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Centurion Law Group is pleased to announce the launch of its Intellectual Property (IP) Practice across Africa. This practice area, which encompasses acquisition, protection and commercialisation, complements all other services already offered by the Firm and enhances our strong multi-disciplinary expertise.

Our team consists of IP specialists who are well versed with relevant IP laws and systems, IP-related issues with significant experience in enforcing IP rights. We are committed to securing the broadest possible protection for our clients in the most cost-effective manner.

Our lawyers have the knowledge, extensive expertise and experience in assisting our clients with traditional patent enforcement, patent portfolio management, and patent sales transactions. This varied experience gives us a unique perspective on all aspects of the patent world. With our expertise, experience and technical know-how, our Intellectual Property Attorneys are able to offer exceptional services in a timely and efficient manner. We provide effective practical and technical advice across several industries, including the technology, oil and gas, pharmaceuticals, chemical, mechanical and mining sectors.

OUR APPROACH

We perform exhaustive research to identify if creations and innovations are identical or confusingly similar. We investigate whether a particular creation infringes upon or otherwise violates the rights of a third party; has been registered for an unlawful purpose; ascertain third party rights or legitimate interest; use in bad faith or in violation of any applicable laws or regulations.

Our firm is committed to protecting and upholding the intellectual property rights of our clients from infringers who seek to profit, devalue or violate the exclusive rights of our clients' trademarks, patents, utility models, industrial designs and copyrights.

The IP lawyers' work covers clearance, drafting, registration, prosecution and portfolio management, mergers and acquisitions, exploitation, maintenance, enforcement and defence of patents, industrial designs and utility models.



Our team of attorneys work closely with specialized engineers, in a partnership that provides a strong foundation by which we protect, establish, and defend our clients' inventions.

Our tailored legal services include searches, registration, renewals, due diligence, license agreements, franchise agreements, assignment of rights, mergers and acquisitions, trademark portfolio management and litigation. Equipped with substantial experience in litigation, our highly effective team of attorneys combine their hands-on experience and rich industry insight to establish, protect and defend our clients' intellectual property. Across all fields of operation, we provide effective and valuable solutions in the establishment, protection and defence of our clients' assets before several authorities.

OUR SERVICES

- IP Registration & Renewals
- Anti-Counterfeiting, Anti-Piracy & Enforcement
- Commercial & Transactional Advisory Services
- Licensing, Transfer of Technology & Franchising
- Portfolio Management
- Infringement Actions – Litigation & Alternative Dispute Resolution



COUNTRIES WE COVER

Our network of associates spans the globe, and through Centurion Plus we are able to offer our services worldwide, meeting clients' expectations without compromising our high-quality and standards of service. We have the unique advantage, as one of Africa's fastest growing law firms, of being able to harness the expertise of hundreds of practitioners throughout the continent, through our Centurion Plus integrated service. Centurion Law Group has a team of highly skilled and experienced lawyers with specialist expertise that spans all commercial areas of law, tax, forensics and IP.

OUR SERVICE COVERS:

- ARIPO: all member states of the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) - Botswana, Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Sierra Leone, Somalia (not member of the Harare Protocol), the Sudan, the United Republic of Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe;
- OAPI: all members of the African Intellectual Property Organisation (OAPI) - Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, the Central African Republic, Chad, the Comoros, the Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Mali, Mauritania, the Niger, Senegal, and Togo;
- and selected member states of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).



THE CENTURION LAW GROUP MISSION

Centurion Law Group is a pan-African corporate law conglomerate, with a specialised focus in cross-border business and legal advisory. We ensure that deals are done and completed as efficiently and cost-effectively as possible.

We regularly advise the private sector on how to successfully venture within Africa's hottest markets, and the public sector on how to attract meaningful investments that will lead to sustainable domestic capacity building for Africa.

Who better to do your work in Africa than African lawyers who can boast of:

- Practice and industry leaders in our jurisdictions
- Deep understanding of local regulatory environments and customs
- Strong local network
- Seamless cross-border operations
- Latest knowledge of markets developments and dynamics
- Local content champions

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We offer additional benefits and broader service to our clients through our Centurion Plus platform.



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