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Attorney Vildan Yirmibeşoğlu completed her high school education in Kadıköy and Doğuş Colleges. She received her Bachelors degree in Law from Istanbul University. She has an MA degree from Istanbul University, Institute of Social Sciences. Following her MA degree, she worked at Bilgi University, the Center for Research in History of Revolution.

Between the years of 1985 and 1997, she served as an attorney, as the Chair of the Gaziantep Municipality Law Bureau and as a committee member in the Municipality. She established the 'Women's Rights Unit' and 'Women Information Center' in Gaziantep Municipality and organized 'Public Days' for women in the area. She prepared educative television programs in the local broadcastings and volunteered as a teacher in non-profit organizations for public education.

She is the founding member of the Association for Support of Contemporary Living (Çağdaş Yaşamı Destekleme Derneği - ÇYDD) Gaziantep Branch and served as its Chair for five years. She is also one of the founders of the Family Planning Association Gaziantep Branch. She also established 'Gaziantep Woman Platform' and she presented her studies on women's issues in national and international conventions.

She is one of the founding members and member of the board of directors of KADER - Association to Support Women Candidates- and TÜRKÇAĞ Foundation.

Since 1997 she has worked in Istanbul Governorship and served as the Chairs of Women Status Unit and the Research & Development Unit. She is also the director of the Counseling Desk of the City Human Rights Board and a member of Istanbul Governorship Human Rights Committee.

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Between the years of 2003 and 2005, she participated in the New Turkish Criminal Code Women Working group and evaluated the amendments and practices in the Code. She delivered a speech in the European Parliament on violence towards women and related projects in women's issues in March 2005.

She analyzed 300 court decisions on honor killings that were committed in eastern and southeastern Turkey and published a book on this issue called 'Toprağa Düşen Sevdalar' in 2007.