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AMENDING THE ATTORNEYSHIP LAW (no. 1136 of 19 March 1969)

AND THE EXPLANATORY NOTE (of 30 June 2020)

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**LAW ON THE AMENDMENT OF THE ATTORNEYSHIP LAW
AND OF CERTAIN OTHER LAWS**

Law No. 7249

Adopted on 11/7/2020

ARTICLE 1 - In the first paragraph of article 6 of the Attorneyship Law, Law No. 1136 of 19/3/1969, the phrase "local bar association" has been amended to "bar association."

ARTICLE 2 - The phrase "and registered at the bar association at which s/he did his/her apprenticeship" shall be added to the first paragraph of article 15 of Law No. 1136 after the phrase "including the time spent in the services mentioned in Article 4 of this Law)".

ARTICLE 3 -The phrase "to the bar association where they will serve their apprenticeship" in the first paragraph of article 16 of the Attorneyship Law, Law No. 1136 of 19/3/1969 has been amended to "to the bar association."

ARTICLE 4 -The phrase "the bar association concerned" in subsection (4) of the first paragraph of article 17 of the Attorneyship Law, Law No. 1136, has been amended to "registered to the bar where s/he completed his/her apprenticeship."

ARTICLE 5 -The phrase "to which the attorney was registered" has been added to the first paragraph of article 42 of Law No. 1136 after the phrase "the president of the bar association" and the phrase "registered to his/her own bar association" has been added after the phrase "assign another attorney."

ARTICLE 6 -The phrase "the same bar association" in article 44 of Law No. 1136 has been changed to "in any of the bar associations established in the same province."

ARTICLE 7 - Article 49 of Law No. 1136 has been amended as indicated below, including its title "Attorneys' official dress:"

ARTICLE 49 - Attorneys shall appear in courts wearing a gown, the form of which shall be specified by the Union of Turkish Bar Associations. Attorneys may not be required to wear formal clothing within the scope of the business and proceedings of the bar and the Union and the performance of the profession, including during the internship period."

ARTICLE 8 - The phrase below has been added to the first paragraph of article 50 of Law No. 1136. "In provinces where there is more than one bar association, space to be allotted for a bar association shall be allocated to the Union of Turkish Bar Associations, and the Union shall allot this space to bar associations on the basis of the number of attorneys registered with them."

ARTICLE 9 -The phrase "to which s/he is registered" has been added to the first paragraph of article 58 of Law No. 1136, to be inserted after the phrase "under the supervision of the public prosecutor and with a representative of the bar association".

ARTICLE 10 -The paragraph has been added to article 59 of Law No. 1136.

"The provisions of the second paragraph of article 286 of the Criminal Procedure Code, Law No. 5271, dated 4/12/2004 shall not be applied concerning judgments of criminal chambers of regional courts of justice by reason of offences committed by attorneys during their duties as legal representatives or arising from their duties in organs of the Union of Turkish Bar Associations or bar associations."

ARTICLE 11- The phrase "to which s/he is registered" has been added to the first paragraph of article 64 of Law No. 1136 after the phrase "to the president of the bar association," and also to the second paragraph after the phrase "The management board of the bar association," and also

the phrase “bar association” in the first sentence of the third paragraph has been changed to “the bar association which issued the decision.”

ARTICLE 12 - The sentence below has been added to to the first paragraph of article 65 of Law No. 1136, to follow the first sentence. “However, for attorneys starting out in the legal representation profession, bar association dues shall be levied at half the standard rate for the first five years.”

ARTICLE 13 - The sentence below has been added to the first paragraph of article 66 of Law No. 1136.

“If there is more than one bar association in a province, the lawyer shall be entered on the directory of one of them.”

ARTICLE 14 - The phrase “the bar association in that location” in the first paragraph of article 67 of Law No. 1136, has been changed to “the bar association which identified this.”

ARTICLE 15 - The sentences below have been added to the first paragraph of article 77 of Law No. 1136, and the sentence below those sentences has been added to the third paragraph.

“In provinces with more than five thousand attorneys, a bar association may be established with a minimum of two thousand attorneys. In determining these numbers, attorneys registered in the directory of the bar and those working in public institutions and organizations and public economic enterprises are taken as the basis. In the foundation application, a submission including the foundation request shall be submitted to the Union of Turkish Bar Associations together with the signatures of two thousand attorneys and the names of the four-person founding board identified by those attorneys. The Union shall authorise the board of founders to carry out the founding procedures. The founding board convenes the general assembly of the organization to carry out the elections of organs of the bar within six months at the latest and reports to the Union about the completion of the procedure of the establishment of the new bar. The newly formed bar shall not be represented [in the Union] until the first elections of its organs is held by an ordinary general assembly in accordance with the provision of Article 82. If the number of attorneys falls below two thousand, the Union shall notify the bar association concerned in writing, instructing it to meet the minimum number of attorneys within six months. If the deficiency is not remedied within the allocated period, the legal entity status of the bar association shall be removed by the Union, and the decision to remove it shall be announced on the official internet site of the Union. Within fifteen days from the date of the announcement, attorneys and apprentices registered with the bar association whose legal entity status has been removed shall, if there is one bar association in that province, register with that bar association, and if there is more than one in that province, and they shall register with the bar association of their choice, and the procedures and business of those attorneys shall be managed by the bar association with which they register. The procedures for liquidation of the bar association whose status as a legal entity is removed shall be conducted by the last management board thereof under the supervision and observation of the Union, and its remaining assets shall pass to the Union.”

“If a new bar association is established in the same province, the Union of Turkish Bar Associations shall name the bar associations with the name of that province, and number them sequentially starting from the number one on the basis of the order in which they attain status as legal entities.”

ARTICLE 16 - The phrase “with the proviso that this shall take place in years ending with an even number” has been added to the first paragraph of article 82 of the Law No. 1136, to be inserted after the phrase “every two years.”

ARTICLE 17 - The fourth paragraph of Article 96 of Law No. 1136 has been amended as indicated below.

“In order to replace a bar association president who leaves before the end of their elected term, the management board of the bar association shall elect a bar president from its own members to serve for the remainder of the term.”

ARTICLE 18 - The phrase “two delegates from each” in the second paragraph of Article 114 of Law No. 1136 has been amended to “three delegates from each,” and the third paragraph has been amended as shown below.

“One delegate for each five thousand members shall also be elected by bar association general assemblies.”

ARTICLE 19 - The first and second paragraphs of Article 115 of Law No. 1136 have been amended as indicated below.

“The General Assembly of the Union shall be held after the bar association elections, in Ankara, in December of that year.

The Management Board of the Union shall, either directly or upon a written request from the management boards of at least twenty-five bar associations, call an extraordinary meeting of the General Assembly, with the proviso that it shall be limited to the area of responsibility specified in article 117. However, no elections shall be held at the extraordinary meeting.”

ARTICLE 20 - The paragraph below has been added to article 177 of Law No. 1136.

“In provinces where there is more than one bar association, the judicial assistance bureau shall be established on the principle of equal representation of the bar associations. Appointment to the bureau shall be carried out on the basis of equality among the attorneys in that province. The principles and procedures for the establishment of the judicial assistance bureau and the management of the judicial assistance service shall be set out in a regulation prepared by the Board of Management of the Union of Turkish Bar Associations and approved by the Ministry of Justice.”

ARTICLE 21 - The phrase “or, if there is more than one bar association in that province, to one of those bar associations” shall be added to the fourth sentence of the first paragraph of supplementary article 1 of Law No. 1136 to come after the phrase “the bar association there”.

ARTICLE 22 - The provisional article below has been added to Law No. 1136.

“PROVISIONAL ARTICLE 23 - The elections for the presidency of the bar association, and to the management, disciplinary and audit boards of all bar associations, and elections of delegates to the Union of Turkish Bar Associations shall, irrespective of how long those serving have been in office, be held in the first week of the month of October 2020, and elections for the presidency of the Union, and to Union management, disciplinary and audit boards shall be held in December 2020.”

ARTICLE 23 - The sentences below have been added to the second paragraph of Article 4 of the Law on the Payment of Damage and Losses from Terror and the Struggle against Terror, Law No. 5233 dated 17/7/2004.

“In provinces where there is more than one bar association, the appointment of members to the commission shall be carried out on the basis of equal and rotating representation by the bar associations. The principles and procedures with respect to appointments thereto shall be set out in a regulation prepared by the Union of Turkish Bar Associations.”

ARTICLE 24 - The sentences below have been added to the first paragraph of article 16 of the the Law on Supervised Release Services, Law No. 5402 dated 3/7/2005.

“In provinces where there is more than one bar association, the appointment of members to protection commissions shall be carried out on the basis of equal and rotating representation by the bar associations. The principles and procedures with respect to appointments thereto shall be set out in a regulation prepared by the Union of Turkish Bar Associations.”

ARTICLE 25 - The sentences below have been added to the second paragraph of Article 10 of the Law on the Regulation of Trade in Fruit and Vegetables and Other Goods with Broad Fluctuations in Supply and Demand, Law No. 5957 dated 11/3/2010.

“In provinces where there is more than one bar association, the appointment of members to wholesale market arbitration boards shall be carried out on the basis of equal and rotating representation by the bar associations. The principles and procedures with respect to appointments thereto shall be set out in a regulation prepared by the Union of Turkish Bar Associations.”

ARTICLE 26 - The sentences below have been added to the second paragraph of article 66 of the Consumer Protection Law, Law No. 6502 dated 7/11/2013.

“In provinces where there is more than one bar association, the appointment of members to provincial and district arbitration boards shall be carried out on the basis of equal and rotating representation by the bar associations. The principles and procedures with respect to appointments thereto shall be set out in a regulation prepared by the Union of Turkish Bar Associations.”

ARTICLE 27 - This Law shall enter into force on the date of its publication.

ARTICLE 28 - The President of the Republic shall enforce the provisions of this Law.

Explanatory note (of 30 June 2020)

GENERAL GROUNDS FOR THE AMENDMENTS

Bar associations, the professional chamber for attorneys and for the vocation of legal representation, have developed over the course of their long history. Article 135 of the Constitution, which defines bar associations as professional bodies with the character of public institutions, are public legal entities established by law in order to meet the common needs of attorneys, facilitate their professional activities, ensure that the profession develops in accordance with general public interests, and also to provide a framework of professional discipline and ethics to ensure that probity and trust prevail in relations between members of the profession and also in their relations with the general public.

With technological progress, the world has become a global village, and relations between people and companies, as well as international contacts, have gained unprecedented momentum in terms of both speed and intensity. This imposes a special responsibility on attorneys and bar associations to provide guidance in ensuring development and change which is integrated with international law and appropriate to the 21st century.

Interest in the profession of legal representation has, in this country as in the rest of the world, increased in recent years, and as of 31/12/2019 we had 127,691 attorneys. At the same date 46,052 attorneys were registered at the Istanbul Bar Association, 17,598 attorneys at the Ankara Bar Association, and 9,612 attorneys at the Izmir Bar Association. The basic role of bar associations is to ensure mutual professional support and cooperation and to safeguard professional discipline and ethics, but the sheer numbers of attorneys registered with them are currently having a serious negative impact on professional solidarity and on the training of apprentices and attorneys at the start of their professional life, and it is indeed even affecting communication between attorneys registered at the same bar association. These problems associated with the volume of working attorneys must be resolved.

Therefore, the Attorneyship Law and certain other laws are being amended in order to improve practice in the profession of legal representation, a self-employed profession which also has status as a public service, and these amendments cover matters relating to institutional structure and certain problems encountered in the profession.

The Proposed Amendments make it possible to establish more than one bar association in a single province, and in particular in those provinces where the number of attorneys is especially large, in order to eliminate delays experienced in the management of work and procedures implemented under the Attorneyship Law, and also in order to ensure improved provision of bar association services. This measure provides that if a bar association's membership exceeds 5000, a new bar association may, subsequent to written application by 2000 attorneys, be established in that province.

Our legal system delegates a number of public service duties to bar associations, and these are carried out with the participation and assistance of attorneys. These tasks include judicial assistance, mandatory legal representation, and representation by attorneys on boards, commissions and delegations. The system was originally designed on the assumption that there would be one single bar association established in a particular province. Under the Proposed Amendments, such services provided with the assistance of attorneys have been revised so that if more than one bar association is established in the same province, it will be possible for those services to be performed by multiple bar associations.

If more than one bar association is set up in provinces where the number of attorneys exceeds a specified figure, it could happen that they would hold their annual general assemblies in different years, depending on their date of foundation in that province, and this could result in attorneys being involved in elections every year in that province. In order to eliminate such negative consequences, the Proposed Amendments introduce arrangements whereby elections in bar associations and in the Union of Bar Associations will be carried out on the basis of a set calendar. Under this arrangement, the general assemblies of all bar associations will be carried out in the first week of the month of October once every two years, in even numbered years. With bar association general assemblies being held on the same date, the general assembly of the Union of Bar Associations can be held once every two years in December after the bar association elections. In order to ensure that these arrangements can be applied, under the Proposed Amendments, the elections of bar association organs will be held in the first week of the month of October 2020 (irrespective of how long those serving have been in office), and the elections to the organs of the Union of Bar Associations will be held in December 2020. A change is also being introduced in the number of delegates that bar associations will send to the general assembly of the Union of Bar Associations of Turkey. According to this arrangement, every bar association will send at least four delegates, including the president of the bar association, to the Union of Bar Associations. Over and above this minimum number, additional delegates will be elected on the basis of the number of attorneys registered on the bars' directories. In this connection, a system is introduced whereby one delegate will be elected for each 5000 members registered on the directories. In this way, the representation of the bar associations at the general assembly of the Union of Bar Associations will be rendered more effective in institutional terms.

Amendments are introduced which will avoid arbitrariness with respect to the requirement specified by the Union of Bar Association that attorneys appear in courts in official clothing, and this more permissive approach, applied within a framework of respect for the personal preferences of all individuals, requires that Attorneys appear in courts wearing a gown, the form thereof to be specified by the Union of Turkish Bar Associations, but no further requirement will be imposed concerning dress.

In order to reduce the financial burden on attorneys starting out in the profession of legal representation, the Proposed Amendments allow that bar association dues will be levied at half the standard rate for the first five years within the profession of attorneyship.

GROUNDS FOR THE ARTICLES

ARTICLE 1 - With this article, an amendment is enacted in article 6 of the Attorneyship Law, Law No. 1136. Under the Proposed Amendments, it will be possible for more than one bar association to be established in the same province where the specified conditions arise and therefore arrangements are introduced in the article to accommodate this new situation. This provision states that if there is more than one bar association in the same province, a request to be registered with a bar association may be submitted to any of the bar associations.

ARTICLE 2 - With this article, an amendment is enacted in article 15 of the Attorneyship Law, Law No. 1136. With the Proposed Amendments arrangements are introduced to adapt to the system under which more than one bar association can be established in the same province. This provision states that if there is more than one bar association in the same province, the second six-month section of an apprenticeship may be carried out with an attorney registered at the bar association where the apprenticeship is being carried out.

ARTICLE 3 - With this article, arrangements are introduced in Article 16 of Law No. 1136 to adapt to the system under which more than one bar association can be established in the same province. This provision states that if there is more than one bar association in the same province, the request for an apprenticeship may be submitted to any bar association in that province.

ARTICLE 4 - With this article, arrangements are introduced in Article 17 of Law No. 1136 to adapt to the new system. This provision states that if there is more than one bar association in the same province, the introductory letter which must be presented upon application for an apprenticeship must be issued by two attorneys registered at the bar association where the apprenticeship is to be carried out.

ARTICLE 5 - With this article, arrangements are introduced in Article 42 of Law No. 1136 to adapt to the new system. This provision states that if there is more than one bar association in the same province, procedures for the temporary commissioning of an attorney will be carried out by the bar association with which s/he is registered.

ARTICLE 6 - With this article, arrangements are introduced in Article 44 of Law No. 1136 to adapt to the new system. This provision states that if there is more than one bar association in the same province, the condition that attorneys who work in the same office or establish a law partnership must be members of the same bar association shall not be applied.

ARTICLE 7 - Under this provision, Article 49 of Law No. 1136, including its title, has been amended as indicated below. With this provision, the aim is to avoid the application of arbitrary requirements, by a requirement that Attorneys shall appear in courts wearing a gown, the form thereof being specified by the Union of Turkish Bar Associations, while no further requirement will be imposed concerning dress.

ARTICLE 8 - Under this provision, an amendment is enacted in article 50 of the Attorneyship Law, Law No. 1136. Since it will be possible under the Proposed Amendments for more than one bar association to be established in the same province, arrangements are introduced in the article in order to accommodate this new situation. Accordingly, if there is more than one bar association in the same province, space to be allotted to bar associations in the chambers of justice will be allocated to the Union of Turkish Bar Associations and the Union will in turn allot such space to bar associations on the basis of the number of attorneys registered with them.

ARTICLE 9 - Under this provision, arrangements are introduced to adapt Article 58 of Law No. 1136 to the new system. This provision states that if there is more than one bar association in the same province, searches conducted in attorneys' offices and residences will be carried out in the presence of a representative of the bar association with which the attorney under investigation is registered.

ARTICLE 10 - Under this provision, a paragraph has been added to article 59 of Law No. 1136. This provision states that judgments against attorneys issued by criminal chambers of regional courts of justice by reason of offences committed during their duties as legal representatives or arising from their duties in organs of the Union of Turkish Bar Associations or bar associations may be appealed, even if they lie within the limits with respects to confirmed status of judgments ***provided in the second paragraph of article 286 of the Criminal Procedure Code, Law No. 5271. The aim is to prevent divergent practices by opening the path to appeal against decisions in respect of offences which [previously] could not be appealed.

ARTICLE 11 - Under this provision, arrangements are introduced in Article 64 of Law No. 1136 for the purpose of harmonisation, and therefore the bar association to which the attorney must provide information in connection with auditing and complaints shall be the bar association with which s/he is registered.

ARTICLE 12 - Under this provision, arrangements are introduced in Article 65 of Law No. 1136 to adapt to the new system. This provision states that for attorneys starting out in the legal representation profession, bar association dues will be levied at half the standard rate for the first five years.

ARTICLE 13 - Under this provision, arrangements are introduced in Article 66 of Law No. 1136 to adapt to the system under which more than one bar association can be established in the same province. This provision states that if there is more than one bar association in the same province, an attorney shall be registered on the directory of any one of the bar associations in that province.

ARTICLE 14 - Under this provision, a harmonisation arrangement is introduced in Article 67 of Law No. 1136. This provision states that if there is more than one bar association in the same province, a memorandum concerning a lawyer who carries out legal representation on a continuous basis outside the region of the bar association can be issued by the management board of the bar association which makes such a finding in that area.

ARTICLE 15 - Under this provision, an amendment is enacted in Article 77 of Law No. 1136. The sentence added to the first paragraph enables the founding of a new bar association [upon the initiative of a minimum of two thousand attorneys] in any province where there are more than five thousand attorneys. This provision sets out the principles and procedures to be followed for the setting up of a new bar association, the establishment of the organs thereof, and what shall happen if the bar association membership falls below the required two thousand attorneys. A sentence added to the third paragraph provides that if more than one bar association is established in the same province, the bar associations will be named by the Union of Turkish Bar Associations with the name of that province and a number sequentially starting from the number one on the basis of the order in which they attain status as legal entities.

ARTICLE 16 - Under this provision, an amendment is enacted in article 82 of the Attorneyship Law, Law No. 1136. Under the Proposed Amendments it will be possible for more than one bar Association to be established in the same province and therefore arrangements are made in the article to accommodate this new situation. If more than one bar association is established in the same province, it could happen that the annual general assemblies of the bar associations would be held in different years. Under the existing provisions the general assemblies of bar associations can be held in odd or even years, depending on the year in which they were founded, but having bar association general assemblies held in different years would mean that delegates would be sent to serve as delegates at the Union in different years. Also, if more than one bar Association is established in the same province, it could happen that a general assembly of one of the bar associations would be held every year in the same province. The intention of this provision is that general assemblies of all bar associations shall be held on a specified schedule and on the same dates, irrespective of the date of foundation of the bar association concerned. Accordingly, every bar association will hold its general assembly in the first week of

the month of October once every two years, in even numbered years. This arrangement is consistent with the change in article 115 enacted under the Proposed Amendments.

ARTICLE 17 - Under this provision, an amendment is enacted in article 96 of the Attorneyship Law, Law No. 1136. This provision states that a repeat election will not be carried out at a general assembly of the bar association to replace a bar president who leaves before the end of their elected term, and that the management board of the bar association will elect a bar president from among its own members to serve for the remainder of that term of office.

ARTICLE 18 - Under this provision, an amendment is enacted in article 114 of the Law. The amendments to the second and third paragraphs state that every bar association will be represented at the general assembly of the Union of Turkish Bar Associations by a minimum of four delegates, including the president of the bar association, and that in the case of bar associations with a membership of five thousand, there shall be an additional delegate for each five thousand members. With this provision, the representation of the bar associations at the general assembly of the Union will be rendered more effective in institutional terms.

ARTICLE 19 - Under this provision, an amendment is enacted in article 115 of the Attorneyship Law, Law No. 1136. In Article 82 of the Law, according to the change made by the Proposed Amendments, the general assemblies of bar associations will be held in the first week of the month of October once every two years, in even numbered years. The amendment to the first paragraph of the article ensures consistency with this arrangement and it is accepted that the general assembly of the Union will be held after the bar association elections in Ankara in December of that year.

The amendment to the second paragraph provides that an extraordinary general assembly of the Union may be held subject to a written request by 25, rather than 10, bar association management boards of the bar association. This provision also provides that extraordinary general assemblies held at the request either of the Union Management Board or at the request of 25 bar associations shall be held only on matters listed in the Law as the duties of the Union Management Board, and that no elections for Union organs may be held at extraordinary general assemblies.

ARTICLE 20 - Under this provision, an amendment is enacted in article 177 of Law No. 1136. Since it will be possible under the Proposed Amendments for more than one bar association to be established in the same province, arrangements are made in the article in order to accommodate this new system. This provision states that if there is more than one bar association in the same province, the judicial assistance bureau shall be established on the principle of equal representation of the bar associations. Appointment to the bureau will be carried out on the basis of equality among the attorneys in that province. The principles and procedures for the establishment of the judicial assistance bureau and the management of the judicial assistance service will be set out in a regulation prepared by the Board of Management of the Union of Turkish Bar Associations and approved by the Ministry of Justice.

ARTICLE 21 - Under this provision, arrangements are introduced to Supplementary Article 1 of Law no. 1136 to harmonise with the new system. This provision states that if there is more than one bar association in the same province, an attorney who is serving in public institutions or organisations or in state economic enterprises but does not wish to register with a bar association may inform any bar association in that province of this circumstance.

ARTICLE 22 - Under this provision, provisional article 23 is added to Law No. 1136. With the proposed amendments to articles 82 and 115 of the Law, the general assemblies of all bar associations and the General Assembly of the Union will be held on years ending in an even number. The dates upon which the elections of the organs of the bar associations and the Union are to be held are determined in order to harmonise with this change. This provision states that the elections for the presidency of bar associations and to the management, disciplinary and audit boards of bar associations well as for appointment of delegates to the Union shall be held

in the first week of the month of October 2020, while elections for the presidency of the Union, and to the Union management, disciplinary and audit boards shall be held in December 2020.

ARTICLE 23 - Under this provision, an amendment is enacted in article 4 of the Law on the Payment of Damage and Losses from Terror and the Struggle against Terror, Law No. 5233. Since, subsequent to the amendment to the Attorneyship Law, it will be possible for more than one bar association to be established in the same province, arrangements are introduced in the article in order to accommodate this system. This provision states that appointment of commission members commission in provinces where more than one bar association has been established will be carried out on the basis of equal and rotating representation of the bar associations, and the principles and procedures with respect to appointment will be set out in a regulation prepared by the Union of Turkish Bar Associations.

ARTICLE 24 - Under this provision, an amendment is enacted in article 16 of the Law on Supervised Release Services, Law No. 5402. Under the Proposed Amendments to the Attorneyship Law it will be possible for more than one bar association to be established in the same province and arrangements are made in the article in order to accommodate this system. This provision states that the appointment of representatives to protection boards in provinces where more than one bar association has been established will be carried out on the basis of equal and rotating representation by the bar associations, and the principles and procedures with respect to appointment will be set out in a regulation prepared by the Union of Turkish Bar Associations.

ARTICLE 25-Under this provision, an amendment is enacted in article 10 of Law No. 5957. Under the Proposed Amendments to the Attorneyship Law it will be possible for more than one bar association to be established in the same province and arrangements are made in the article in order to accommodate this system. This provision states that the appointment of members to wholesale market arbitration boards in provinces where more than one bar association has been established will be carried out on the basis of equal and rotating representation by the bar associations, and the principles and procedures with respect to appointment will be set out in a regulation prepared by the Union of Turkish Bar Associations.

ARTICLE 26-Under this provision, an amendment is enacted in article 66 of the Consumer Protection Law, Law No. 6502. Under the Proposed Amendments to the Attorneyship Law it will be possible for more than one bar association to be established in the same province and arrangements are made in the article in order to accommodate this system. Accordingly, the appointment of members to provincial and district consumer arbitration boards in provinces where more than one bar association has been established will be carried out on the basis of equal and rotating representation by the bar associations, and the principles and procedures with respect to appointment will be set out in a regulation prepared by the Union of Turkish Bar Associations.

ARTICLE 27-Article dealing with validity.

ARTICLE 28-Article dealing with enforcement.