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.

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The Regional Administrative Court's Decision on Trade Secrets And The Administration's Responsibility Against Unfair Competition

Patents and Utility Models

By Selin Sinem Erciyas

Regional Court reaffirmed the need for transparency in regulatory processes while maintaining a balanced approach to trade secret protections, ensuring that legal recourse is not unduly obstructed.

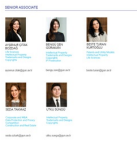
News and Events

Uğur Aktekin and Zeynep Seda Alhas Will Moderate Sessions at the Sertaç Köksaldı 6th Intellectual Property Law Seminar

Ugur Aktekin and Zeynep Seda Alhas, will moderate the "Alternative Dispute Resolution Methods in Intellectual Property Law" and "Online Trademark Infringement" sessions, respectively, at the Sertaç Köksaldı 6th Intellectual Property Law Seminar.

We are Attending the 8th IBA Mergers and Acquisitions in the Technology Sector Conference in Geneva

We are pleased to announce our participation at the 8th IBA Mergers and Acquisitions in the Technology Sector Conference, which will be held in Geneva on 13-14 Mar 2025 and extend an invitation for a potential meeting during the event.



Announcement of New Senior Associate Promotions, 2025

We are pleased to announce the continued growth of our firm with the promotion of Ayşenur Çıtak Bozdağ, Bengü Şen Gürakan, Beste Turan Kurtoğlu, Seda Takmaz, and Utku Süngü to Senior Associate, effective 1 January 2025.

New Regulation on Electronic Maintenance of Commercial Books Not Related to the Accounting of the Business

Corporate and M&A

By Görkem Bilgin and Seda Takmaz

New rules in Turkey regulate the electronic maintenance of non-accounting commercial books. Companies should make their assessments whether they fall under the Communiqué's scope and ensure compliance accordingly.

"7 Notes" and the Dilemma of Originality: The Limits of Plagiarism and Inspiration in Musical Works

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By Hande Hançar and Elif Melis Özsoy

The recent cases from Türkiye and the world invite us to explore the fine line between plagiarism and inspiration in musical works, highlighting the challenges of determining originality and the need to balance creative freedom with protecting intellectual property.

Insights from ICANN 81 and Domain Name Disputes in Türkiye

Intellectual Property , Trademarks and Designs

By Mutlu Yıldırım Köse and Baran Güney

ICANN 81 in Istanbul highlighted key internet governance topics, including the New gTLD Program and RDRS challenges. Türkiye's TRABIS system, managing ".tr" domains, introduced a UDRP-like dispute resolution. Continuous improvements will enhance efficiency and fairness.

Significant Developments in the Implementation of the Turkish Commercial Code in 2025

Corporate and M&A

By Görkem Bilgin and Uğur Erkırlı

Capital loss facilitations have been extended until 2026 to give companies more flexibility to manage their finances. Administrative fines have also been increased by 43.93% for 2025. Companies should keep compliance priority to avoid penalty.

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