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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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Evaluating ChatGPT and AI Applications from the Personal Data Protection Perspective

Data Protection and Privacy

By Begüm Yavuzdoğan Okumuş and Seda Takmaz

When the concerns about how AI systems use and store data collected from users have been frequently mentioned by data protection authorities lately and the privacy policy of ChatGPT for users accessing from Turkey are evaluated together, the necessity of providing clear and transparent information and taking the necessary steps to protect users' data has become increasingly important.

News and Events

London International Disputes Week

Beril Yayla Sapan and Asena Aytuğ Keser represented our firm at the London International Disputes Week 2023.

INTA 2023 Annual Meeting Live+

Our firm was represented by our partners Barış Kalaycı, Güldeniz Doğan Alkan, Mutlu Yıldırım Köse, Uğur Aktekin, Zeynep Seda Alhas and Director Pınar Arıkan at the INTA's 2023 Annual Meeting Live+ in Singapore.

New Guidelines on Named Patient Program was Published

Life Sciences

By Dicle Doğan, Fatma Sevde Tan and Beste Turan Kurtoğlu

In line with the new rules stipulated in the Regulation on the Supply of Pharmaceuticals from Abroad, the Guidelines on Named Patient Program has been updated.

The Need for an Injunction in Cases Where the EPO Proceeding is a Pending Issue

Patents and Utility Models , Intellectual Property

By Özge Atılgan Karakulak, Aysel Korkmaz Yatkın and Fatma Sevde Tan

The District Court ruled that the request for a preliminary injunction should be evaluated while waiting for the conclusion of the EPO appeal proceedings to protect the balance of interests among the parties.

A New Era in .Tr Extended Domain Names - and a New Issue Waiting for a Solution

Trademarks and Designs

By Zeynep Seda Alhas, Pınar Arıkan and Baran Güney

As per the new system for registration and management of ".tr" domain names, the alternative dispute resolution mechanism is only available for domain names registered and/or renewed after 14 September 2022. This is considered to create unequal situation.

Personal Data Protection Board Decisions on Commercial Electronic Messages

Data Protection and Privacy

By Begüm Yavuzdoğan Okumuş, Yalçın Umut Talay and Seda Takmaz

Commercial electronic messages are subject not only to e-commerce legislation but also personal data protection legislation. The recent decisions published by the Personal Data Protection Board also emphasize what should be considered by service providers.

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