



Gönenç Gürkaynak - Biography

Gönenç Gürkaynak graduated from Ankara University, Faculty of Law in 1997, and was called to the Istanbul Bar in 1998. Mr. Gürkaynak holds an LL.M. degree from Harvard Law School, and he is qualified in Istanbul, New York and England & Wales (currently a non-practising Solicitor). Mr. Gürkaynak heads the competition law and regulatory department of ELIG, which currently consists of 14 associates. He has unparalleled experience in Turkish competition law counseling issues with over 13 years of competition law experience, starting with the establishment of the Turkish Competition Authority. Every year Mr. Gürkaynak represents multinational companies and large domestic clients in more than 10 written and oral defences in investigations of the Turkish Competition Authority, about a dozen antitrust appeal cases in the high administrative court, and over 45 merger clearances of the Turkish Competition Authority, in addition to coordinating various worldwide merger notifications, drafting non-compete agreements and clauses, and preparing hundreds of legal memoranda concerning a wide array of Turkish and EC competition law topics. Prior to joining ELIG as a partner more than eight years ago, he worked at the Istanbul, New York, Brussels and again in Istanbul offices of White & Case LLP for more than 8 years.

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