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### **PROFESSIONAL PROFILE**

International sports lawyer and corporate law practitioner with extensive experience in sports governance, international arbitration, media rights, and cross-border legal matters. Founding Partner of Kasapoğlu Legal and Arbitrator at the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS). Admitted to both the New York State Bar Association and Istanbul Bar Association, with professional experience spanning Türkiye and the United States.

Advises sports clubs, federations, athletes, and corporate entities on regulatory matters, commercial agreements, disciplinary proceedings, governance structures, and dispute resolution. Regular speaker and writer on sports law, football governance, and the evolving global sports industry.

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

#### **Kasapoğlu Legal, Istanbul, Türkiye, *Founding Partner*, August 2021 - Present**

Founder of an İstanbul-based law firm focusing on sports law, corporate law, dispute resolution, and regulatory advisory.

- Advising sports clubs, athletes, federations, and corporate clients on contractual, disciplinary, and governance-related matters.
- Drafting and negotiating commercial agreements, sponsorship agreements, settlement agreements, and sports-related contracts.
- Advising on sports governance, federation regulations, disciplinary proceedings, and international sports disputes.
- Representing clients in cross-border legal matters involving sports and commercial law.
- Providing strategic legal consultancy regarding media rights, regulatory compliance, and sports industry operations.

#### **Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), Lausanne, Switzerland, *Arbitrator*, May 2023 - Present**

Appointed Arbitrator at the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), the world's leading institution for international sports dispute resolution.

#### **Turkish National Paralympic Committee, Istanbul, Türkiye, *Chair of Legal Committee*, January 2026 - Present**

Leads the Legal Committee of the Turkish National Paralympic Committee, overseeing legal and governance-related matters concerning the organization and its activities.

- Sports governance and regulatory compliance
- Institutional legal strategy
- Disciplinary and ethical matters
- International sports regulations and federation relations

#### **Turkish National Olympic Committee, Istanbul, Türkiye, *Member of Legal Commission*, July 2024 - July 2025**

Served as Member of the Legal Commission of the Turkish National Olympic Committee, contributing to legal and governance matters concerning Olympic and sports-related activities.

#### **Göksu Safi Işık Attorney Partnership, Istanbul, Türkiye, *Associate*, July 2020 - July 2021**

Worked within the corporate law department of one of Türkiye's leading law firms.

- Drafting facility agreements, lease agreements, and partnership agreements
- Participating in merger & acquisition projects and contract negotiations
- Assisting with corporate structuring and transactional matters

**beIN SPORTS LLC (USA)**, Miami, FL, *Legal Assistant*, June 2018 - July 2019

Reported directly to the Director of Legal Affairs of the United States division of the global media network.

- Supporting legal matters involving media rights and broadcasting operations
- Assisting business development, finance, marketing, production, digital media, and HR departments
- Reviewing and drafting media rights license agreements
- Assisting with international and domestic sports media rights acquisitions

**Ramsey County Courthouse**, St. Paul, MN, *Legal Extern*, January 2018 - May 2018

- Observed courtroom proceedings and courthouse operations
- Assisted assigned judge and judicial clerk
- Completed externship as part of LL.M. program requirements

**Pehlivan Law Firm**, Istanbul, Türkiye, *Trainee Lawyer*, September 2015 - October 2016

- Assisted associates in litigation and legal advisory matters
- Participated in client meetings and court hearings
- Drafted petitions and legal documents

### EDUCATION

**University of Minnesota Law School**, Minneapolis, MN

*LL.M.*, May 2018

Minnesota Justice Foundation Student Chapter, LL.M. Representative

**Istanbul University Law School**, Istanbul, Türkiye

*LL.B.*, July 2015

Young Lawyers Association, Member

### BAR ADMISSIONS

**New York State Bar Association**, admitted on October 2020

**Istanbul Bar Association**, admitted on September 2016

### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

**Patronlar Dünyası**; Columnist focusing on sports law and economy, sports governance (2025 - present)

**Lawyers Association 8<sup>th</sup> Law School Program**; Speaker (2025)

**16<sup>th</sup> Bosphorus Summit**; Speaker (2025)

**G20 India Youth Summit**; Delegate (2023)

**Istanbul University Culture and Sports Club 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Sports Law Conference**; Speaker (2021)

**Istanbul University**; Student Union Website Founder and Designer (2015)

**Ministry of Youth and Sports**; Turkey-Mediterranean Youth Peace Ship Participant (2013)

### SKILLS & INTERESTS

Turkish (Fluent), English (Fluent), Arabic (Conversational); Sports Governance, Media & Sports Business