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ONE OF the most satisfying features of City legal life is that you don't have to work for one of the big beasts of the jungle to do very satisfying, top-notch work. Fortunately, there are plenty of areas where the smart little guys can still nip in, show their agility of mind and deftness of touch.

Take the example of Couchman Harrington. You won't find its partners taking out space in The Legal 500, yet it has just acted for Nimbus Communications Limited, the Indian sports and media agency, in its \$612 million acquisition of the global media rights to Indian international and domestic cricket until 2010. Mark Whitehead, a partner, says: "The passion for cricket in India has to be seen to be believed and the politics of the national sport are complex and intense."

What a contrast to England where, if my memory serves me right, broadcasting of Test cricket will be available only by pigeon post and the full glare of the media is only on Simon Jones's knee. Meanwhile, I am also struck by the fact that if Couchman Harrington had decided to take space in the current edition of The Legal 500 it would have been adjacent to Coudert Brothers. Whatever happened to them?

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