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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, Begüm advised and represented several multinational pharmaceutical and medical device companies on their commercial deals and needs, including advising on their new investments in Turkey, 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

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

Data Breach and Its Consequences

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

Judicial Review of Board Decisions

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

Protection of Personal Data In Turkiye – General Approach

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

Competition Investigations in the Shadow of the Settlement Procedure

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

Data Residency in Turkey for 2025

OneTrust Data Guidance, Co-Author, Feb 21, 2025

Recommendations from the Personal Data Protection Authority on the Protection of Personal Data in the Field of Artificial Intelligence

Gün + Partners, Co-Author, Feb 17, 2025

Matters to be Considered in Standard Contracts to be Used in the Transfer of Personal Data Abroad

Gün + Partners, Co-Author, Feb 14, 2025

Guidelines on Cross-Border Transfer of Personal Data Published

Legalink Newsletter, Co-Author, Jan 08, 2025

Close Ties Between Competition And Data Privacy Raises Competition Concerns

Legalink Newsletter, Co-Author, Jan 06, 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 SD² Webinar, Speaker, 22.12.2022

Legal Approach in Digital Transformation, TÜSİAD Industrial Digital Transformation Program (TÜSİAD SD²), 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”, Özyegin 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 SD² 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, İstanbul 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 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

Board Member of Data Protection Association of Turkey

EuroCloud, Cloud Privacy Check

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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