

Leading Intellectual Property Lawyers – New Zealand, 2026

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The 2026 listing of leading New Zealand Intellectual Property Lawyers details solicitors practising in both of contentious and non-contentious intellectual property law matters in the New Zealand legal market who have been identified by clients and peers for their expertise and abilities in these areas.

Preeminent

Jason Rudkin Binks, Hudson Gavin Martin – Auckland
Ian Finch, James & Wells – Hamilton
Thomas Huthwaite, AJ Park – Wellington
Tim Mahood, Hudson Gavin Martin – Auckland
Jenni Rutter, Dentons – Auckland
Matt Sumpter, Chapman Tripp – Auckland
Richard Watts, Simpson Grierson – Auckland

Leading

Anton Blijlevens, AJ Park – Auckland
Sarah Chapman, Simpson Grierson – Auckland
Rachel Colley, CreateIP – Auckland
Joe Edwards, Russell McVeagh – Auckland
Mark Gavin, Anthony Harper – Auckland
Sue Ironside, Ironside McDonald Intellectual Property – Wellington
Paul Johns, Pearce IP – Auckland
David Moore, Henry Hughes IP – Wellington
Hamish Selby, Buddie Findlay – Auckland
Elena Szentiványi, Henry Hughes IP – Wellington
Christopher Young, MinterEllisonRuddWatts – Auckland

Recommended

Natasha Alley, Tompkins Wake – Hamilton
Victoria Argyle, AJ Park – Wellington
Julie Ballance, Pearce IP – Wellington
Sarah Barclay, AJ Park – Wellington
Helen Belchambers, AJ Park – Wellington
Hadleigh Brown, AJ Park – Auckland
Kate Duckworth, Kate Duckworth Intellectual Property – Wellington
Hannah French, AJ Park – Wellington
Duncan de Geest, AJ Park – Wellington
Kate Giddens, AJ Park – Wellington
Tania Goatley, Bell Gully – Auckland
Justin Graham, Chapman Tripp – Auckland
Amanda Griffiths, AJ Park – Auckland
Caitlin Hadlee, Hudson Gavin Martin – Auckland
Natalie Harre, AJ Park – Wellington
Jessica Miles, Bell Gully – Auckland
Scott Moran, MoranLaw – Auckland
Michael Moyes, Duncan Cotterill – Christchurch
Sally Paterson, Pearce IP – Wellington
James Robinson, AJ Park – Wellington
Brigitte Shone, Russell McVeagh – Auckland
Jason Wach, James & Wells – Auckland
Jonathan Aumonier-Ward, Duncan Cotterill – Wellington

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HIGH COURT INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY IP LAWYER LITIGATION NEW ZEALAND NZ PATENT
SOLICITOR SUPREME COURT TOP TRADEMARK WELLINGTON

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