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Biography

Anil Acar is a Managing Associate in the Competition and Compliance Department of Erdem & Erdem Law Office. He specializes in competition law, mergers and acquisitions, contracts law, and data protection law.

Acar provides international and domestic clients with assistance in various competition law matters especially in merger control filings where he has an extensive experience with complex multi-million deals for multi-national clients operating in various sectors including chemicals, manufacturing, automotive, steel, energy, pharmaceutical, aviation, technology and gambling industry. He regularly advises clients with respect to their contracts related including but not limited to franchise, distributorship, and manufacturing. He also regularly advises companies on compliance with competition law in their day-to-day operations.

Acar is graduated from Yeditepe University Law School and also holds a BEc degree from Anadolu University. He also spent a year at University of Vienna for his postgraduate studies on European and International Business Law.

Practice Areas

- Competition and Antitrust
- Compliance
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Personal Data Protection

Industries

- Agribusiness and Food
- Automotive

- Energy
- Healthcare
- Heavy Industry
- Information Technologies
- Technology and Media
- Telecommunications
- Transportation and Logistics

Representative Matters

Competition and Antitrust

- Provided competition law consultancy to leading domestic and multinational firms operating in automotive sector.
- Provided competition law advice to a leading international payment service provider with respect to their business in Türkiye.
- Provided competition law advice to an international hospitality and marketplace company regarding their franchise agreement in Türkiye.
- Provided competition law advice to an international manufacturing company based in the US in relation to their manufacturing and distribution agreements in Türkiye.
- Represented Viavi Solutions Inc., a US company active in navigation systems, before the Turkish Competition Authority regarding the merger control filing process in relation to its acquisition of Inertial Labs, Inc. in navigation systems sector.
- Represented Trilantic, a European private equity firm with more than EUR 2 billion under management, before the Turkish Competition Authority regarding the merger control filing process in relation to its acquisition of Gransolar in solar energy sector.
- Represented Flutter Entertainment plc, a leading European gambling and entertainment firm, before the Turkish Competition Authority regarding the merger control filing process in relation to its acquisition of Sisal, the joint venture partner of Sisal Sans, which holds the exclusive license for the Turkish National Lottery (Milli Piyango) in the lottery sector.
- Represented Brookfield Asset Management, a leading global investment firm with over USD 1 trillion of assets under management, regarding the merger control filing process in relation to its acquisition of Powen in solar energy sector.
- Represented Leonardo and Thales, leading global companies active in defence and aviation sectors, before the Turkish Competition Authority regarding the merger control filing process in relation to its acquisition of Vitrociset in aerospace sector.

- Represented Lone Star Funds, a leading private equity firm active in various sectors, before the Turkish Competition Authority regarding the merger control filing process in relation to its acquisition of Ferro's tile coating and construction chemicals business.
- Represented Adient and Boeing, leading global companies respectively active in manufacturing and aviation sectors, before the Turkish Competition Authority regarding the merger control filing process in relation to their greenfield joint venture transaction in aviation sector.
- Represented LyondellBasell, a leading global manufacturing firm, before the Turkish Competition Authority regarding the merger control filing process in relation to its acquisition of A.Schulman in the manufacturing sector.
- Represented IBM and Maersk, leading global companies respectively active in information technology and logistics sectors, regarding the merger control filing process in relation to their greenfield joint venture transaction in logistics sector.
- Represented Shandong Ruyi Group, a global textile firm, before the Turkish Competition Authority regarding the merger control filing process in relation to its acquisition of INVISTA's exterior clothing and advanced textile business in the textile sector.
- Represented John Deere, a leading global agricultural machineries firm, before the Turkish Competition Authority regarding the merger control filing process in relation to its acquisition of Grammer in the agriculture sector.
- Represented Dubai Aerospace Enterprise Ltd, an aviation firm based in UAE, before the Turkish Competition Authority regarding the merger control filing process in relation to its acquisition of AWAS Aviation Capital in the aviation sector.
- Represented Linde, a leading global company active in petroleum sector, before the Turkish Competition Authority regarding the merger control filing process in relation to its greenfield joint venture transaction in the petroleum sector.
- Represented AT&T Inc., one of the global top telecommunications firms based in the US, before the Turkish Competition Authority regarding the merger control filing process in relation to its acquisition of Time Warner Inc., which is one of the highest valued transactions in history.
- Represented General Electric, a leading conglomerate firm, before the Turkish Competition Authority regarding the merger control filing process in relation to its acquisition of Baker Hughes in the petroleum and gas sector.
- Represented Mylan, a firm active in the pharmaceutical sector, before the Turkish Competition Authority regarding the merger control filing process in relation to its acquisition of Meda in the same sector.

- Represented Siemens and Valeo, leading global companies respectively active in durable goods and automobile parts sectors, before the Turkish Competition Authority regarding the merger control filing process in relation to their greenfield joint venture transaction in the automotive sector.

Mergers & Acquisitions

- Assisted Flutter Entertainment plc, a leading European gambling and entertainment firm, in relation to its acquisition of Sisal, the joint venture partner of Sisal Sans, which holds the exclusive license for the Turkish National Lottery (Milli Piyango), overseeing both the M&A and merger control processes.
- Assisted an innovative Turkish company active in the food sector with respect to sale of their shares to a private equity firm, handling every phase of the M&A transaction.
- Assisted a global manufacturing company active in electric vehicle motors industry with respect to acquisition of an Italian company with a Turkish facility, handling every phase of the M&A transaction.
- Provided a global private equity company with due diligence support in relation to its acquisition of a global cleaning and hygiene products company.
- Provided due diligence exercises to multinational clients active in various sectors including pharmaceuticals, manufacturing, and energy.

Personal Data Protection

- Assisted an international firm generally active in cloud computing in relation to their questions regarding personal data transfer from/to Türkiye
- Assisted the client active in biotechnology with respect to their compliance with the Turkish data protection regime
- Assisted an international software and IT firm in relation to preparations of its data protection policies in Türkiye
- Assisted the client active in payment systems with respect to personal data protection aspects of their contracts with the service providers

Education

- Yeditepe University Law School
- Anadolu University, Economics
- Adem Tolunay High School

Memberships

- Istanbul Bar Association
- Istanbul Bar Consumer Rights and Competition Law Commission

Publications

- “Applying the Dynamic Competition Approach to Zero-Priced Markets”, Douglas H. Ginsburg: An Antitrust Professor on the Bench Liber Amicorum, Volume 1 published in March 2018 by Concurrences
- Speaker at the Panel “Next Generation GDPR Matters and Challenges” at GC Summit South East Europe 2023 organized by Legal500