Turkey Legal Update

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Turkish Color of the Month

Born in Elazığ on the east of Turkey, Saim Dursun, depicts, with the warm liveliness of light and color on his spatula, the true Anatolian picture uncovering the strong willpower of Turkish people and their joy of life despite hardship. Painter Saim Dursun passed away in August 13, 2021 at the age of 62.



By Saim Dursun ©

Impact of New Minimum Capital Amounts on Trade Registry Applications

Corporate and M&A

By Görkem Bilgin, Edanur Atlı and Kerem Elmas

Following the increase in the minimum capital amounts for newly established limited liability and joint stock companies as of January 1, 2024, the General Directorate of Domestic Trade issued a circular. This circular also affects the companies established before January 1, 2024.



Gün + Partners Top Ranked by WTR 1000 2024

We have been named as the top tier firm and our 12 practitioners are recognized as the leading individuals in the World Trademark Review (WTR) 1000: The World's Leading Trademark Professionals 2024



Announcement of New Managing Associate and Senior Associate Promotions, 2024

We are pleased to announce the promotion of our four lawyers to managing associate, and six lawyers to senior associate taking effect from February 1, 2024.



We are Attending the 7th Mergers and Acquisitions in the Technology Sector Conference in Barcelona

We are pleased to announce our participation at the 7th Mergers and Acquisitions in the Technology Sector Conference, which will be held in Barcelona on 14-15 Mar 2024.

Thoughts On 2023 Corruption Perception Index

Business Crimes and Anti-Corruption By Asena Aytuğ Keser and Kardelen Özden

Türkiye faced another decline in the 2023 Corruption Perception Index – ranking 115th out of 180, with a score cut from 36 to 34. Unless corrective steps are taken, it is unlikely for Türkiye to prevent another decline in future years.

Advertisement Board Issued New Principles for Preventing Misleading Loyalty Programs

Technology, Media and Telecom

By Hande Hançar, Baran Güney and Zeynep Berfin Ekinci

Introducing new legal rules for preventing misleading loyalty programs, Advertisement Board put loyalty programs under the spotlight.

Proposed Amendments Regarding the Turkish Personal Data Protection

Data Protection and Privacy

By Begüm Yavuzdoğan Okumuş, Yalçın Umut Talay and Seda Takmaz

The draft bill relating to Turkish Personal Data Protection Law includes profound amendments for various topics including but not limited to processing of sensitive personal data and crossborder transfer of personal data.

Agency Opinion on Health Claims in Food and Food Supplements Can Now Be Requested

Life Sciences

By Dicle Doğan and Beste Turan

The Agency announced that health claims used in food and food supplements may be reviewed in return of a fee upon company request.

Allocation of Domain Names in Structure of "a.tr"

Intellectual Property, Trademarks and Designs By Güldeniz Doğan Alkan and Dilan Sıla Kayalıca

Allocation of "a.tr" domain names is possible and initial allocation is carried out by the Information and Communication Technologies Authority under three priority categories. As of June 14, 2024, "a.tr" domain names will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Freedom of Quotation in Cinema Works

Intellectual Property, Copyrights

By Hande Hançar and Elif Melis Özsoy

While Law no. 5846 allows limited quotations with respect to works of science and literature expressed in language and writing, physical works of fine art, and musical works, it doesn't explicitly cover cinematographic works, leading to legal debate. This article discusses conflicting approaches held by the courts and legal doctrines.

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