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At a Glance

- **KASAROGLU is a boutique law firm which is based in Ankara but also active in İstanbul.**
- **We are not only active in Turkey but also able to assist our clients as for matters which involve other jurisdictions as well through our membership in Lawyers Associated Worldwide ("LAW"), which is an association of independent commercial law firms located in most major commercial centers around the world. The national and global coverage afforded by LAW in 55 countries allows each member firm to provide its clients with responsive, accessible, a single standard and accountable legal representation wherever it is required.**
- **We are in close cooperation with various academicians, financial advisors, accountants, engineers, economists who all are experts in their fields for a complete service to our clients.**
- **We can play key roles in international consultancy projects of all sizes during development and implementation, having all necessary skills, experience and dedication to guarantee the best chance of success.**
- **We, as the attorneys of Kasaroglu, look beyond the obvious to find creative solutions for our clients. By building partnership with clients, we help them achieve their objectives.**



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- **“HONEST, CONSTRUCTIVE AND PRAGMATIC APPROACH”** This is more than just a slogan; it is truly our mission statement. We believe our quality of service is what sets us apart from other firms and continues to bring us clients.
- Our approach focuses solely upon each client's background and individual needs and goals. Our commitment to quality, understanding of the law, trust, and respect are the foundation for our long-standing relationships with clients.
- In order to provide a full and satisfactory range of services to our clients on an international level, both in Turkey and throughout the world, our partners take the overall responsibility not only for client relationship but also for the performance of the assigned job.
- The main difference which separates us from others is that we always think or act not only as lawyers but also as business men having international and professional understanding
- The Office employs 8 Lawyers and 2 Law Apprentices, all fluent in Turkish and English.
- Founding partners in the business since 1967.



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Practice Areas

ENERGY, WATER AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Our expertise in this area covers all aspects of power plant projects, water supply projects as well as oil, gas and minerals industries. We represent a broad range of interests in the energy sector such as generator, gas and energy traders and marketers, energy service providers, pipeline companies, industrial and commercial customers, investors, public entities and others in connection with the structuring, financing, regulatory approval and operation of power, energy projects, regulatory matters and litigation. We also provide assistance to our clients on numerous regulatory and transactional matters, including the relationships between independent power producers and marketers, the deregulation of and new regulatory framework for natural gas markets.

CONSTRUCTION

We have many qualified experiences in the construction sector from start to finish covering B.O.T's, public and private tenders, concession contracts, joint ventures, construction contracts, subcontracts, license agreements, project management agreements, operational management agreements, contract administration, claim management and, where necessary resolving disputes through court litigation and arbitration. Over the years we have gained many years of experience in representing several major companies working in the field of construction and contributed to various large size infrastructure projects implemented in the Turkey, including numerous oil, gas and dam, power generation plants and other infrastructure projects, as well as the construction of many different types of process plant.





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DEFENCE INDUSTRY PROJECTS

Our experience in matters relating to the defense industry is considerable. We have represented some of the major players in this sector before the Undersecretariat for Defense Industries on various occasions in relation to the development of very significant defense procurement and modernization contracts. Among many other issues, we have particularly advised our clients in this sector in respect of offset obligations, technological cooperation and license agreements, intellectual and industrial property rights, export licenses, local value added, financial guarantees and indemnities and warranties. Our ability and experience in this field is not only limited to advise our clients with regard to contractual and consultancy issues but also to represent them before Turkish Courts with regard to disputes that they may have with Public and/or private entities in this sector.



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TELECOMMUNICATION

Our involvement in this sector started before the commencement of the liberalization process in 1999 with the representation of one of the largest data service provider in the world, BT-Infonet Services Co. Hikmet Kasaroglu, is one of the founders and first board members of TELKODER (Turkish Competitive Telecommunication Operators Association) which has made significant contributions to the liberalization process since the date of its establishment. Because of our considerable experience in this field, clients often rely on our regulatory expertise in devising their business plans and always require our guidance in regulatory approval procedures based on our extensive transactional experience.



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INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

We assist local and foreign companies or their local affiliates with trademark searches as well as applications and registration procedures regarding trademarks and patents filed at the Turkish Patent Institute. We further represent companies whose intellectual property rights are infringed within the Republic of Turkey and take in a prompt manner all necessary legal measures and actions before relevant courts of the Republic of Turkey.

Our mission is to give our intellectual property clients the highest and most effective quality of service, with responsive and cost-effective legal counsel in order to achieve outstanding results for our clients. Our lawyers have extensive and considerable knowledge & experience in negotiating and drafting intellectual property agreements, licensing agreements, transfer agreements of registered trademarks and patents, technical assistance agreements, technology transfer agreements, management agreements, distribution agreements, and franchising agreements.





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PROJECT FINANCING

We provide advice in relation to the full spectrum of financial products including leveraged and acquisition finance, asset finance, project finance, financial regulatory and structured finance. Our activities include; Borrowing and Lending/Single Lender or Syndicated/Participations, Secured and Structured Lending, Trade and Structured Finance, Debt Restructuring and Inter Creditor Agreements, Banking Operations and General Documentation.



CORPORATE AND COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS

Our corporate practice area includes the registration of companies in the Republic of Turkey with foreign capital; formation of joint ventures, ordinary partnerships, branch offices, liaison offices; assisting companies in share transfers between existing foreign and/or domestic shareholders; advising on all legal aspects of mergers and acquisitions, corporate reorganizations, management buy-outs, venture capital projects and commercial transactions generally.



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COMPETITION LAW

Our services cover the aspects of the competition law such as merger notifications to the Turkish Competition Authority, filing before Turkish Competition Authority of abuse of dominant position, representation before Turkish courts on competition cases, prosecution of unfair competition violations, clearance of agreements, strategic alliances and other co-operative arrangements, competition issues related to agency and distribution agreements and competition/anti-trust rules and policy. We advise major national and multinational companies on issues arising from the unfair competition through imitation of trademarks, trade names and similar rights.

BANKRUPTCY & INSOLVENCY

We have substantial experience in representing all parties involved in bankruptcy, insolvency, and creditors' rights proceedings. We are well equipped to provide assistance on the legal aspects of bankruptcy and composition proceedings under Turkish Law, as well as advice on cross-border insolvency and recoveries in other jurisdictions through our network. The lawyers working for the Insolvency Practice have extensive experience advising large Turkish and multinational companies and other institutional and non-institutional clients on various issues arising from Enforcement and Bankruptcy Law.



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LABOUR & EMPLOYMENT LAW

As an extension of our commitment to our corporate clients, we advise managements of our clients on all areas of Turkish Labor Law. We enable our clients to comply in a timely manner with applicable laws and regulations affecting all aspects of the employer/employee relationship. Our services include the aspects of the Turkish Labor Law, such as drafting employment contracts and policies, legal analyses of any issue related to the implementation of Turkish Labor Law, relations with labor authorities and organization, health and safety, discrimination and harassment, discipline issues, termination of the labor contracts, representation of the clients before Turkish Courts regarding labor disputes.



FOREIGN INVESTMENTS & COMPLIANCE

Since 1997, we have been advising foreign investors on all aspects of capital investment operations, including but not limited to obtaining regulatory licenses or permits, drafting project documentation, preparing due diligence reports, structuring, negotiations and post-acquisition services, providing initial background information on legal, political and economic aspects affecting the client's investment and assuring the compliance of the works and transactions of the investor with the current laws and regulations. Our Foreign Investment Practice is reflecting our ability to offer a wide range of legal services related to doing business in Turkey from the study phase throughout the successful implementation of the investment project.



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LITIGATION & ARBITRATION

Our experience and pragmatic approach to the very complicated cases enables us to develop and implement effective, efficient and result-driven strategies to the complex, difficult, and often highly sensitive matters our clients confront. Among many other areas, we are particularly very confident and experienced in litigation & arbitration concerning contract (particularly large size construction contracts) related type of disputes; defense industry related types of disputes, public tender law disputes as well as all types of claims involving commercial law. Our goal is to provide clients with business-oriented legal advice with practical guidance on the avoidance or solving of problems. We believe that effective representation requires not only specialized arbitration and litigation experience, but also superior case management skills. We have the resources and experience to handle large matters involving complex legal and factual issues, severe time constraints, multiple related cases, and numerous parties, documents and depositions.





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Credentials

- Alstom Power ve Ulaşım A.Ş. and Alstom Power Proje A.Ş. and Alstom Ulaşım Sistemleri Tesis Ticaret ve Sanayi Ltd. Şti.
- Alstom (Switzerland) Ltd., Va Tech Hydro Vevey Ltd. and Va Tech Escher Wyss Ltd. composing of E+M Group of the Consortium formed for the Deriner Dam ve HEPP Project.
- Va Tech- Alstom Joint Venture, formed for the E+M erection works under Şanlıurfa HEPP ve Tunnels Project.
- Birecik Hidroelektrik Santrali Tesis ve İşletme A.Ş.
- AES-IC İçtaş Enerji Üretim ve Ticaret A.Ş.
- Turusgaz Taahhüt ve Pazarlama A.Ş.
- SkodaExport, Co.Ltd
- Verbundplan Birecik Barajı İşletme Limited Şirketi
- Botaş International Ltd.
- RARIK Energy Development Ltd. (RED)
- EFLA hf.
- Hydrocontracting Holding GmbH.
- Mage Enerji Üretim ve Ticaret A.Ş.
- Teknom Mümessilik İthalat İhracat Ltd. Şti.
- Gama Endustri Tesisleri İmalat ve Montaj A.S.
- İzmit Su A.Ş.
- Va-Tech Wabag GmbH.
- Thames Water Alt Yapı Hizmetleri Ltd Şti.
- Strabag SE.
- ED Zublin AG.
- Key Plan.
- Kalemci Yapı Endüstri ve Ticaret A.Ş.



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- Galkon A.Ş.
- Özdoğu İnşaat ve Ticaret Ltd. Şti.
- Infonet Telekomünikasyon Hizmetleri A.Ş.
- Doğan İletişim ve Telekomünikasyon A.Ş.
- Panasonic Avionics Corporation.
- AeroMobile, Airborne Mobile Connectivity, Turkish Competitive Telecom Operators' Association ("TELKODER").
- Smile Holding A.Ş.
- Vestel Savunma.
- Israel Military Industries Ltd ("IMI").
- Elbit Systems Ltd.
- Elisra Electronic Systems Ltd.
- Aydın Yazılım ve Elektronik Sanayii AŞ.

Credentials

- Sancak Savunma Sanayi A.Ş.
- Türkiye Odalar ve Borsalar Birliği (TOBB), (The Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey).
- Vakıfbank.
- Baştaş Başkent Çimento Sanayi ve Ticaret A.Ş.
- Konya Çimento San. A.Ş.
- Motor Sporları ve Organizasyon A.Ş.
- Formula İstanbul Yatırım A.Ş. (FIYAS)
- Tobtim Uluslararası Ticaret Merkezleri Anonim Şirketi.
- Boston Scientific Co.



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Credentials

- CAF (Construcciones y Auxiliar de Ferrocarriles, S.A., Turkey)
- International Road Transport Union (IRU)
- TIRSAN
- TEPE International.
- Uluslararası Nakliyeciler Derneği (UND)
- MEKE Marine Environmental Protection Services Ltd.
- Nutreco International B.V.
- FLS Miljo.
- El Torito Franchising Co.
- Philipp Holzmann Technischer Service GmbH.
- Comex Interpartners Dış Ticaret A.Ş.
- Bon Food Gıda Ürünleri Dış Ticaret Ltd Şti.
- Barents Group LLC.
- BearingPoint.
- Yıldız Madencilik Arama Sanayi ve Ticaret Ltd Şti.
- Fethibey Tourism Co.
- KMO Information Systems Ltd.
- Impaq International LLC.
- Sherwood Personnel International (SPI).
- Mavi Denizcilik Turizm Deniz Taşıtları İnşa Sanayi ve Ticaret A.Ş.
- Serra Gayrimenkul Yatırımcılığı Taahüt Turizm İnşaat Sanayi Ticaret Limited Sirketi.
- Laboratories Hipra S.A.
- Acucorp, Inc.



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- Deriner Dam and Hydroelectric Power Plant Project
- Topçam Dam and Hydroelectric Power Plant Project
- Şanlıurfa Hydroelectric Power Plant Project
- Durak Hydroelectric Power Plant Project
- Alpaslan- II Hydroelectric Power Plant Project
- Artvin Hydroelectric Power Plant Project
- Kalehan Hydroelectric Power Plant Project
- Yaylaköy Wind Power Plant Project
- Çamlıhemşin Hydroelectric Power Plant Project
- Adıyaman-Gölbaşı Thermic Power Plant Project
- Birecik Dam and Hydroelectric Power Plant Project

Project References

- Marmara Ereğlisi Gas Power Plant Project
- İzmit Domestic and Industrial Water Supply Project
- Helicopter Electronic Warfare System Project
- M 60 A1 Tank Modernisation Project
- Baku-Tbilisi-Ceyhan Pipeline Project
- Privatization of Eti Elektrometalurji A.S.
- The transfer of operation right of the FORMULA ONE events in Turkey
- Project Finance regarding the Sungate Port Royal Resort Hotel's Sale
- Project Finance regarding the Antalya Duty Free Enterprise
- Project Finance regarding the Purchase of ATV-SABAH
- Project Finance regarding the corporate needs of a BOT company based in Turkey