



TURKISH DELIGHT

I am just back from a meeting of [Avrio](#), our international legal group. The meeting was held in Istanbul, and if you haven't been there before it's a fascinating place. But this note is not a travelogue (although if you insist I can show you the pictures...) No, what I thought was very interesting is *what* we discussed in Istanbul.

There were 39 lawyers from 23 countries at the meeting, representing members from Estonia to Argentina and China to Canada (but with the vast majority in Europe). It occurred to me that what I should have done before I went to Istanbul was ask you whether you had problems or issues that you wanted me to have a quick chat with a colleague about while I was at the meeting. Expect a follow up / reminder on that before the next meeting, which is in September in Brussels!

The really interesting thing (to me, anyway) at the meeting was the increasing and continued focus on two aspects of business at these meetings: international tax planning and intellectual property. It is probably some small comfort that businesses everywhere have very similar concerns!

So, please do remember that not only do we work in those areas, but we work with other close contacts throughout Europe and much of the rest of the world.

Food for thought?

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