

CoPartners is an **independent consulting firm** located in Istanbul, specializing in competition law and regulated industries.

The team consists of six associates and three partners, each with over 20 years of dedicated competition law experience both in private practice and regulatory authorities.

We work with clients from a diverse range of industries in Turkey and abroad as well as international law firms as their Turkish antitrust counsel.



WHAT SETS US APART

As CoPartners, we have distinctive strengths that sets us apart in the area of competition law showcasing our expertise, extensive experience, and commitment to delivering premium legal services:

Global Calibre Legal Advice

We deliver services at an international standard, backed by the profound expertise of two partners who have spearheaded the competition practices at leading global law firms in Turkey for many years.

Enforcer Experience and Insight

Our team includes former members of the Turkish Competition Authority, enabling us to offer concise and informed insights into the regulatory perspective, enriched by a comprehensive understanding of its internal processes.

Partners in Action

We ensure that every case receives personalized, high-level attention and focus by maintaining direct involvement from our partners.

OUR EXPERTISE

Based on 20+ years of dedicated experience of our partners and hundreds of cases handled to date, we possess substantial expertise and a profound comprehension of the Turkish Competition Authority's procedures in all aspects of antitrust matters, including:

Merger Control & FDI

- merger filing requirement assessment
- pre-closing processes (due diligence reviews, data room structuring, clean team agreements, integration planning etc.)
- filing procedures from submission to clearance
- in-depth Phase-II reviews
- negotiation of commitments with the regulator
- strategic advisory, risk assessment, and FDI filing with the relevant authorities

Investigations

- all types of behavioral cases (cartels, vertical agreements, abuse of dominance)
- preliminary investigations and dawn-raid procedures
- leniency, commitment, and settlement procedures

Compliance and Counselling

- general advisory
- compliance programs, trainings & audits
- sector inquiries
- negative clearance / individual exemption

Antitrust Litigation

- appellate procedures
- follow-on damages actions

OUR TEAM



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Bringing a wealth of experience spanning 23 years in roles at the Turkish Competition Authority and in private practice, Sezin represents clients in all types of competition/antitrust matters.

Before founding CoPartners, Sezin held the position of head of the Competition/Antitrust practice at White & Case in Turkey for a period of 12 years. Prior to this, she dedicated a decade to serving as a senior case handler/expert in competition law at the Turkish Competition Authority.

Throughout her career, Sezin has consistently been recognised by international directories including The Legal 500, Chambers & Partners, Global Competition Review and Who's Who Legal, referring to her as the "go-to" advisor for companies facing antitrust issues.



EMRE ÖNAL

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Qualified both in Istanbul and New York, Emre is an antitrust lawyer with over 20 years of dedicated experience in all aspects of competition law.

Having served as the leader of Allen & Overy's Competition/Antitrust division in Turkey from 2014 to 2022, Emre also oversaw the Middle East region during the final three years of his role.

Emre has been regularly recognised by international directories, most recently by Chambers & Partners in Competition / Antitrust category in Chambers Europe 2024.



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With over 23 years of expertise in competition law, Adnan provides practical guidance on complex antitrust issues, particularly in the heavily regulated industries.

Adnan's career began at the Turkish Competition Authority, where he dedicated nearly a decade before making a strategic move to lead the compliance department at Turkcell, Turkey's premier mobile telecommunications operator, for a stretch of eight years.

Beyond his corporate engagements, Adnan also advises various public bodies and non-profit organizations with their diverse regulatory matters, enabling him to establish solid and long-standing connections with governmental agencies.