



## Begüm Yavuzdoğan Okumuş

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## Expertise

Begüm Yavuzdoğan Okumuş has been with the firm since 2007 and became a partner in 2021. Her practice focuses on data protection and privacy, corporate and M&A, life sciences, and competition.

Begüm deals with all aspects of data protection and privacy, including supervising and conducting data privacy compliance projects, advising multinational clients in their activities on a day to day basis as well as in their specific projects. She has sector specific knowledge in regulated sectors and advises clients on newly developed devices/apps to ensure compliance. Begüm advises clients on international data transfer of personal data and represents clients before the Turkish DPA. She assists clients in data breach notifications and investigations, provides appeal strategies to object to Turkish DPA decisions rendered against our clients. Begüm represents multinational companies operating in various industries including pharmaceutical, medical device, telecoms, banking and

automotive industry. She holds Certified Information Privacy Professional Europe (CIPP/E) designation from the International Association of Privacy Professionals and she is one of the former co-chairs of IAPP Knowledgenet Istanbul Chapter, and founding member of Data Protection Association in Istanbul.

Begüm led several M&A projects including due diligence processes and assisted various local and foreign companies during incorporation of their partnership in special projects which also include transfer of technology, know-how and thus needs protection in this respect. She drafted and negotiated several joint-venture agreements, shareholders agreement, share pledge and voting agreements. In addition to her corporate law expertise, she has experience in competition law related matters and provides full service to clients in their corporate law related matters. Apart from providing consultancy services and trainings, she is also representing clients before the TCA about notifications and investigations.

Having wide range of experience in pharmaceutical and medical device industry, Begum advised and represented several multinational pharmaceutical and medical device companies on their commercial deals and needs, including advising on their new investments in Türkiye, marketing authorization and asset transfers, corporate restructuring projects, negotiating distributorship agreements and termination of these agreements, and advising on localisation projects.

Areas of Expertise

- Data Protection and Privacy
- Corporate and M&A
- Life Sciences
- Competition
- Technology, Media and Telecom

Publications

[Regulatory Landscape of Data Protection and Artificial Intelligence in Türkiye](#)

Gün + Partners, Author, Dec 16, 2025

[OneTrust DataGuidance - Employment](#)

One Trust, Co-Author, Dec 08, 2025

[From the Perspective of Data Protection and Cybersecurity: Increasing Need for Regulation in Artificial Intelligence](#)

Gün + Partners, Co-Author, Nov 28, 2025

[New Developments Regarding the Obligation to Register with the Data Controllers’ Registry](#)

Gün + Partners, Co-Author, Oct 03, 2025

[Personal Data Protection in Turkiye and Worldwide in Light of TikTok Decisions: Children's Data and Cross-Border Data Transfer](#)

Gün + Partners, Co-Author, Jul 31, 2025

[Works on Artificial Intelligence in Türkiye : Summary of the Activities of the AI Commission](#)

Gün + Partners, Author, Jul 31, 2025

[Recommendations by the Turkish Personal Data Protection Authority on the Protection of Personal Data in the Field of Artificial Intelligence](#)

Gün + Partners, Author, Jul 24, 2025

[The Personal Data Protection Board Issued a Principle Decision on the Processing of Personal Data Through SMS Verification Codes Sent to Customers Almost by Force During the Provision of Products and Services in Stores](#)

Gün + Partners, Author, Jul 24, 2025

[Legal Issues Arising in Autonomous \(Driverless\) Vehicles: Liability and Privacy](#)

Gün + Partners, Co-Author, Jul 24, 2025

[Constitutionality of the Turkish Competition Authority’s Power to Conduct On-Site Inspections in Light of the Decision of the Turkish Supreme Court Issued on 23/3/2023](#)

Ankara Barosu Fikri Mülkiyet ve Rekabet Hukuku Dergisi, Author, May 07, 2025

[Protection of Personal Data and Data Subject Rights in the Context of Artificial Intelligence Technologies](#)

Legalink Newsletter, Author, Apr 25, 2025

[Processing of Special Categories of Personal Data](#)

Gün + Partners, Co-Author, Mar 04, 2025

**Cross-Border Transfer of Personal Data**

Gün + Partners, Co-Author, Mar 04, 2025

**Data Controllers' Registry (VERBIS)**

Gün + Partners, Co-Author, Mar 04, 2025

**Cookies**

Gün + Partners, Co-Author, Mar 04, 2025

## Speaking Engagements

[Artificial Intelligence in the Medical Device Sector, Association of Research Based Medical Technologies Manufacturers, Webinar, Speaker 19.03.2025](#)

Law and Compliance in the Green and Digital Transformation Path - Climate Summit, TOBB University, Speaker, 10.05.2024

ARTED (Association of Research Based Medical Technologies Manufacturers) Competition Law Training - Current Developments, Gün + Partners, Speaker, 11.03.2024

Protection of Our Personal Data, Screen of the Future Podcast, Speaker, 24.03.2023

Legal Issues to be Considered in Cooperation of Technology User & Technology Supplier, TÜSİAD SD<sup>2</sup> Webinar, Speaker, 22.12.2022

Legal Approach in Digital Transformation, TÜSİAD Industrial Digital Transformation Program (TÜSİAD SD<sup>2</sup>), Industry – Technology Integration Program, Speaker, 07.12.2022

Personal Data Protection Law and Implementation, Kontrol Bende Project Training Program - Meta and Habitat Association, Speaker, 25.10.2022

"Transfer of Data Abroad", "Binding Company Rules, Commitments", "The Concept of Registration and Contact Person", Özyeğin University Lifelong Learning Academy Turkish Personal Data Protection Law, Basic Training Course, Trainer, 03.09.2022

Turkish Personal Data Protection Law Webinar, Automotive After Sales Products and Services Association (OSS), Trainer, 13.05.2022

Legal Actions Against Counterfeit or Illegal Drugs Eluded out of the Legal Supply Chain, Gün + Partners Webinar, Speaker, 06.04.2022

Legal Issues to Consider in Technology User & Technology Supplier Collaboration, TÜSİAD SD<sup>2</sup> Digital Industry Program 2021, Panelist, 15.11.2021

Returning to Office During Covid-19, Gün + Partners Webinar, Moderator, 29.09.2021

Electronic Meetings in Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Industries and Data Protection Law Perspective, Gün + Partners Webinar, Speaker, 05.05.2021

Legal Impacts of Digitalization in Workplace in Turkey, Mondaq and Gün + Partners Webinar, Speaker, 24.02.2021

Data Protection Day Agenda, Data Protection Association, Speaker, 29.01.2021

Evaluation of Data Breaches within the Scope of KVKK and GDPR, Hacettepe Law Society - Informatics and Law Conference, Speaker, 26.12.2020

The Attitude of the Personal Data Protection Authority and Important KVKK Decisions, Istanbul University Faculty of Law Information Technology Law Club - Personal Data Protection Week Webinar, Speaker, 11.12.2020

Amazon and Biometric Data Decision of the Personal Data Protection Board and recent developments - Information Security and Privacy, KnowledgeNet Chapter Webinar, Moderator, 13.11.2020

Current Developments in the Light of the Final Board Decisions, IAPP KnowledgeNet Istanbul Chapter Webinar, Moderator, 22.05.2020

Current Developments in the Light of the Final Board Decisions, Gün + Partners Webinar, Moderator, 21.05.2020

Current Developments on Data Protection within the Scope of COVID-19, Gün + Partners Webinar, Moderator, 22.04.2020

Data Protection, IAPP - Conversations on Data Protection, Speaker, Istanbul, Turkey, 16.10.2019.

Data Protection, Facebook – Turkey, Tech and Policy Meeting, Panellist, Istanbul, Turkey, May 16, 2019.

Processing Personal Health Data in Life Science under the GDPR and Turkish Law on Protection of Personal Data, Biolegis Meeting 2018, Speaker, Istanbul, Turkey, September 13-14, 2018.

Are we making the most of our data? Managing IP TMT Forum London, Moderator, London, UK, May 19, 2016

Requirements of law for compliance in terms of Cloud Computing contracts, 2nd Cloud Computing Forum, Panellist, Istanbul, Turkey, May, 2016

## Associations

International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP), Former Istanbul KnowledgeNet Co-chair

International Technology Law Association (ITECHLAW), Data Protection Committee

Data Protection Association of Turkey, Board Member

EuroCloud, Cloud Privacy Check, Member

## Education

2007, International Commercial Law, Bournemouth University, UK LLM

2005, Faculty of Law, İstanbul University, İstanbul LL.B.

2001, Gemlik Celal Bayar Anadolu Lisesi, Bursa

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