



SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF LAW FIRMS

— *CII Industrial IP Awards 2026* —

Recognising Excellence in Intellectual Property

To Apply: www.ciiipr.in/IP-award

BACKGROUND

The CII Industrial Intellectual Property (IP) Awards 2026 aims at recognition and celebration of enterprises, which have championed IP generation and protection to fuel their business and economic growth. Since 2014, these awards have played a pivotal role in encouraging innovation-led growth across sectors by recognizing excellence in IP creation, protection, and commercialization.

Building on this legacy, CII has introduced a dedicated category for **Law Firms** under the CII Industrial IP Awards 2026 named **Special Recognition of Law Firms**, aimed at honouring outstanding contribution of law firms that have demonstrated exceptional performance in the field of IPR. The purpose of these awards is to encourage Law firms and support India's journey towards a strong and robust IP-driven economy.

HIGHLIGHTS

The Award recognizes:

- ◆ Foster best practices in patent filing, prosecution, litigation, and advisory.
- ◆ Celebrate law firms demonstrating excellence in client service and outcomes.
- ◆ Promote visibility of legal leaders in India's evolving IP ecosystem.

AWARD CATEGORIES

Type of IP: Patents

CATEGORY	ELIGIBILITY (ANNUAL TURNOVER)
Large Law Firm	More than ₹50 Cr
Mid-Size Law Firm	₹20 to ₹50 Cr
Small / Boutique Law Firm	Less than ₹25 Cr

Applicants will be recognised in the following 3 bands:

★ PLATINUM	★ GOLD	★ SILVER
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ELIGIBILITY

Indian law firms (boutique or full-service) that provide patent-related services are eligible.

Eligibility includes:

- ◆ Any law firm practicing in India is eligible.
- ◆ Only achievements in patent-related legal services will be considered.
- ◆ Applicants must submit data for the period April 2022 to March 2025, including:
 - Number and types of patent filings (domestic/international)
 - Litigation, opposition and enforcement experience
 - Sector-specific leadership and innovation examples
 - Contributions to IP awareness, policy or research
 - Collaboration with academia, startups, or public institutions

JURY



Dr V.C. Vivekanandan
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Professor, University of Delhi



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Professor, RGSO IPL, IIT



Dr. Arul George Scaria
Professor of Law, NLSIU

EVALUATION PROCESS

- 01 Application Review & Validation** - Assessment of firm's performance via structured questionnaire
- 02 Expert Panel Assessment** - Review by senior jurists, IP professionals, technical and legal experts
- 03 Jury-based Scoring** - Evaluation across multiple parameters
- 04 Client Feedback** - Independent assessment of submitted client references
- 05 Shortlisting and Validation**
- 06 Final Selection** - By the CII Awards Committee

HOW TO APPLY

1. Register online: www.ciiipr.in/IP-award
2. Submit filled application form with supporting documents
3. While submitting the application, the applicant also needs to share/upload the relevant documents.
4. Pay applicable fees
5. Deadline: July 2026

WHY TO PARTICIPATE

ALL PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE

- ◆ Participation Certificate
- ◆ Performance benchmarking feedback
- ◆ Access to CII IP capacity-building programs

WINNERS RECEIVE

- ◆ Trophy & Certificate of recognition from CII
- ◆ Detailed feedback report on the firm's patent practice
- ◆ Feature on the CII IPR website and official communications
- ◆ Winner's Logo use rights (valid for 2 years)
- ◆ National exposure through CII's IP network & media
- ◆ Opportunity to be showcased as a case study

APPLICATION FEES

FIRM TYPE	PARTICIPATION FEE	+ 18% GST	TOTAL (INR)
Large Law Firm	₹1,00,000	₹18,000	₹1,18,000
Mid-Size Law Firm	₹75,000	₹13,500	₹88,500
Small / Boutique Law Firm	₹50,000	₹9,000	₹59,000

SCHEDULE

1. Announcement of Awards	December 2025
2. Submission Deadline	July 2026
3. Jury Evaluation & Shortlisting	August 2026
4. Results & Award Ceremony	December 2026

** Schedule subject to change*

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