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 ©

The Long-Awaited Amendment Has Entered into Force: Maternity and Paternity Leave Periods Extended

Employment

By Beril Yayla Sapan and Utku Süngü

Significant amendments affecting working life have entered into force with the publication of the Law No. 7578 on in the Official Gazette dated 1 May 2026 and numbered 33240. Within the scope of these amendments, both maternity and paternity leave durations have been extended.

News and Events



Beril Yayla Sapan Featured as Speaker at TEİD Panel – From Silence to Justice: How Should Corporations Investigate Allegations?

We are pleased to share that our Partner and TEİD Board Member, Beril Yayla Sapan, shared her expertise and insights at the panel discussion titled *"From Silence to Justice: How Should Corporations Investigate Allegations?"*.



We are Attending the 12th Annual IBA World Life Sciences Conference in Lisbon

We are pleased to announce our participation in the 12th Annual IBA World Life Sciences Conference, held in Lisbon from 3–5 June 2026.



Beril Yayla Sapan is Attending the Annual IBA Employment and Diversity Law Conference 2026 in Warsaw

We are pleased to announce our participation at the Annual IBA Employment and Diversity Law Conference 2026, which will be held in Warsaw on 22-24 Apr 2026 and extend an invitation for a potential meeting during the event.

Goal Celebrations and Other Distinctive Elements

Copyrights

By Hande Hançar and Elif Melis Özsoy

Reports about Kerem Aktürkoğlu's "Harry Potter" goal celebration highlight how athlete image rights, and intellectual / indurstrial property law intersect, raising questions about when elements of popular culture can trigger copyright or trademark protection.

Article 138(3) of the EPC: How Turkish Courts Treat Amended Patent Claims

Patents and Utility Models

By Selin Sinem Erciyas, Aysel Korkmaz Yatkın and Bengü Şen Gürakan

Turkish courts recognize amended patent claims under Article 138(3) EPC in invalidation actions. Recent rulings show courts assess validity based on limited claims, confirming this as a vital defensive tool and a harmonized legal approach.

Trademark Applications Made in Bad Faith and the Assessment of Bad Faith in EU Law under the CP13 Common Practice

Trademarks and Designs

By Uğur Aktekin, Selin Bilik Erdönmez and Bilge Ayperi Kemer

The article examines the concept of bad faith in trademark applications under EU law through the CP13 Common Practice, comparing EU and Turkish trademark law while highlighting the need for clearer and more consistent assessment criteria in Türkiye.

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