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SPEAKERS



Victor P. Leginsky
International Arbitrator,
Arbitralis
Chairman



Yves Derains
Founding Partner,
Derains & Gharavi
Keynote Speaker



Conor Quigley KC
Serle Court Chambers
Keynote Speaker



Dr. Nagla Nassar
Senior Partner, NassarLaw
Moderator – 1st Grand Panel



Jonathan W Blythe
Partner & Director,
Şengüler & Şengüler
Moderator – 3rd Grand Panel



Julian Cohen
Arbitrator & Barrister,
Resolution Chambers
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Aksit Berkay Noyan
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Metin Pektaş
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Filiz Saridogan
Supply Chain, Karadeniz
Holding, Karpowership



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Competition Compliance
Manager, Unilever Turkey



Prof. Dr. Vahit BIÇAK
Expert Mediator &
Qualified Arbitrator

9:10 – 9:25	<p>Welcome Message & General Global Update in Arbitration by the Chairman Victor P. Leginsky, International Arbitrator, Arbitralis</p>
9:25 – 9:40	<p>Turkiye Arbitration Centre – Opening & Updates for 2023-2024</p>
9:40 – 10:00	<p>1st Keynote Session – Suggestions for Improving the Efficiency of Arbitral Proceedings Yves Derains, Founding Partner, Derains & Gharavi</p>
10:00 – 10:45	<p>1st Grand Panel: Navigating Supply Chain Disputes & Problems in Turbulent Times Moderator: • Dr. Nagla Nassar, Senior Partner, NassarLaw Panellist: • Filiz Saridogan, Supply Chain, Karadeniz Holding, Karpowership</p>
10:45 – 11:05	<p>Construction Disputes & Technology – The New Dawn Julian Cohen, Barrister & Arbitrator, Resolution Chambers International</p>
11:05 – 11:30	<p>Networking Break & Morning Refreshment</p>
11:30 – 11:50	<p>Managing Cross-border M&A Disputes & Transactions in MENA</p>
11:50 – 12:10	<p>Resolving Foreign Investment Disputes in Turkey</p>
12:10 – 12:50	<p>2nd Grand Panel: Can Arbitrations Be Done Quickly and Fairly: Understanding Expedited Procedures, Emergency Arbitration & Mediation as Your Best Dispute Fix in Different Industries Moderator: • TBC Panellists: • Aksit Berkay Noyan, Deputy General Manager, Soyak Enerji • Yves Derains, Founding Partner, Derains & Gharavi • Prof. Dr. Vahit BIÇAK, Expert Mediator & Qualified Arbitrator</p>
12:50 – 14:00	<p>Networking Lunch</p>
14:00 – 14:40	<p>3rd Grand Panel: Monetizing & Enforcing Awards in Different Industries – Regional Updates in 2023 Moderator: • Jonathan Blythe, Partner & Director, Şengüler & Şengüler Panellists: • Dr. Nagla Nassar, Senior Partner, NassarLaw • Akin Volkan Arikan, Managing Partner, Arikan Partners</p>
14:40 – 15:00	<p>2nd Keynote Session – EU Foreign Subsidies Regulation and Its Effects on Turkish & EU Companies Conor Quigley KC, Serle Court Chambers</p>
15:00 – 15:20	<p>Tech Disputes – Issue on AI & ChatGPT</p>
15:20 – 15:45	<p>Cyber Security & Data Privacy for 2023-2024 after the Pandemic</p>
15:45 – 16:10	<p>Networking Break & Afternoon Refreshment</p>
16:10 – 16:30	<p>Updates in Turkish Competition Law in 2023 and A Glance into 2024</p>
16:30 – 16:50	<p>Cartel Investigations – Global Not A Local Issue</p>
16:50 – 17:35	<p>4th Grand Panel: Competition Law in The Digital Age: Leniency & Merger Control – A look into The Future Moderator: • TBC Panellists: • Metin Pektaş, Partner, NAZALI Tax & Legal • S. Yersu Şahin, Competition Compliance Manager, Unilever Turkey • Conor Quigley KC, Serle Court Chambers</p>

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Victor P. Leginsky, International Arbitrator, Arbitralis

Victor P. Leginsky, Canadian citizen, is an experienced international arbitrator and mediator resident in the United Arab Emirates since 2007. Victor has earned the internationally-recognized designations of Chartered Arbitrator and Fellow from the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and is appointed to the CI Arb Panel of Arbitrators. Victor is a CEDR (Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution, London) accredited mediator and mediation experience as Chair, Manufactured Home Park Dispute Resolution Committee (Attorney General of British Columbia, Canada, appointment) and in mediations. Victor is appointed to the panels or lists of arbitrators in a number of international centres and is a committee member of the International Court of Arbitration (ICC) Canada. He has instructed and assessed in respect of Mediation through the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and the CI Arb. He is the past Middle East Regional Director of the Association of International Energy Negotiators (AIEN). He is a member in good standing of the Law Society of British Columbia, Canada.

Yves Derains, Founding Partner, Derains & Gharavi

Yves Derains, former Secretary General of the ICC International Court of Arbitration and Director of the Legal Department of the ICC, is member of the Paris Bar and founding partner of the law firm Derains & Gharavi. He is specialized in commercial and investment arbitration and is acting both as arbitrator and counsel in arbitration proceedings. He is Honorary Chairman of the ICC Institute of World Business Law, former Chairman of the Comité Français de l'Arbitrage, former Chairman of the Working Party on the Revision of the ICC Rules of Arbitration and Honorary Professor of several Universities in Lima, Peru. He is also author of many publications on International Commercial Arbitration, in particular: "A Guide to the ICC Rules of Arbitration" (2nd E, with E. Schwartz), Kluwer, 2005.

Conor Quigley QC, Serle Court Chambers

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.

Dr. Nagla Nassar, Senior Partner, NassarLaw

Dr. Nagla Nassar is Senior Partner at NassarLaw which was established in 1885. 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.

Before joining NassarLaw in 2004 she practiced in several jurisdictions and is a member of several bars. She was with the ICSID Secretariat and is a member of different arbitration forums including being a fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and is a Council Member of the ICC World Business Institute. She has many legal publications analyzing critical legal problems and is abreast of current issues. With many years of experience both as corporate counsel and arbitrator she has acted on behalf of many major multinationals and Egyptian entities. Also, Dr. Nassar is appointed frequently as an arbitrator and has chaired many tribunals.

Jonathan W Blythe, Partner & Director, Şengüler& Şengüler

Jonathan is a partner with Senguler & Senguler and has over 25 years' experience in the Turkish legal market. He is also one of the founder members of the British Turkish Lawyers Association 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 part of Senguler & Senguler where he oversees their work with mainly foreign investors operating in Turkey across a range of sectors. These include industrial, IT telecoms, banking, retail and service industry household name clients. The firm has a number of relationships with global law firms.

Being fluent in Turkish but having a common law background he and his team are well placed to assist clients as they seek to navigate the sometimes uncertain waters of the Turkish regulatory environment.

Jonathan has a significant arbitration practice acting as counsel in a number of ICC cases and currently co-counselling on an ICSID investment arbitration claim for Turkish clients. Jonathan is a qualified arbitrator, being a member of the CI Arb and ICCA. He has sat as chairman, co-chair and sole arbitrator in a number of ICC cases involving multinational parties under both Turkish and English law, conducted in both Turkish and English.

Julian Cohen, Arbitrator & Barrister, Resolution Chambers International

Julian has 30 years of specialist experience of heavyweight international, and domestic, disputes. Sums in dispute in his cases vary from small to in excess of USD 2 billion. In addition to acting as counsel, he also regularly sits as an arbitrator. Julian has over 10 years' experience in the MENA region, including 2 years based full time in Dubai, and an ongoing long-term commitment to the region. Julian has been involved in projects and disputes in Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Qatar, Oman, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Benin, Sierra Leone and Mali.

Julian was called to the Bar in England & Wales in 1990. He was with Pinsent Masons' Construction Disputes practice in London and Hong Kong from 1993 to 2009. He left Pinsent Masons as a partner in 2009, and was called to the Bar in Hong Kong in 2010. Julian is particularly well known for his heavy weight practice in relation to the Construction and Engineering sectors, the Energy, Oil and Gas sectors and International and domestic arbitrations.

Aksit Berkay Noyan, Deputy General Manager, Soyak Enerji

Berkay is a seasoned attorney, in house counsel and corporate executive with an in-depth expertise and proven track record in a wide spectrum of legal fields including Energy & Natural Resources, M&A, Corporate & Commercial, PPP projects, Construction, Capital Markets, Compliance & Regulatory, Information Technologies, Data Privacy & Protection, Banking & Finance and Arbitration & Dispute Resolution. Berkay is the Deputy General Manager of Soyak Enerji responsible for Legal Affairs.

Having obtained his bachelor and post graduate degrees respectively from Galatasaray University (Istanbul) and ULB (Brussels), he worked in top tier law firms leading their M&A, Corporate and Capital Markets teams, as well as Energy & Natural Resources and Tax Practice Groups thereof. He has extensive experience in international arbitration and dispute resolution including commercial and investment disputes. Berkay previously held the positions of General Counsel and Chief Legal Officer at Karadeniz Holding and Fayrix. He also acted as Vice Chairman and Member of the Board of Directors at Türkerler Holding.

During his career, Berkay and his teams closed several cross-border M&A, energy and infrastructure projects involving various jurisdictions from US to Japan (W-E) and Russia to South Africa (N-S). He is also a member of the niche club of legal practitioners specialized in LNG and FSRU operations. He further gained extensive experience in international arbitration and dispute resolution including commercial and investment disputes. Berkay fluently speaks English, French and Turkish.

Metin Pektaş, Partner, NAZALI Tax & Legal

Metin Pektaş is antitrust partner at NAZALI Tax & Legal. Prior to joining NAZALI in 2019, Metin worked as competition law/policy specialist and case handler at the Turkish Competition Authority (TCA) during the period of 2004-2017. He also worked as consultant to TCA President and training coordinator of the Authority. He joined CK Energy in 2017-2018 as Competition Compliance Director.

Filiz Saridogan, Supply Chain, Karadeniz Holding, Karpowership

Filiz is an executive of procurement (local and global sourcing) , logistics, reporting and supplier relations. She gained an extensive experience in global supply chain management throughout her career and especially in the last few years of turbulent global economy.

She has received her bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Middle East Technical University. Filiz started as supply chain manager for Karadeniz Holding in 2013, and her proven track in energy sector lead her to the director position in 2018.

Akin Volkan Arikan, Managing Partner, Arikan Partners

Mr. Akin Volkan Arikan is the managing partner of ARIKAN PARTNERS. His practice mainly focuses on cross-border contract consultancy and complex international dispute resolution matters.

He has been representing clients in international dispute resolution matters including arbitration cases before ICC, UNCITRAL, ICSID, LCIA, SCC, LMAA and GAFTA. Mr. Arikan's involvement in international dispute resolution is not limited to litigation and arbitration matters, it also includes alternative dispute resolution methods. A significant number of multi-ten hundred million USD value disputes have been settled under the advisory and representation of Mr. Arikan.

His international experience encompasses projects in diversified jurisdictions including UK, USA, Switzerland, France, Italy, Belgium, Germany, Russia, Qatar, Libya, Jordan, Georgia, Nigeria and Turkey.

Prior to joining ARIKAN PARTNERS, Mr. Arikan worked at an AmLaw100 Law Firm where he gained experience in international arbitration and transactional matters. His previous experience also includes the counselling and representation of national and international clients in diverse practise areas in international arbitration and corporate law related matters.

Mr. Arikan is admitted to Istanbul Bar Association, a graduate of Galatasaray University Faculty of Law and fluent in English and French. He had one year of law education in France, at University of Franche-Comté in Besançon.

Mr. Arikan is one of the founding members of the Istanbul Arbitration Association ("ISTA") and he is currently sitting as a member at the Board of Directors of ISTA.

Prof. Dr. Vahit BIÇAK, Expert Mediator & Qualified Arbitrator

Trained, certified, licensed and accredited mediator with dispute resolution experience of a high settlement rate in Turkey and abroad. Attorney at law and Mediator in Turkey, Professor Dr. Vahit Biçak has more than 30 years of experience in resolving commercial conflicts, having represented national and international and leading corporations in mediation, arbitration and lawsuits. Dr. Biçak regularly gives seminars and runs training workshops all over the world and is a regular attendee and contributor to the ICC International Mediation Competition.