Türkiye Legal Update

May 2021

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 ©

Increase on the Corporate Income Tax Rate

Corporate and M&A

By Görkem Bilgin

Pursuant to the Law, amending the Corporate Tax Law as published in the Official Gazette, it is regulated that the corporate income tax, which is currently being applied as 20%, will be increased to 25% for 2021 and 23% for 2022.

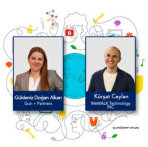
News and Events

Legal500 EMEA 2021 Results

We are proud to have the “Top Tier” rankings in 6 out of 9 practice areas we are ranked by The Legal 500 and delighted that our 11 lawyers are listed in their practice areas.

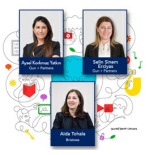
Euromoney LMG's European Life Sciences Awards 2021 Are Announced

We are honored that our firm has been named "Law Firm of the Year in Southeast Europe Region" by Euromoney.



Webinar: World IP Day - Conversation on Significant Role of IP on SMEs' Growth: The Story of WeWALK

Güldeniz Doğan Alkan and Kürşat Ceylan spoke at the webinar.



Webinar: World IP Day - Top Patent Cases of the year 2020 in Turkey and UK Perspective

Aysel Korkmaz Yatkın, Selin Sinem Erciyas and Aida Tohala spoke at the webinar.

Developments for Local Storage in Turkey

Data Protection and Privacy

By Begüm Yavuzdoğan Okumuş and Yalçın Umut Talay

After introduction of the Information and Communication Security Guide on 24.07.2020 by Digital Transformation Office, local storage requirements affect more private entities which provide services to public institutions.

The Guideline on Commercial Advertisement and Unfair Commercial Practices Conducted by Social Media Influencers Has Been Published

Technology, Media and Telecom

By Hande Hançar and Baran Güney

The Guideline on Commercial Advertisement and Unfair Commercial Practices Conducted by Social Media Influencers” ruling the principles and disclosure requirements for advertising by social media influencers was legislated in Turkey.

IP Court Issues Preliminary Injunction Against Drug in Turkey’s Named Patient Programme

Life Sciences , Patents and Utility Models

By Selin Sinem Erciyas and Aysu Eryaşar

PI has been granted to remove a pharmaceutical from the foreign drug list of the Turkish Medicines and Medical Devices Agency, demonstrating that the patent rights can be used rightly in an area where Bolar exemption is not misinterpreted.

Terms of Termination Ban and Unilateral Unpaid Leave Have Been Extended Once Again - April 2021

Employment

By Beril Yayla Sapan, Asena Aytuğ Keser and Kardelen Dorken

Terms of termination ban and unilateral unpaid leave have been extended from 17 May 2021 to 30 June 2021. Unless a new amendment is introduced for allowing further extensions, the termination ban will expire on 30 June 2021.

Broad Trademarks Registered Without Intention to Use

Trademarks and Designs

By Uğur Aktekin, Mutlu Yıldırım Köse and Merve Çimen Sevine

Trademark applicants face problems in using and registering their trademarks due to broad senior trademarks registered without intention to use but they are entitled to take actions based on bad faith and abuse of rights to clear their way.

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