

Gökhan Akçalan

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Gökhan has strong and diverse experience in commercial disputes, employment law, compliance & ethics, internal investigations, data privacy, real estate transactions and corporate and M&A matters. With over a decade of practice at an international law firm, he has provided strategic and business-oriented legal advice to domestic and multinational clients across various industries, including technology, FMCG, e-commerce, manufacturing, finance, pharmaceutical, healthcare, and energy.

He has deep expertise in managing multi-jurisdictional matters, conducting internal investigations, assessing regulatory risks, overseeing corporate restructurings, employment relations, and handling cross-border transactions. Gökhan also has substantial litigation and advisory experience in areas such as corporate law, employment disputes, commercial disputes and compliance-related investigations. This breadth of experience enables him to approach complex legal issues holistically and develop practical, well-founded strategies.

With a client-focused approach, clear communication style, and strong strategic insight, Gökhan combines legal strategy with organizational priorities to deliver practical, solution-oriented guidance. His leadership experience, broad sector knowledge, and commitment to excellence allow him to contribute effectively to high-stakes commercial and regulatory matters.

EDUCATION

- Yeditepe University, Faculty of Law, LLB, 2014

ADMISSIONS

- Istanbul Bar Association, admitted in 2015

LANGUAGES

- Turkish
- English

MEMBERSHIPS

- Union of Turkish Bar Associations

KEY SECTORS

- Technology,
- FMCG,
- E-commerce,
- Finance,
- Manufacturing,
- Pharmaceutical
- Healthcare,
- Construction
- Infrastructure and engineering

- Energy (oil, gas and renewables)
- Mining and natural resources
- Media and entertainment

KEY SERVICES

- Employment law
- Corporate and commercial law
- Mergers and acquisitions (M&A)
- Compliance, ethics, anti-corruption and internal investigations
- Regulatory compliance and internal investigations
- Commercial and administrative litigation
- Enforcement of foreign court judgments and arbitral awards
- Set-aside of foreign court judgments and arbitral awards
- Media and entertainment
- Data privacy
- Real estate transactions, commercial leases, construction contracts and asset transfers
- Advisory (including strategic advice in various corporate/commercial as well as regulatory and compliance matters)

KEY COMPETENCIES

- Case assessment and strategic legal advice
- Issuance of legal opinions on Turkish law
- Assistance with settlement negotiations, when necessary
- Representation before regulatory and administrative authorities in administrative proceedings and investigations
- Full-cycle representation before all levels of the Turkish judiciary, including civil, commercial, criminal and administrative courts, Regional Courts of Appeal, the Court of Cassation, the Council of State and the Constitutional Court
- Representation throughout all stages of debt collection and enforcement proceedings before competent courts and enforcement and bankruptcy offices
- Drafting, reviewing and negotiating contracts, including construction, design and engineering agreements; memoranda of understanding, letters of intent and confidentiality agreements; sales, lease, agency, franchising, distribution and licensing agreements; and loan, surety, guarantee, advance payment guarantee and performance bonds, together with the preparation of jurisdiction and governing law clauses
- Strategic advice on corporate and commercial law as well as regulatory and compliance matters
- Strategic assessment and advice on employment, compliance, data privacy and corporate matters
- Case assessment and strategic advice involving employment law, corporate law and compliance matters
- Representation in administrative proceedings and investigations before regulatory authorities, including employment, compliance and data privacy-related and compliance-related processes
- Strategic advice on corporate and commercial law, M&A transactions, regulatory compliance and internal investigations
- Advising on work permits, residence permits and immigration law matters for multinational companies
- Advising on data privacy compliance programmes, data mapping exercises and cross-border data transfer mechanisms