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# Turkey

Turkey’s competition bar remains small compared to other jurisdictions, but is experiencing steady growth.

## ELITE

**ELIG GÜRKAYNAK ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW** is still the first name on most people’s lips when it comes to competition advice in Turkey. The team is led by Gönenç Gürkaynak and consists of 45 specialists who devote more than 90% of their time to competition law matters, including three other partners, two counsel, and – uniquely in Turkey – a full-time in-house competition economist. Gürkaynak has nearly 20 years of competition work under his belt, working at the Brussels, New York and Istanbul offices of White & Case before joining ELIG.

With a healthy roster of international clients, ELIG unsurprisingly is involved in some big global mergers. The team advised Anheuser-Busch InBev in the joint venture of its Russian and Ukrainian

businesses with the largest beer producer in Turkey, Anadolu Efes. In the aero-engine industry, ELIG acted for both Rolls-Royce and Kale concerning a full-function joint venture, and advised United Technologies in its purchase of aviation manufacturer Rockwell Collins.

The firm also advised JPMorgan Chase, Citibank and Sumitomo Mitsui during an investigation by Turkey’s Competition Authority evaluating whether 12 financial institutions violated Turkish law through the exchange of information regarding loan conditions and other competitively sensitive information. The enforcer fined a few of the banks but did not impose any administrative fines on the three companies represented by ELIG.

Firm	Head(s) of competition	Size	No. WWL nominees	Clients
ELITE				
ELIG Gürkaynak Attorneys-at-Law	Gönenç Gürkaynak	45 lawyers	2	Tronox, Mercedes-Benz, Maersk, Rolls-Royce, Anheuser-Busch InBev, Turkish Airlines, Google, YouTube, Booking.com, Valeo Holding, Monsanto, United Technologies Corporation, Diageo

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ELIG Gürkaynak Attorneys-at-Law is an eminent, independent Turkish law firm founded in 2005. The firm is based in Istanbul.

Widely recognized as having the leading competition law practice in Turkey, our team consists of 45 dedicated competition law specialists led by Gönenç Gürkaynak, the firm's partner with more than 20 years competition law experience, along with four partners and two counsel.

Our competition law team at ELIG Gürkaynak Attorneys-at-Law has a unique understanding and significant experience in a range of industries including pharmaceuticals, transportation & airlines, food & agricultural products, manufacturing, telecommunications, media & technology, healthcare & medical devices, energy, tobacco, construction and defense.

In addition to our unparalleled experience in merger control issues, our team has vast experience in defending companies before the Turkish Competition Board in all phases of antitrust investigations, abuse of dominant position cases, leniency handlings, and before the courts on issues of private enforcement of competition law, along with appeals of the administrative decisions of the Turkish Competition Authority.

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Global Competition Review 100 2019, Elite Firm

“*Stellar practice representing clients in antitrust investigations and proceedings before the Turkish Competition Authority ... Highly esteemed for assisting multinational corporations with Turkish merger control law ... One client praises the firm's "willingness to adapt and learn," as well as its "ability to grasp complexities of the business and apply legal and economic theories to a complex reality." ... the firm has "great technical expertise and strategic input" is also said to be "proactive, easily approachable and very pragmatic when providing legal advice."*”

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Our areas of expertise particularly include: competition law

- corporate law • M&A • contracts law • white collar irregularities and compliance • data protection and cybersecurity law
- litigation and dispute resolution • Internet law, technology, media and telecommunications law • intellectual property law
- administrative law • real estate law • anti-dumping law
- pharma and healthcare regulatory • employment law
- banking and finance law

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