Türkiye Legal Update

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Turkish Color of the Month

Born in Elazığ on the east of Türkiye, 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 ©

Bolar Beyond Regulatory Preparation: EU Pharma Package, Türkiye's Experience, and TRIPS Compliance

Patents and Utility Models , Life Sciences

By Selin Sinem Erciyas

The EU Pharma Package would extend the Bolar exemption beyond regulatory studies to pricing, reimbursement and tenders. Drawing on Türkiye's experience and WTO rulings, the article asks whether the broader approach is compatible with TRIPS.

News and Events

Gün + Partners at the IBA Annual Conference 2026 in Copenhagen

We are excited to announce our participation in the upcoming IBA (International Bar Association) Annual Conference in Copenhagen this October, and we warmly invite you to meet with our delegation during the event.

Mehmet Gün Recognized in IAM Strategy 300 2026

We are pleased to announce that Mehmet Gün has been recognized in IAM Strategy 300: The World's Leading IP Strategists 2026.

Gün + Partners Participated in the Public Health and Intellectual Property Crimes Workshop in Ankara

The two-day workshop brought together senior representatives from the Turkish National Police, public authorities, international organizations, academia, rights holders and legal practitioners to discuss the intersection between intellectual property crimes, consumer safety and public health.

Rights Holders not Liable for Customs Storage of Criminally Seized Counterfeits

Trademarks and Designs , Anti-Counterfeiting

By Direnç Bada and Atahan Erkul

A final Turkish ruling holds that trademark owners cannot be charged storage fees for counterfeits seized in criminal proceedings following customs detention, reinforcing the case for legislative clarification

Constitutional Court Finds Data Protection Board's Administrative Fine Contrary to the Principle of Legality

Data Protection and Privacy

By Begüm Yavuzdoğan Okumuş and Yalçın Umut Talay

The Constitutional Court found the fine for processing publicly available data contrary to the data subject's intention unlawful, as it lacked a clear and foreseeable basis in law and relied on Board guidance.

Strong Stance Against Trade Mark Squatting in Türkiye

Trademarks and Designs

By Mutlu Yıldırım Köse and İrem Girenes Yücesoy

The Turkish Patent and Trademark Office maintains an approach protective of trademark owners against trademark squatting, finding bad faith in applications that copy trademarks registered and used abroad, even where the original marks have not previously been registered in Türkiye

Latest Development Regarding Medicinal Product Names – Guideline Regarding the Naming of Medicinal Products for Human Use Has Been Published

Life Sciences

By Özge Atılgan Karakulak and Ayşenur Çıtak Bozdağ

New guideline on medicinal product names establishes local naming and similarity criteria, introduces a review process, and provides clearer procedures for name applications and the re-evaluation of existing names.

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