

ELIG promotes two on Turkish competition team

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Öznur İnanılır (Credit: ELIG Attorneys at Law)

ELIG Attorneys at Law has announced the promotion of Öznur İnanılır to partner and Ayşe Güner to counsel in the firm's Istanbul office.

"It is a privilege to be a part of this team," İnanılır told GCR. "I'm very excited to be promoted to partner at a law firm that is by far at the top of competition law practice in Turkey."

İnanılır, 31, said she is looking forward to the challenge of managing a team and working more closely with clients.

Since joining ELIG in 2008, İnanılır has represented Alcon in a preliminary investigation initiated, but subsequently dropped, by the Turkish Competition Authority. She assisted chemical company Solvay in its acquisition of sole control of rival Cytec Industries.

As a senior associate, she advised Medtronic, Warner Bros and Luxottica on Turkish competition matters, and represented cement manufacturers in an authority cartel investigation.

İnanılır graduated from Baskent University in 2005 and worked at Feyzioglu Law Office in Ankara before she moved to London to complete her LLM in European Law from London Metropolitan University.

The firm also announced the promotion of Ayşe Güner to counsel.

"I really enjoy working as a specialist in competition law and I am honored to be working at ELIG, Attorneys-at-Law," Güner said.

"Being a part of the competition law team at ELIG enables me to experience an incredible range of clients and different matters in competition law," she said.

Güner previously has been part of the team that defended Deutsche Bahn in an investigation by the authority into customer allocation. She also helped defend SanDisk in a pre-investigation into resale price maintenance.

On the merger side, she advised General Electric Company on its acquisition of Alstom's energy business and on the merger of marketing and communications companies Omnicom and Publicis.

Güner, 36, has a Juris Doctorate from the Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law in Dallas and has been a member of the California bar since 2009. She received her LLM from Maastricht University in the Netherlands in 2010. Güner joined ELIG in 2012 from DLA Piper in Istanbul.

Gonenc Gurkaynak, managing partner of ELIG, Attorneys-at-Law, said the promotions were well-deserved. "This is a natural result of their consistently high performance at every level," he said. "They both handled all matters with strong commitment and empathy to clients, and with significant added value, throughout their careers so far."

ELIG now has four competition partners and one counsel, among its 36 competition law specialists. It is the largest competition team in Turkey.

Both promotions are effective from 1 January.