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Biography

Rüştü Mert Kaşka is a Senior Associate in Corporate Affairs Department of Erdem & Erdem. He especially provides legal advice on energy law, infrastructure projects, project finance, real estate law, commercial contracts and mergers and acquisitions.

He actively participates in preparation and negotiation of project documentation in infrastructure projects including engineering, procurement and construction contracts, operation and maintenance contracts and sub-contracts. He advises clients regarding regulatory matters concerning energy law. He renders legal assistance in M&A projects by conducting legal due diligence, drafting and negotiating shareholders' agreements, share purchase agreements, share subscription agreements and conducting signing and closing transactions. He also assists clients on corporate works including incorporation of companies as well as liquidation processes.

Mert is graduated from Yeditepe University Faculty of Law and he completed his LLM degree at Queen Mary University of London.

Practice Areas

- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Corporate Advisory
- International Commercial Contracts
- Restructuring and Insolvency
- Privatization

Industries

- Automotive
- Energy

- Construction and Infrastructure
- Heavy Industry
- Information Technologies
- Mining
- Port
- Retail

Representative Matters

Contracts

- He advised a Turkish energy company as to its contract for transferring a petroleum license.
- He advised a Turkish energy company as to contracts relating installation of a photovoltaic panels manufacturing facility.
- He advised a Turkish manufacturer as to drafting of its power purchase agreement.
- He advised a Turkish automotive parts company regarding construction of a manufacturing facility.
- He rendered legal assistance as to drafting and negotiation of contracts regarding unlicensed (license-exempt) solar power plant installation projects.
- He advised an automotive manufacturer regarding drafting and negotiation of a supply contracts with several OEMs and suppliers.
- He rendered legal assistance to energy investors and contractors with respect to contractual and regulatory issues regarding unlicensed electricity generation projects.
- He rendered legal assistance as to contract management regarding a solar power plant construction project.
- He conducted legal assistance as to a dispute relating to defective wind turbines.
- He rendered legal assistance on preparation and negotiation of contracts as to installation of a biogas-fired power plant in Denizli.
- He advised a Turkish contractor in negotiation of the construction contract of a manufacturing center construction project carried out by such Turkish contractor in Saudi Arabia.
- He advised a Turkish contractor as to contract management regarding a data center construction project in Turkey.
- He rendered legal assistance on reviewing and negotiation of contracts regarding a thermal power plant construction project in South Africa.

- He provided consultancy services to a foreign energy company regarding their Operation & Maintenance Contracts in the context of their various Operation & Maintenance Projects.
- He provided legal assistance in preparation and negotiation of sub-contracts in the context of a thermal power plant rehabilitation project which was undertaken by a consortium consisting of Turkish and foreign contractors.

Mergers and Acquisitions

- He provided legal assistance regarding drafting and negotiation of transaction documents as to privatization projects.
- He conducted legal due diligence as to a privatization project.
- He conducted legal due diligence as to acquisition of a mining company.
- He conducted legal due diligence as to acquisition of an industrial manufacturing company.
- He conducted legal due diligence as to acquisition of a Turkish subsidiary of a foreign group of companies operating in the bathroom fixtures sector.
- He conducted legal due diligence as to acquisition of a Turkish subsidiary of a foreign group of companies operating in the textile sector.

Corporate Advisory

- He advised a foreign tech company regarding Turkish electricity storage regulations.
- He rendered legal assistance to an automotive parts manufacturer's contracts with OEMs and other suppliers
- He advised a carbon importer regarding the regulatory issues concerning carbon imports to Türkiye.
- He advised solar energy investors regarding regulatory matters.
- He rendered legal advisory services regarding regulatory matters to an electricity distribution company.
- He rendered general legal advisory services to a Turkish bank regarding their day-to-day requests.
- He rendered daily legal assistance to a Turkish manufacturing company as to their commercial contracts.
- He provided legal analysis regarding Turkish contracts law for a foreign investment consultancy company.
- He assisted a Turkish energy company as to energy efficiency and unlicensed generation regulations.
- He rendered legal assistance to a bank regarding the spot electricity market.
- He rendered legal assistance regarding a price gauging investigation.

- He rendered legal assistance to a Turkish company regarding international sanctions.
- He rendered legal assistance as to a dispute between shareholders of an affiliate of a conglomerate.
- He rendered legal assistance regarding day-to-day legal requests and commercial contracts of a company in the automotive sector.
- He rendered legal assistance regarding preparation and negotiation of contracts as to installation of a biogas-fired power plant in İzmir.
- He rendered legal assistance to a foreign-owned company offering portable power solutions in relation to energy legislation, their commercial contracts and day-to-day activities.
- He rendered legal assistance to a foreign group of companies in incorporating in a free zone in Turkey and securing a free zone operating license.
- He conducted legal analysis regarding violation of a minority shareholder's rights in a leading office utilities supply company and rendered legal assistance on amicable settlement of the dispute and transfer of the minority shares.
- He assisted an American entrepreneur in expanding its robotic process operation business to Turkey by forming a joint venture.

Restructuring and Insolvency

- He rendered legal assistance on liquidation of an energy company

Education

- Queen Mary University of London, LLM
- Yeditepe University Faculty of Law
- Hayrullah Kefoğlu Anatolian High School

Memberships

- Istanbul Bar Association
- Queen Mary University of London Alumni Association
- Young ISTAC
- Young EDAC

Publications

Newsletter Articles

- Legal Framework of Aggregation in the Electricity Market, Erdem & Erdem Newsletter, July 2024
- Draft Regulation on the Operation of Carbon Markets, Erdem & Erdem Newsletter, February 2024
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- The Sanction of a Contract Provision Being Deemed Unwritten in the Context of General Terms and Conditions, Erdem & Erdem Newsletter, January 2022
- EFET General Agreement Concerning the Delivery and Acceptance of Electricity, Erdem & Erdem Newsletter, September 2021

Other Publications

- Üretim Tesisi Kurulumuna Dayalı Enerji Performans Sözleşmelerinin Elektrik Mevzuatı Açısından Değerlendirilmesi, Enerji Hukuku Dergisi, 2023/1.
- Advantages of Real Estate Investment Funds, Lexology, 13.10.2020.
- Ömer Kesikli/Rüştü Mert Kaşka/Sena Güngördü, The Legal 500 Oil and Gas Guide – Turkey Chapter, Lexology, 26.12.2019.
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- Ömer Kesikli/Rüştü Mert Kaşka, Corporate Authority to Sign Arbitration Agreements, Lexology, 30.04.2019.
- Ömer Kesikli/Rüştü Mert Kaşka, At a Glance: Natural Gas Pipeline Transportation and Storage in Turkey, Lexology, 16.02.2021.
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