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Biography

Elvan Galatalı works as an Associate in Competition and Compliance Department of Erdem & Erdem. Elvan mainly provides legal consultancy on competition law, mergers and acquisitions, data protection, and economic sanctions regimes.

Elvan Galatalı represents a wide variety of leading multinational corporations operating in a wide range of geography including Turkey, Europe and United States in connection with competition law aspects of mergers and acquisitions. She also advises many multinational and local companies on competition law matters. She further represents undertakings in annulment lawsuits and appeals pertaining to decisions of the Competition Board.

She also provides legal assistance and consultancy regarding compliance programs. In addition, as part of the data protection team, Galatalı is involved in compliance projects with applicable data protection legislation, in particular the Turkish Personal Data Protection Law (KVKK) and the European Union General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), for domestic and foreign clients.

She also works in the fields of ethical compliance, anti-corruption and international economic sanctions regimes. She advises on preparation and implementation of relevant policies and procedures, determination of international sanction risks and compliance with anti-corruption regulations.

Practice Areas

- Competition and Compliance
- Compliance
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Personal Data Protection
- Anti-Corruption

- E- Commerce Law

Industries

- Information Technology
- Financial Services
- Heavy Industry
- Port
- Retail
- Mining
- Technology and Media
- Transportation and Logistics

Representative Matters

Competition

- Provided competition law consultancy on a regular basis to leading domestic and multinational firms operating across a wide range of sectors, including automotive, glass, port services, financial services, payment services, information technology, logistics, iron and steel, online retail, fast-moving consumer goods, apparel, alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, food, healthcare, fertilizers and chemicals, tourism, and packaging.
- Represented two different companies operating as a supermarket and retailer in the retail sector in ongoing lawsuits in administrative jurisdiction regarding the annulment of Competition Board's decisions.
- Represented an international maritime transport company in an acquisition transaction and prepared the merger control filing that was submitted to the Turkish Competition Authority.
- Represented an undertaking active in glass industry in investigations before the Turkish Competition Authority.
- Represented an undertaking active in the ticketing services and ticketing software market in the investigation conducted by the Competition Board.
- Represented an international food company in an acquisition transaction and prepared the merger control filing that was submitted to the Turkish Competition Authority.
- Represented a leading fertilizer producer in an investigation conducted by the Turkish Competition Authority concerning allegations of information exchange.
- Advised a company active in the payment services and financial technologies sector on individual exemption applications before the Turkish Competition Authority and day-to-day competition law matters.

- Represented a healthcare group in an acquisition transaction and prepared the merger control filing submitted to the Turkish Competition Authority.
- Represented an international brand development, marketing and entertainment company in a multi-stage acquisition transaction and prepared the merger control filing submitted to the Turkish Competition Authority.
- Represented the buyer in an acquisition transaction involving Türkiye's leading port operators and handled the merger control filing, Phase II review and commitment proceedings before the Turkish Competition Authority.
- Represented an international company active in the sports retail sector in an acquisition by way of a public tender offer and prepared the merger control filing submitted to the Turkish Competition Authority.

Compliance

- Prepared and implemented corporate competition compliance programs and delivered competition law training sessions for companies operating across various sectors.
- Conducted internal competition law compliance audits for companies operating across various sectors.
- Advised local and international clients across a wide range of sectors, including telecommunications, port operations, transportation, information and communication technologies, energy, logistics, glass, e-health, biomedical, healthcare and financial services, on data protection law and regulatory compliance matters.
- Providing legal advice to national and multinational companies within the scope of European Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Turkish Personal Data Protection Law (KVKK), conducting compliance projects, preparing risk assessment reports and compliance documents.
- Advised local and international clients operating in the port operations, transportation and logistics sectors on international economic sanctions and sanctions compliance matters, with a particular focus on U.S. and EU sanctions regimes.
- Assessed foreign direct investment (FDI) filing requirements and review processes in connection with global transactions.

Mergers & Acquisitions

- Conducted legal due diligence in connection with acquisitions of shares in companies operating in e-commerce, healthcare and medical devices, mining, port operations, payment systems and financial services sectors.

Education

- Bilkent University Faculty of Law, LLB
- TED Bodrum College

Memberships

- Istanbul Bar Association
- Bilkent University Alumni Association
- TED Bodrum College Alumni Association

Publications

Newsletter Articles

- A New Approach to Deleted Data During the On-Site Inspection: Balsu Decision, November 2024
- Digital Currencies Within the Framework of OFAC Sanctions, Erdem & Erdem Newsletter, January 2025
- Can Undertakings Bring Proceedings Against Competitors Before Civil Courts for Breach of the GDPR?, Erdem & Erdem Newsletter, May 2025
- Facilitation of No-Poach Agreements by Third Parties: Coship/Nevzat Denizcilik Decision, Erdem & Erdem Newsletter, October 2025
- Green Light from the Constitutional Court to the Competition Board: Is the Ford Otosan Wave Coming to an End?, Erdem & Erdem Newsletter, February 2026
- OFAC'S New Guide: An Introduction to U.S. Sanctions, Erdem & Erdem Newsletter, June 2026

Other Publications

- The Turkish Competition Authority accepts a commitment package raising the cooler access ratio to 35% to eliminate de facto exclusivity in the carbonated beverages market (Coca-Cola), Concurrences
- The Turkish Competition Authority opens an investigation and imposes interim measures on a Big Tech company for restricting third-party AI assistants' access to its messaging platform while self-preferencing its own AI service (Meta / WhatsApp), Concurrences
- The Turkish Competition Authority imposes interim measures on a dominant ice cream manufacturer and its market-leading brand, reserving freezer space exclusively for competitors in the industrial ice cream market (Unilever / Magnum), Concurrences
- The Turkish Competition Authority rules that deleted chat messages did not interfere with an on-site inspection in the consumer electronics sector (Samsung), Concurrences
- The Turkish Competition Authority closes its investigation into data combination implemented by a major online marketplace raising abuse of dominance concerns after securing behavioral commitments (Sahibinden / Otobid), Concurrences

- The Turkish Constitutional Court rejects an objection and upholds the constitutionality of settlement provisions limiting judicial review in competition investigations, Concurrences
- The Turkish Competition Authority fines a soft drinks distributor for deleting WhatsApp messages during an on-site inspection and confirms that post-commencement data deletion constitutes obstruction regardless of the private nature of the deleted content (Coca-Cola), Concurrences
- The Turkish Constitutional Court upholds the Competition Authority's on-site inspection powers, Concurrences
- The EU Court of Justice confirms that national law may allow competitors to bring civil actions for GDPR-based unfair commercial practices in the online sale of pharmacy only medicinal products (Lindenapotheke), Concurrences