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## Intellectual Property Law Firm of the Year in Sri Lanka

Julius & Creasy stands at the forefront of Sri Lanka's legal profession as one of the nation's most distinguished and long-standing law firms. Established more than a century ago, the firm has earned an enduring reputation for excellence, innovation and integrity. Among its many practice areas, the IP division has become particularly renowned for its depth of expertise and international recognition. Under the leadership of Ms Anomi Wanigasekera, Senior Partner and head of the IP division, Julius & Creasy continues to set benchmarks in IP law, both locally and globally.

Ms Wanigasekera's impressive track record has earned her numerous accolades from esteemed global bodies. She has been recognised by The Legal 500 in its Hall of Fame, as well as by Chambers and Partners as a Band 1 lawyer in IP (2022-2025). Her excellence has also been celebrated by The Lawyer Network, The Legal 100, M&A Today and Corporate America Today, among others, naming her "Best Partner of the Year" and "Full-Service Lawyer of the Year" in Sri Lanka across multiple years.

The IP division of Julius & Creasy has itself achieved an equally impressive series of distinctions, including being named Sri Lanka Patent Firm of the Year at the Asia IP Awards in (2023-2024), as well as being recognised as a Tier 1 firm for patents, trademarks and copyright by Asia IP.

Julius & Creasy's IP practice offers a comprehensive range of services, handling everything

from searches and applications to enforcement, renewals and recordals. Clients further benefit from the firm's expertise in drafting and negotiating licensing, distribution and technology transfer agreements. Although Sri Lanka does not offer a formal copyright registration system, the team provides strategic advice and dispute resolution services on copyright and related issues.

Moreover, Julius & Creasy represents an impressive portfolio of multinational corporations, including many Fortune 500 companies, as well as leading Sri Lankan conglomerates. Its international reach is additionally reflected in its collaboration with prominent trademark agents and law firms in the UK, US, EU, Australia, Japan, Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia and India.

In the past year alone, the firm has managed more than 7,500 trademark prosecutions from filing to registration, filed 1000 new trademark applications, completed 1,750 renewals and handled more than 160 trademark assignments and licence recordals. Its patent team filed 58 new applications and 335 renewals in the same period.

As technology evolves, Julius & Creasy remains proactive in addressing such emerging challenges as digital infringement and cross-border enforcement. To this end, the firm conducts discreet investigations and collaborates with domain registries to safeguard clients' digital IP rights. Litigation is pursued only as a last resort - with the primary aim being the swift and practical resolution of disputes.



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 **JIRAWAT**  
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## Administrative Law Expert of the Year in Thailand

Under the leadership of Managing Partner Jirawat Leelawanich, Jirawat & Associates Law Office has emerged as a trusted legal adviser for individuals, corporations and foreign investors navigating Thailand's intricate administrative and regulatory framework.

At the heart of the firm's success lies its full-service administrative law practice, representing clients before Thailand's Administrative Courts in cases that challenge the legality of administrative orders, contest complex PPP agreements and address disputes involving state concessions, environmental permits and public resource management. Its lawyers possess a rare depth of experience in matters related to government contracts, procurement and state liability claims, where precision, legal acumen and procedural mastery are essential.

Jirawat's preventative legal strategies guide clients through Thailand's often opaque licensing and regulatory systems to ensure compliance and mitigate future disputes. His work frequently involves advising corporations on regulatory risks linked to infrastructure, energy, telecoms and industrial development projects. Over the years, he has developed specialised proficiency in environmental and industrial law matters that fall under the jurisdiction of the Administrative Court, reflecting his commitment to both sustainable legal solutions and the rule of law. With an LLB (Honours) from the Faculty of Law, Ramkhamhaeng University - as well as LLMs in International Human Rights (with Merit) and Criminal Justice & Human Rights from the University of Aberdeen - Jirawat is optimally qualified as a Thai Barrister-at-Law for the Thai Bar Under Royal Patronage.

Certified by the Lawyers Council of Thailand, his expertise goes beyond administrative law - further spanning government procurement law, competition law and white-collar crime.

Integrity remains the cornerstone of the firm's identity, reflected in its commitment to transparency, accountability and ethical advocacy. Its clientele is diverse, encompassing Thai enterprises, multinational corporations and private investors seeking to navigate the complexities of doing business in Thailand. For foreign investors in particular, Jirawat's expertise provides an invaluable advantage. Understanding Thailand's administrative and regulatory systems requires not only technical knowledge but also cultural fluency and experience in engaging with governmental bodies. Jirawat & Associates bridges this divide, offering tailored guidance that ensures compliance while protecting clients' commercial interests.

Over the past year, the practice achieved significant milestones that reinforced its leadership position. One notable success involved defending a foreign-owned manufacturing client accused of violating Thailand's Foreign Business Act via an alleged nominee structure. Through comprehensive regulatory analysis and persuasive advocacy, the firm secured a decisive victory, confirming the client's compliance and preserving their investment integrity.

Looking ahead, Jirawat & Associates aims to further strengthen its position as Thailand's premier one-stop legal provider. Its objectives include expanding cross-practice capabilities, investing in professional development and integrating advanced technologies to improve efficiency and responsiveness.