. **Isabelle Leroux** is "first rate" at coordinating IP litigation in Europe and worldwide; she is praised as a "great strategist". **Gérard Delile** is senior counsel in the Paris office specialising in IP litigation and counselling. His knowledge of trademark law is "unsurpassed".

Herbert Smith Freehills' **Alexandra Neri** is a "high profile" lawyer in Paris whose clients have included Google. Her trademark litigation abilities are "unrivalled" and she is continuously praised for her "diligent manner" and "winning courtroom style".

Rebecca Delorey at Bird & Bird focuses on trademarks and industrial designs; she handles contentious and transactional aspects of managing trademark assets.

Hirsch & Associés' **Marc-Roger Hirsch** is a "trademark expert". He is noted for his "excellent attention to detail" and "user-friendly manner".

Michel-Paul Escande at his own firm concentrates on IP law and is noted for his "vast knowledge" of trademark law.

At Cabinet de Candé et Blanchard, **Patrice de Candé** is a "notable presence" in the trademark legal market. He provides "sound advice" and is a "consummate professional".

Marie-Aimée de Dampierre is head of the IP, media and technology practice of Hogan Lovells in Paris. She advises on trademark and design prosecution including portfolio management and her recent work includes advising and representing a Belgian company against L'Oréal where the validity of the trademarks at stake is being challenged on the ground of loss of distinctive character and non-use.

Sodema Conseils is represented by chairman and partner **Lionel Lapeyre**. He is "greatly respected" for his work in the field and is "extremely smart", according to peers.

Evelyne Roux of Cabinet Regimbeau heads the trademark and design department. She is a lawyer and patent attorney who specialises in litigation.

At his own firm **Marc Sabatier** is recommended for his trademarks practice and is praised for having an "encyclopedic knowledge" of the sector.

Sandrine Bouvier-Ravon at Cousin & Associés represents national and international clients and is a "pleasure to work with".

Cabinet Beau de Loménie is represented by **Aurélia Marie**, who heads the firm's trademarks, designs, domain names and copyright department. She is particularly noted for her work in conducting due diligence reviews on portfolios of trademarks.

At Simmons & Simmons, **Sarah Bailey** handles the day-to-day running of the Paris IP department. She is a "creative" lawyer who advises on the creation, exploitation and protection of trademarks, design rights, copyrights and domain names. She is also "well versed" in

issues relating to unfair competition.

Charles De Haas at recently established firm Passa Guillot de Haas is a "top talent" in the field. Clients praise him for being a "font of knowledge".

The managing partner of Hoyng Monegier's Paris office, **Denis Monégier du Sorbier**, specialises in trademark law and unfair competition. He handles national and cross-border disputes and represents clients in the food, aeronautics, agricultural, automotive, life sciences, electronics, luxury goods and telecommunication sectors.

Cabinet Plasseraud's **Guylène Kiesel Le Cosquer** began her career in-house in the electronics industry and uses this experience to provide "commercially sensitive" and "solutions-oriented" advice. **Jacques Beaumont** at Deprez Guignot & Associés is a "remarkable intellect" specialising in the field of trademark law.

At his own firm, **William Kopacz** dedicates his practice to trademarks, design and copyright law. He advises clients in the IT, technology and internet sectors and his previous work includes advising Microsoft, Visa, Porsche and Facebook.

Armengaud Guerlain is represented by **Catherine Mateu**, who advises clients on French and European trademark law. She is a "sophisticated lawyer" who provides "timely and effective advice".

Casalunga Avocats' **Caroline Casalunga** assists clients in all stages from counselling to litigation. Her clients range from those in the electronics and automobile equipment to pharmaceutical goods and consumer products industries.

Richard Milchior at Granrut Avocats recently filed a case with the Customs authority on behalf of a foreign client in order to defend its trademark rights in France. He enjoys a "prestigious reputation" in the field and is a "top choice" among clients.

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