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2025 AT A GLANCE

All the professionals at CASALONGA extend their warmest wishes for a successful and inspiring 2026!

The start of a new year is a natural moment to reflect, not only on what has been achieved, but on the path we continue to shape together.

For more than 150 years, CASALONGA has been guided by a core conviction: that intellectual property safeguards innovation, fuels creativity, and strengthens sustainable competitive advantage for organizations and leaders who think at scale.

With deep French roots and an expanding European footprint, with the opening of two new offices, we remain driven by a shared ambition: to serve and protect your ideas wherever they emerge, grow, and generate impact.

Thank you for your continued trust. We look forward to continuing this journey together.

Caroline Casalonga – Managing Partner



EXPAND

In 2025, CASALONGA's European presence continued to grow with the opening of two new offices in Italy and Germany, located in Milan and Düsseldorf.

With these new locations, CASALONGA is the first independent European intellectual property law firm with lawyers and patent attorneys to be established in all three cities hosting the seats of the UPC Central Division (Paris, Munich and Milan).

Explore CASALONGA's offices



GROW

CASALONGA brings together lawyers and patent and trademark attorneys who operate as one team, collaborating, sharing knowledge and working together across Europe, to serve our clients' interests.

In 2025, we were proud to welcome 29 new talented professionals, strengthening our practice.

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UNITE

Driven by our long-standing strategy to provide clients with the most relevant expertise and teams tailored to their needs, CASALONGA has built a high-level, fully integrated UPC and patent litigation team, composed of more than 30 lawyers and patent attorneys working jointly across France, Germany and Italy.

In 2026, we will continue to advance in this direction, further expanding our Munich office and our presence in Germany to support our clients before both the UPC, the German courts and the EPO (European Patent Office).

INNOVATE

Because accessing and interpreting UPC case law and regulatory texts requires expert insight, CASALONGA has developed an interactive platform for patent professionals.

The platform offers simplified reading and interactive navigation across rules, articles, case law and expert commentaries in the three official UPC languages (English, French and German).

[Discover our interactive UPC platform](#)

DEFEND

IP law is a constantly evolving discipline. With every new case, alongside our clients, we help shape a bold and protective body of case law before Europe's leading specialist IP courts and tribunals.

Below are a few of the most notable IP cases we handled with our clients in 2025.

- **Syngenta v. Sumi Agro** (UPC Court of Appeal – 2025/12/19): Very important victory for our client Syngenta, a leading crop protection company, in a landmark decision on the file inspection applications before the Court of Appeal of the Unified Patent Court.
- **Sol IP v. BYD and other EV manufacturers** (UPC The Hague Local Division / Munich and Mannheim Regional Courts – 2025): Successful representation of 4G standard-essential patent owner against various car manufacturers in seven infringement litigations before the Munich and Mannheim Regional Courts and the UPC (The Hague Local Division); all cases settled favourably at an early stage in the course of 2025.
- **Rio Tinto Alcan International Limited v. Trimet Aluminium SE** (EPO Enlarged Board of Appeal – 2025/04/07): Successful decision for Rio Tinto Alcan International Limited before the EPO Board of Appeal, resulting in the full revocation of European Patent EP 3266904.
- **Biogaran v. Bayer** (Paris Court of first instance – 2025/07/11): Successful defense of Biogaran against Bayer in infringement proceedings.
- **Monster Energy Company v. Kronenbourg (formerly Onyx)** (French Supreme Court – 2025/11/13): Successful decision before the French Supreme Court in a trademark enforcement matter: prior EUTM REFRESH THE BEAST! and HYDRATE THE BEAST! against French TM app. LA BÊTE.
- **Châteauneuf-du-Pape and INAO v. Royal Wine Corp and others** (Order of the pretrial judge, Paris Court of first instance – 2025/03/19): Successful preliminary decision for Châteauneuf-du-Pape and INAO. The Paris Court decided that the action is not prescribed. A decision on the merits is expected in 2026.
- **Sanofi v. Bharat Biotech** (EUIPO Board of Appeal – 2025/11/10 [2 decisions] / EUIPO Cancellation Division – 2025/03/21): Successful opposition decision for Sanofi before the EUIPO that decided that there is a likelihood of confusion between prior EUTM Reg. COVAXIS for vaccines and EUTM BCOVAXIN and COVAXIN BHARAT BIOTECH.
- **Spéciales Gillardeau v. SARL Anthony Hautemaniere** (Order of the President, Paris Court of first instance – 2025/12/09): Successful infringement seizure for the Gillardeau oysters just before Christmas!
- **Leroy Merlin v. SAS Richardson** (Marseille Court of first instance – 2025/10/02): Successful defence of Leroy Merlin (Adeo Group) in trademark infringement proceedings resulting in the dismissal of all claims brought by Richardson in relation to the sign "EASY".
- **Bureau National Interprofessionnel du Cognac (BNIC) – oppositions based on the COGNAC geographical indication** (French IPO – 2025/03/11 [v. TI'GNAC] / 2025/12/30 [v. APERO'GNAC]): Successful recognition that the term "GNAC" constitutes an unlawful evocation of the geographic indication COGNAC, both in relation to similar products (TI'GNAC) and to dissimilar products and services (APERO'GNAC).
- **Spotify AB – oppositions based on the SPOTIFY and/or HEY SPOTIFY trademarks** (French IPO – 2025/06/30; 2025/08/04; 2025/08/11): Three victories for Spotify in oppositions against the trademarks SPOTE, SPORTIFY and LE SPOT.
- **Bal du Moulin Rouge v. litigious domain names** (WIPO – 2025): Twelve victories for Bal du Moulin Rouge in UDRP proceedings in 2025, achieving a 100% success rate.



STAND OUT

In 2025, we were honored to be once again recognized by the profession through several major awards.

At the Managing IP Awards 2025 ceremony in London, CASALONGA received three top-tier distinctions: France IP Disputes Firm of the Year, France Trademark Prosecution Firm of the Year and France Practitioner of the Year, awarded to Caroline Casalonga.

Additionally, eight CASALONGA Partners have been included, once again, in the Best Lawyers rankings for their distinguished practice: Caroline Casalonga, Arnaud Casalonga, Floriane Codevelle, Karina Dimidjian-Lecomte, Marianne Gabriel and Pascaline Vincent in France, Cristina Bercial-Chaumier in Spain and Benjamin Grzimek in Germany.

Caroline Casalonga was also honoured as one of the Top 250 Women in IP in 2025, a recognition of her leadership and influence in the intellectual property field.

These awards reflect the collective commitment of our teams across the European network, driven by passion and a constant dedication to protecting our clients' interests.

"In addition to being very competent, the firm is also quick in finding creative and commercial solutions."

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ENGAGE

Last year, CASALONGA actively contributed to the European IP community by taking part in leading industry conferences and symposiums, authoring expert articles and publishing in recognized legal and innovation outlets. Through these engagements before audiences of peers, innovators and industry leaders, the firm helped enrich the European IP ecosystem, fostering cross-border dialogue and supporting the exchange of legal insight with practitioners and clients alike. This work reflects CASALONGA's ongoing commitment to advancing collective knowledge and strengthening IP expertise across Europe, alongside those who shape and protect innovation.

[Review our key contributions](#)

COMMIT

CASALONGA is committed to playing an exemplary role within the professional sphere and, more broadly, in society. Our group of partners, bringing together a balanced representation of lawyers and patent and trademark attorneys, reflects a strong commitment to maintaining gender balance in leadership. The firm is also proud to provide pro bono legal support to several non-profit organizations in the context of litigation matters.



BOND

At CASALONGA, teamwork extends beyond casework and courtrooms. The firm joined the Juris'Run for the very first time in Paris, in a sporting and solidarity-driven event led by ACE – Jeunes Avocats, supporting Association Nourette, which works alongside hospitalized children. We also proudly took part in the 34th edition of the Juris'Cup, in Marseille, fielding a European, multi-disciplinary crew that united colleagues from the Paris and Düsseldorf offices.



As we enter 2026, we stand ready to tackle the challenges ahead, alongside our clients and partners, with the same dedication and exacting standards. Thank you for standing with us and for helping shape a thriving European IP community. Here's to another year of shared work and meaningful impact.





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