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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Key Challenges to Ethical Business in Türkiye

Business Crimes and Anti-Corruption , Employment

By Mehmet Gün

Equity and cooperation are vital for societal survival. In Türkiye, minimal legal compliance often overshadows business ethics. Despite a rich ethical heritage, transparency and corruption issues persist. Voluntary compliance and systemic changes are essential for integrity and societal prosperity.

News and Events

Hande Hançar Elected as the Chair of the Board of Directors of LES Turkey

We are proud to announce that Hande Hançar has been elected as the Chair of the Board of Directors of LES Turkey, Technology and Licensing Executives Society, for the 2024-2027 term.

IAM Patent 1000 - The World's Leading Patent Professionals Rankings 2024 Announced

We are proud to announce that we have been recognised as the top tier firm and our 8 practitioners are recognized as the leading individuals in the IAM Patent 1000 - The World's Leading Patent Professionals 2024.

Mehmet Gün, Uğur Aktekin and Pınar Arıkan Have Been Recognized in the WTR Global Leaders 2024

We are delighted to announce that Mehmet Gün, Uğur Aktekin, and Pınar Arıkan have been recognized in the WTR Global Leaders 2024.

Artificial Intelligence and Music Industry

Copyrights

By Mutlu Yıldırım Köse and Göksu Ayçıl Altınok

Musical works created by artificial intelligence raise many questions that need to be examined from various angles in terms of copyright and personality rights.

Amendments Regarding the Turkish Personal Data Protection Came into Force

Data Protection and Privacy

By Begüm Yavuzdoğan Okumuş, Yalçın Umut Talay and Seda Takmaz

Amendments made in data protection legislation entered into force on 1 June 2024, which affect data controllers and processors. There are various amendments in relation to data protection rules specifically about sensitive personal data processing and cross-border data transfers.

New Rules for Content Ratings in Television Programs

Technology, Media and Telecom

By Hande Hançar, Baran Güney and Göksu Ayçıl Altınok

The Advertisement Board recently ruled that placing advertisements on search engines by using keywords referring to competitors' brands or trade names may mislead consumers and create unfair competition.

Likelihood of Confusion of Medicines for Human Use and for Animal Use

Intellectual Property , Trademarks and Designs

By Dicle Doğan and Ayşenur Çıtak Bozdağ

The Court of Cassation reveals that although the trademarks cover the same subclass in class 05 and are highly similar, products for human health and animal health must be considered for while examining likelihood of confusion.

A Draft Regulation on the Promotional Activities of Human Medicinal Products and Food for Special Medical Purposes has been Published

Life Sciences

By Dicle Doğan and Ece Ataseven

On May 28, 2024, the Turkish Medicines and Medical Devices Agency published a Draft Regulation on the Promotional Activities of Human Medicinal Products and Food for Special Medical Purposes on its official website.

Recent Changes in the Turkish Commercial Code

Corporate and M&A

By Görkem Bilgin and Uğur Erkırlı

The Amendment Law, effective as of May 29, 2024, introduces new minimum capital requirements for companies by December 2026, allows delegation of certain powers by the board and aligns chairman appointments with board terms.

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