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Ana-Maria Baciu sets a new premiere as the Romanian lawyer with the highest number of nominations at the Legal 500 CEE Awards 2025



Ana-Maria Baciu, Managing Partner and Founder of BACIU PARTNERS, has been shortlisted in three categories at the inaugural edition of the Legal 500 CEE Awards 2025: *Intellectual Property Lawyer of the Year*, *Romania Lawyer of the Year* and *CEE Partner of the Year*.

These nominations mark yet another first-of-its-kind achievement in <u>Ana-Maria Baciu</u>'s impressive career: she is the only lawyer active in Romania to be shortlisted in three highly competitive categories of this much-anticipated awards program dedicated to Central and Eastern European jurisdictions, by the prestigious British publication – securing recognition at both national and regional levels.

The nominations are rooted in her:

- Two decades of entrepreneurial leadership: founding Romania's first IP, consumer protection, and gaming law teams within a full-service leading law firm and, later, founding an independent business law firm built on an entrepreneurial spirit and a corporate structure
- **Multi-sector expertise:** supporting clients in retail, e-commerce, technology, advertising, media and entertainment, life sciences, and other highly regulated industries
- **Strategic mindset,** including by serving in expert roles at various business associations and regulatory bodies

"I strongly believe in an approach that blends legal precision, commercial insights, and strategic vision in a way that is distinctive, meaningful, and aligned with each client's reality." Ana-Maria recently noted.

Ana-Maria's nominations add to the shortlisting of BACIU PARTNERS for the **Intellectual Property Firm of the Year** distinction and the shortlisting of Andreea Bende **as Intellectual Property Next Generation Partner of the Year**.

The winners will be announced at the awards ceremony that will take place on 16 October 2025 in Warsaw, Poland.