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Keynote Speaker



Prof. Dr. Ali Yesilirmak
ITOTAM Arbitration Court
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Welcome Message



Prof. Dr. Ziya Akinci
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Welcome Message



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SCHEDULE

8:55 – 9:00	Opening Welcome by Chairperson Anne K. Hoffmann, Independent Arbitrator	12:40 – 13:55	Networking Lunch
9:00 – 9:10	Welcome Speech by British Turkish Lawyers Association Jonathan W Blythe, Founder Member, British Turkish Lawyers Association	13:55 – 14:00	Opening Welcome by Chairperson
9:10 – 9:20	Opening Address Prof. Dr. Ali Yesilirmak, ITOTAM Arbitration Court	14:00 – 14:20	Welcome & Update on Arbitration in Turkey in 2019 Prof. Dr. Ziya Akinci, President, Istanbul Arbitration Centre
9:20 – 9:45	Keynote Session – Corruption and Anti-Corruption In Arbitration and Trade Robert R. Amsterdam, Founding Partner, Amsterdam & Partners LLP	14:20 – 15:00	2nd Grand Panel – Arbitration Clauses – Best Remedies and Avoiding Pitfalls in Different Regions Moderator • Victor Leginsky, International Independent Arbitrator Panellists: • K. Noyan Göksu, Partner, Göksu Aydın Avukatlık Bürosu • Sami Huerbi, Director for Eastern Mediterranean, Middle East & Africa, ICC International Court of Arbitration, Abu Dhabi/Tunis; Partner, Huerbi Law Firm • Cherine Ghali, Managing Partner, Paraiba Legal
9:45 – 10:15	Some Key Challenges For International Arbitration: Real Or Overrated? Dr. Urs Zenhäusern, Head of the Dispute Resolution, Baker McKenzie	15:00 – 15:25	Anti-Competitive Agreements and Abuse of Dominance in Turkey in Light of the Recent Case Law Barış Yüksel, Senior Associate, ACTECON
10:15 – 10:30	3rd Party funding from an Inhouse Perspective Cherine Ghali, Managing Partner, Paraiba Legal	15:25 – 15:50	Short Break & Afternoon Refreshment
10:30 – 10:50	Advising on Corporate Tax Disputes and How to Avoid Them from The Start! Ersin Nazali, Managing Partner, Attorney at law, Sworn in CPA, NAZALI Tax&Legal	15:50 – 16:15	Managing Anti Trust Investigations
10:50 – 11:10	Networking & Morning Refreshment	16:15 – 17:00	3rd Grand Panel – Update on Competition Law Issues for Turkey and the European Union Moderator • Conor Quigley QC, Serle Court Chambers, London Panellists: • Barış Yüksel, Senior Associate, ACTECON • Süleyman Cengiz, Consultant, Hergüner Bilgen Özeke
11:10 – 11:30	The Future of Arbitration: Rules, Techniques, Legal-tech and AI. K. Noyan Göksu, Partner, Göksu Aydın Avukatlık Bürosu	17:00 – 17:05	Closing Remarks & Lucky Draw
11:30 – 11:50	Hardship Clauses & Good Faith in Times of Uncertainty Dr. Nagla Nassar, Senior Partner, NassarLaw	17:05 – 18:00	Networking Cocktail Party
11:50 – 12:40	1st Grand Panel – How to Best Use An Expert Witness in An Arbitration Moderator • George M. Vlavianos, Partner, Dispute Resolution, Simmons & Simmons Middle East LLP Panellists: • Ekrem Kaya, Partner, HKA • Andrew Fallon, Director, Quantum Global Solutions		

Anne K. Hoffmann, Independent Arbitrator

Anne K. Hoffmann is an internationally recognised arbitration practitioner with nearly two decades of experience in international commercial and investment arbitration during which she acted in arbitrations seated around the globe and governed by a great variety of laws. She is dual qualified in both Germany and England & Wales and practiced at leading international law firms in London, Geneva and Dubai before focusing on her practice as an independent arbitrator.

To date, Anne has acted as sole arbitrator, co-arbitrator and chair in commercial arbitrations, both institutional under all major rules (including ICC, LCIA, Swiss Rules, DIFC-LCIA, DIAC and DIS) as well as ad hoc, including UNCITRAL. She has also been appointed in investment arbitration proceedings under the ICSID Rules. She conducts arbitrations in English and German and has working knowledge of French and Russian. In addition to her membership in various arbitration organisations, Anne is on the panel of arbitrators of SIAC and the AIAC. She is also a member of the SIAC Users Council.

Anne regularly speaks and publishes on topics of international arbitration. Anne has been recognized as a leading arbitration practitioner in the UAE in all editions of Who is Who Legal since 2014. Anne is also a visiting lecturer at Humboldt University Berlin.

Robert R. Amsterdam, Founding Partner, Amsterdam & Partners LLP

Robert Amsterdam is an international lawyer with 40 years of experience working on high-profile disputes in emerging markets. His law firm Amsterdam & Partners LLP, with offices in London and Washington DC, is well regarded for its innovative approaches to complex litigation, arbitration, and white collar defence in matters featuring political and policy dimensions.

Amsterdam has been retained by numerous multinational mining and energy corporations to advise on resource nationalism and expropriation disputes, while also representing sovereigns in litigation with foreign investors. His unique blend of political advocacy and international law has led to his retention by several world leaders, such as the Government of the Republic of Turkey, the former Prime Minister of Thailand Thaksin Shinawatra, former President of Zambia Rupiah Banda, Ugandan MP Robert Kyagulanyi (Bobi Wine), former Governor Godswill Akpabio of Akwa Ibom State in Nigeria, among other high profile figures.

With significant experience on the ground in emerging economies across Africa, Asia, Eurasia, and Latin America, Amsterdam specialises in “bet the company” cases. He has achieved major arbitration awards for major corporations such as PricewaterhouseCoopers and the Four Seasons Hotel & Resorts Group, while also advising companies on opening new markets and managing political risk.

In addition to its commercial practice, the law firm is well known for its pro bono human rights work. The firm is the recipient of the Global Pro Bono Dispute Award from the American Lawyer for its work in Zimbabwe, and has represented opposition figures in places as diverse as Singapore, Uganda, and Venezuela.

Amsterdam has also represented high profile political prisoners, such as the former head of the Yukos oil company in Russia, Mikhail Khodorkovsky, and the Venezuelan businessman Eligio Cedeño, both of whom were successfully freed.

As a prolific columnist and blogger, Amsterdam’s writings have been published in the New York Times, the Financial Times, the Wall Street Journal, the Washington Post, and Forbes, among other publications. Amsterdam has made several television appearances on networks such as CNN, CNBC, Bloomberg, BBC, and Fox News.

Amsterdam is a member of the Canadian and International Bar Associations, and is qualified as a solicitor in the United Kingdom. He earned his BA from Carleton University in Ottawa, and studied law at Queen’s University in Ontario (LLB).

Prof. Dr. Ali Yesilirmak, ITOTAM Arbitration Court

Ali Yesilirmak is an independent arbitrator, mediator, a professor at Ibn Haldun University Law Faculty, and a visiting lecturer at the School of International Arbitration, CCLS, Queen Mary College; University of London. He has served as an arbitrator and counsel in several ad hoc and institutional arbitrations. He is a member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration and of the Court of Arbitration and Mediation at the Istanbul Chamber of Commerce (ITOTAM). He was an of counsel to Baker & McKenzie Istanbul (2011-2014); and work as a lawyer in Istanbul in between 2001-2008. He was seconded to Herbert Smith London (2000-2001).

Ali holds an LLB from Dokuz Eylul University, an LLM from the University of Texas at Austin and a PhD from CCLS, Queen Mary, University of London. He was a member of the Committee attached to the Ministry of Justice and entrusted with the drafting the new Code of Civil Procedure (2011), of the Law on Conciliation in respect of Civil Matters (2011) and its Regulation (2012), and of the Law on Istanbul Arbitration Centre.

He published various books and articles on arbitration, litigation, mediation, execution and bankruptcy. He is a general editor on international dispute resolution series in which six books have been published in Turkish. He was awarded with Schmitthoff scholarship; did internships at the International Chamber of Commerce and the American Arbitration Association, was a research assistant to then HE Judge Professor Dr Carl Baudenbacher of the EFTA Court. He is fluent in Turkish and English.

Jonathan W Blythe, Founder Member, British Turkish Lawyers Association

Jonathan is one of the founder members of the BTLA and is currently adviser to the board. He is a qualified Scottish and English solicitor, but for the majority of his professional life he has been located in Turkey. Having completed an MA (Law) at Istanbul University, in 1995 he set up and ran the Istanbul office of the Scottish oil and gas law firm Ledingham Chalmers. A veteran of the BTC pipeline deal, he has acted for a number of State and Private Entities. Following an MBO in 2004 he has been 12 years with the successor firm Senguler law Office. Besides energy and project work, Jonathan advises foreign investors setting up in Turkey across a range of sectors.

Being fluent in Turkish but having a common law background he and his team at Senguler assist clients as they seek to navigate the sometimes uncertain waters of Turkish local regulation. Jonathan is a qualified Arbitrator, and a member of CIARB, he has sat in a number of ICC cases involving multinational parties under both Turkish and English law.

Prof. Dr. Ziya Akinci, President, Istanbul Arbitration Centre

Ziya Akinci is the founding partner of Alkinci Law Office, carries out his duty as the president of Istanbul arbitration Centre (ISTAÇ). Dr. Akinci is a member of the ICC International Court of arbitration since 2006 and he is also head of the International private Law Division of Galatasaray university Faculty of Law. Dr. Akinci focuses primarily on dispute resolution and has acted as counsel, expert, sole arbitrator and co-arbitrator in many international and domestic proceedings including international construction projects, energy projects, investment disputes, mergers and acquisitions, international commercial disputes. Dr. Akinci as admitted to the Bar in 1986. In 2003 he became a professor of Private International Law in Galatasaray university. He has authored numerous publications on topics including but not limited to international arbitration, international construction law, applicable law to the contracts, international family law and the international carriage of goods by road.

George M. Vlavianos, Partner, Dispute Resolution, Simmons & Simmons Middle East LLP

George’s practice focuses on dispute resolution, with an emphasis on complex energy and construction disputes. George has advised national and international energy companies on a wide range of energy-related disputes. He also has extensive experience advising owners, contractors and sub-contractors on a multitude of issues and disputes, including insurance claims, arising on large-scale civil and industrial projects in North America, Europe and the Middle East. George’s experience extends to acting as lead advocate in complex commercial disputes and in their resolution by litigation or ADR, including international arbitration under various ad hoc and institutional rules. George was head of arbitration at another international law firm before joining Simmons & Simmons. He is based in our Doha office and is a member of the firm’s international arbitration group.

George is a fellow of the Canadian College of Construction Lawyers, a charter fellow of the Construction Lawyers Society of America, and a member of the Congress of Fellows of the Center for International Legal Studies. He is also a member of the Charter Institute of Arbitrators (MCIARB) and a member of the London Court of International Arbitration. George is admitted to the Panel of the International Commercial Arbitrators of the ICC National Committee of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce. He regularly speaks and writes on the topic of international arbitration. George is fluent in English, French and Greek. He has a working knowledge of German and a basic knowledge of Arabic.

Victor P. Leginsky, Independent International Chartered Arbitrator

Victor P. Leginsky, Canadian citizen, is an experienced international arbitrator and Barrister & Solicitor, resident in Dubai, UAE since April 2007. Victor has prior high-level mediation experience having been appointed by the Attorney General of British Columbia, Canada, to be the Chair of the Manufactured Home Park Dispute Resolution Committee. He brings over 25 years of arbitration experience in Canada. Victor has earned the internationally-recognized designations of Chartered Arbitrator and Fellow from the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. He is a committee member of the International Court of Arbitration (ICC) – UAE and member of ICC-Canada. He is alternate regional chapter co-ordinator of the Association of International Petroleum Negotiators (AIPN) and launched its seminar on oil & gas dispute resolution in the Middle East. He co-instructs, with Prof. Dr. Klaus Peter Berger a practical course in International Commercial Arbitration in Dubai. He is registered as a Barrister with the Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC) Courts and is a member in good standing of the Law Society of British Columbia, Canada.

Conor Quigley QC, Serle Court Chambers, London

Conor Quigley QC practices law from Serle Court Chambers, one of London's leading commercial barristers' chambers. He specializes in European Union law, in particular concerning competition, commercial, trade and tax law. Conor is widely regarded as the leading expert at the English Bar in the law of EU state aid and subsidies control. He is the author of the leading textbook, *European State Aid Law and Policy*, now in its 3rd edition (2015) and is also co-author and general editor (with Suzanne Rab) of *Hong Kong Competition Law (2016)*, (both books available from www.hartpub.co.uk). He regularly advises UK governmental and public authorities, major multinational groups, and other interested parties, and has acted in some of the leading EU law cases over the last 30 years before the European Court of Justice, the UK Supreme Court and Court of Appeal and High Court.

Conor accepts appointment as arbitrator in international disputes, in particular concerning international trade, state aid and subsidies, competition law and environmental issues. He is listed in the Shanghai International Arbitration Centre and has been appointed an ad hoc sole arbitrator by IATA. In 1991 Conor became a member of the Law Faculty of the University of Oxford, when he was appointed a Fellow in EU Law at Lady Margaret Hall. Since 2008, he has been a Visiting Research Fellow at the Institute of European and Comparative Law. He has also held visiting posts at the College of Europe, King's College London and the International Tax Centre, Leiden University.

Noyan Göksu, Partner, Göksu | Aydın Avukatlık Bürosu

Noyan Göksu is a leading Turkish arbitration attorney and arbitrator. He founded the specialist dispute resolution firm, Göksu Attorneys at law in 2013, (currently, Göksu | Aydın). Noyan appears as arbitrator, counsel and legal expert in several high stakes cases before a wide spectrum of tribunals worldwide. As a member of the Istanbul Bar and a registered foreign attorney of the English Bar, he has worked for two decades in Turkey, the US and France with global law firms and an international court. He combines credentials as an ICSID arbitration counsel in Washington D.C. (with White & Case), a commercial arbitration counsel in Turkey for many years (with Pinsent Masons, among others), as well as a Legal Officer at the ECHR in Strasbourg. For the last 10 years, Noyan has also been lecturing at law schools and other academic and professional institutions as a part time arbitration professor. His training credentials include instructions by the US Department of State as one of the three Middle-East arbitration experts to train high-ranking ministry officials and by the European Union to lecture Turkish Transportation Ministry officials on construction dispute resolution, FIDIC forms and legal aspects of contract management.

Legal 500 and Chambers & Partners recognize Noyan as an advocate who "has an impressive track record in international arbitrations and before international courts, including the ECHR". He has the "ability to bring completely different perspectives to complex questions without losing touch with common sense and practical solutions" and who "has strong experience in infrastructure, engineering and energy litigation, and also has substantial experience representing Turkish and foreign companies in arbitration and enforcement proceedings". Noyan is recently recognized among the leading individuals in this practice area by *Global Arbitration Review (2018 and 2019)*. He is also recognized as a leading construction law expert by *Who's Who Legal (2018 and 2019)*.

Noyan is a graduate of Galatasaray Law School (LL.B. 2000) and Yale Law School (LL.M. 2003). He has numerous publications on international arbitration and commercial litigation.

Dr. Urs Zenhäusern, Head of the Dispute Resolution, Baker McKenzie

Urs Zenhäusern is the Head of the Dispute Resolution Department of Baker McKenzie's Zurich office. Building on his professional experience with the Zurich District Court and the Zurich Commercial Court, Urs Zenhäusern practices in the areas of international arbitration and litigation. He has represented parties in disputes before international arbitral tribunals or state courts or in adjudication / mediation proceedings in more than hundred cases. The disputes concerned mainly claims arising from licensing, distribution, agency, purchase, consulting, construction, M&A, joint venture and consortium contracts. Urs Zenhäusern has also acted, and acts, as arbitrator (sole arbitrator, chairman, party-appointed arbitrator and secretary to arbitration panels). He is on the list of arbitrators of the Swiss Commission of Arbitration of ICC Switzerland.

Dr. Nagla Nassar, Senior Partner, NassarLaw

Dr. Nagla Nassar is Senior Partner at NassarLaw which was established in 1885. Before joining NassarLaw she was Senior partner at a leading Egyptian Law firm which she joined upon her return from the World Bank where she was with the ICSID Secretariat. She graduated from Cairo University and Trinity College where she got her M. Litt and has an LL.M from Harvard University as well as a PhD from Geneva University and the Diploma of The Hague Academy in Private International Law. She has several publications relating to arbitral practice.

She has practiced in several jurisdictions and is a member of several bars and arbitration forums including being a fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators with many years of experience both as an arbitrator and counsel in institutional and ad hoc arbitration. She acted as counsel in many major disputes in different fields serving both multinationals and Egyptian entities. Also, Dr. Nassar is appointed frequently as an arbitrator and has chaired many tribunals.

Barış Yüksel, Senior Associate, ACTECON

Barış YUKSEL, LL.M. provides legal advisory services to a wide range of clients concerning all aspects of competition law and regulatory issues. Mr. YUKSEL advises clients on investigations initiated by the Turkish Competition Authority, on merger control issues related to both domestic and cross-border transactions and judicial review proceedings filed against the decisions of the Turkish Competition Authority. He also assists clients operating in regulated markets on issues related with sector specific regulations. Mr. YUKSEL plays an active role in defending local and international clients before the Ministry of Trade in trade remedy investigations.

After obtaining his LLB degree from Bilkent University Faculty of Law in 2010, Mr. YUKSEL was admitted to Ankara Bar Association. He received his LL.M. degree in Law and Economics in 2011 from Bilkent University. Mr. YUKSEL is a Ph.D. candidate at Bilkent University in the field of Private Law and he is currently working on his doctoral thesis titled "Tort Liability in Turkish Competition Law".

Ersin Nazali, Managing Partner, Attorney at law, Sworn in CPA, NAZALI Tax&Legal

Ersin Nazali, who worked as tax inspector for nine years under the Revenue Administration, is an expert and has considerable knowledge in several tax and corporate law areas, especially tax-customs disputes, customs litigation, transfer pricing, tax inspections and tax-free re-structuring of companies.

After graduating from university in 2001, he worked as a tax assistant in Arthur Andersen and then as deputy inspector in the Prime Ministry Board of Inspection. On April 14 2004, he was assigned as the deputy tax inspector upon his success in the entrance exam. In May 2007, he became a tax inspector.

As of March 2009, he was assigned to the tax council upon the minister's approval and accordingly he played a role preparing tax laws. He also played role in the Consultancy Commission, one of the organs of the Tax Inspectors Board, as a member and reporter and held conferences regarding mergers, acquisitions and spin-offs (de-mergers). In addition, he is one of the founders of the Tracking of Tax Disputes Department within the Tax Inspectors' Board. In 2011 and 2012 he worked as a tax inspector at the Istanbul Tax Inspection Board within the presidency of thin capital, transfer pricing and foreign based income group.

As of August 2012, Ersin now works as a tax consultant and attorney in the private sector. He has a very good command of English.

Ersin has been listed as a leading tax adviser and attorney in Turkey by *Legal 500 (2013, 2014 and 2015)* and *International Tax Review (2014, 2015, and 2016)*.

Ersin has also published more than 80 articles in several tax journals and 4 books (*Liquidation, Merger, Acquisition, Spin-off and Conversion of Joint Stock and Limited Liabile Companies in respect of Tax and New Turkish Commercial Code; Tax of Law (Tax Criminal Law, Tax Litigation Law); International Tax Law (Transfer Pricing, Double Tax Treaties); Work Place/Permanent Establishment in respect of Tax Treaties and Turkish Tax Law*).

Andrew Fallon, Director, Quantum Global Solutions

Andrew Fallon is a Chartered Quantity Surveyor (MRICS, MSCSCI) with 20 years' experience in the construction industry in main contracting, client side and third-party consulting. He has acted as expert witness in matters of quantum. Andrew has written several expert reports and been cross examined twice as the party appointed expert. He has extensive experience and resolution of commercial and contractual entitlements with employers, contractors and their supply chain members. In addition to his commercial projects Andrew has been engaged in the analysis, preparation and submission of a number of claims for extensions of time and additional payment.

Andrew's detailed construction knowledge and practical experience obtained through working at all management levels within construction companies means that he is able to quickly and proficiently analyse and understand the issues that lie at the heart of construction disputes. Geographically, Andrew has worked in Ireland and Qatar, with further experience on projects in Hong Kong, Saudi Arabia, Lebanon and Sri Lanka.

In addition to his primary degree (BSc) in Quantity Surveying, Andrew also holds an LLM in Construction Law and Arbitration. He also assists with the development of RICS members by participating in roles as candidate councillors as well as sitting on assessment panels for candidates sitting their Assessment for Professional Competence in order to obtain their MRICS qualifications.

Cherine Ghali, Managing Partner, Paraiba Legal

Cherine Ghali has 20 years of international experience from both in-house and private practice roles. Prior to moving to the region, she worked with leading UK and US international law firms in London & Paris including Weil Gotshal & Manges, Ashurst and Orrick. Since moving to Dubai, she had held senior in-house roles with Barclays, the Majid Al Futtaim Group and Dubai Holding. Her most recent role in-house was as General Counsel of Dubai Group LLC where she advised on the group's US\$10 billion restructuring and won awards for best Legal Team with Corporate Counsel Middle East in Association with Legal Week and In-House Community Congress (MENA-Asia Awards) and was short-listed for best General Counsel.

Cherine launched Paraiba Legal where she advises on finance, restructuring and corporate matters as well as strategy in the context of litigation and dispute resolution. She is also a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and accepts appointments to act as an Arbitrator.

She is admitted as a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of England and Wales and an Attorney in the State of New York. She is of Middle Eastern origins and is fluent in Arabic.

Sami Houerbi, Director for Eastern Mediterranean, Middle East & Africa, ICC International Court of Arbitration, Abu Dhabi/Tunis; Partner, Houerbi Law Firm

Sami Houerbi is the Director of the ICC Eastern Mediterranean, Middle-East and Africa ICC Dispute Resolution Services, where he is in charge of raising awareness about Alternative Dispute Resolution mechanisms throughout the region and promoting ICC Arbitration and ADR Rules. Prior to that, he was member of the Secretariat of the International Court of Arbitration in Paris, where he was directly involved in the administration and managing ICC arbitration proceedings.

Mr Houerbi is a registered lawyer of the Tunis Bar Association and the Managing Partner of Houerbi Law firm, which areas of practice include mainly: Corporate Law, Arbitration and Litigation. Sami Houerbi acts regularly as arbitrator under ad hoc and various international arbitration institutions.

He holds a post-graduate degree in international law from the University of Paris II and an LL.M in German Law from the Ludwig-Maximilian University in Munich. His working languages are Arabic, English, French and German.

Ekrem Kaya, Partner, HKA

Ekrem is a widely experienced civil engineer over 22 years of construction industry experience. He has acted as expert witness in matters of delay and quantum. Ekrem has been appointed as expert witness on numerous occasions and has been cross-examined twice, including giving concurrent evidence ('hot tubbing'). He has experience in complex international construction disputes, including two major investment treaty (ICSID) arbitrations, and has been appointed as a dispute adjudication board (DAB) chairman. Ekrem has been recognized by (Who's Who Legal) WWL as one of the worldwide experts in construction, arbitration, consulting categories in 2018 and 2019.

Ekrem also has comprehensive practical knowledge of all forms of delay analysis, specialising in the 'Windows' and 'Time Impact Analysis' methods; predominantly in circumstances where previous submissions based on other forms of analysis were not persuasive or successful. He is adept with all forms of planning software and has experience with a wide range of programmes used to effectively manage construction projects.

Ekrem's broad experience spans the fields of project management, project controls, contract management, claims management, forensic delay analysis and various forms of dispute resolution. He has worked on projects in Turkey and across Asia, Europe and the Middle East including high-profile oil and gas, civil engineering, building and transportation projects.

Ekrem is fluent in both Turkish and English. He conducts various seminars on issues ranging from delay analysis, risk allocation under domestic and international forms of contract, and the assessment of entitlement to additional payment in the context of delay and changed circumstances. Ekrem is a fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and the Chamber of Civil Engineers in Istanbul, a practising member of the Academy of Experts and is dual-qualified with an LL.M in construction law and arbitration.

Süleyman Cengiz, Consultant, Hergüner Bilgen Özeke

Suleyman Cengiz rendered service to the Turkish Competition Authority as an Antitrust Expert & Case Handler for more than 13 years. Along his career he worked on numerous antitrust and merger & acquisition cases especially in banking and insurance, transportation and transportation infrastructure, health and service industries. He led several teams of experts assigned to prepare a number of regulations including The Competition Authority Regulation for the Turkish Insurance Sector and The Competition Authority Regulation for the Motor Vehicles Sector. He also participated in various joint workshops with the related governmental institutions on Turkish Economic/Financial Legislation and contributed to related regulations of governmental bodies other than the Turkish Competition Authority.

Mr. Cengiz is the in-house competition counsel of Hergüner Bilgen Özeke Attorney Partnership, since 2011. He is responsible for providing competitive assessment on and guidance for contracts designed under the roof of Herguner Bilgen Özeke; administering Merger & Acquisition notifications for approval and contract notifications for exemption to the Turkish Competition Authority; advising on legal matters related to competition law and economics as well as advising companies in investigation procedures of the Turkish Competition Authority.

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