

SERDAR BEZEN – BIOGRAPHY

Practice Description

Serdar Bezen is a founding partner of Bezen & Partners. Mr. Bezen heads the disputes practice of the firm and is involved in domestic and cross-border litigation and arbitration cases. He advises domestic and international clients on a wide range of Turkish law matters, with a particular focus on corporate, commercial, mergers & acquisitions and insurance.

He is the author of several articles on the Turkish International Arbitration Law (Law No. 4686) and the UNCITRAL Model Law and is listed as an arbitrator at the LCIA and Shanghai International Economy and Trade Arbitration Commission.

Select Arbitration Cases

- Advising and assisting a non-Turkish oil and gas company in respect of its dispute in an ICC arbitration, in particular in relation to the legal framework of the Turkish Iraqi oil trading relations (the Crescent Petroleum Arbitration Case)
- Advising and assisting a Turkish energy company in respect of its dispute in an ICC arbitration in relation to an EPC contract with an international contracting company, representing the client during the arbitration as lead counsel and assisting the client in the enforcement of an ICC arbitral award before the Turkish courts
- Advising and assisting a U.S. food company on a post-M&A dispute with a Turkish entity in relation to its dispute in the context of an ICC arbitration and assisting the client as co-counsel during the arbitration proceedings
- Advising and assisting Israeli State entities on an investment dispute with the Israeli subsidiary of a Turkish company in ad hoc arbitration proceedings, interim relief proceedings and assisting the client as co-counsel during the ad hoc arbitral proceedings
- Advising and assisting a Turkish ingredient supplier in its dispute with various international sellers of grain products in respect of Gafta and Fosfa contracts and related arbitration proceedings as lead counsel
- Advising and assisting an international originator and manager of infrastructure projects in relation to its ad hoc arbitration and insurance related queries to obtain MIGA coverage for its equity investments in a pipeline of healthcare PPP projects
- Advising and assisting a foreign leasing entity in respect of its London seated arbitration in relation to Turkish attorney-client privilege rules
- Assisting and assisting a Russian bank in arbitration proceedings under the LCIA rules in relation to a default under a multi-million loan facility and various security agreements
- Advising an English professional footballer in his dispute with his former club and representing such footballer before the arbitral tribunal of the Turkish Football Federation (the Omer Riza Arbitration Case)
- Advising an international insurance company in arbitration proceedings regarding the enforcement of an insurance policy

- Advising and assisting multiple Turkish private clients in relation to ad hoc domestic arbitral proceedings with regards to the calculation and collection of the purchase price for shares previously transferred to a Turkish affiliate of a global catering conglomerate
- Advising an Algerian construction company in relation to its arbitration proceedings against a Turkish construction company
- Advising and assisting a Singaporean renewable and sustainable products company in respect of Turkish law matters relating to its arbitration proceedings against a Turkish counterparty active in the cement industry

Select Publications

- “**Kluwer Arbitration SmartCharts Turkey Section**”, *Kluwer Law International* 2024
- “**Kluwer Arbitration SmartCharts Turkey Section**”, *Kluwer Law International* 2023
- “**Kluwer Arbitration SmartCharts Turkey Section**”, *Kluwer Law International* 2022
- “**Can the New Law Save Turkish Football Clubs?**”, *Sports Law & Taxation*, 2021
- “**Kluwer Arbitration SmartCharts Turkey Section**”, *Kluwer Law International* 2021
- “**The COVID-19 Pandemic: Its Economic Impact on Sport in Turkey**”, *Sports Law & Taxation*, 2020
- “**Football: Extension of players' contracts in Turkey due to the COVID-19 pandemic**”, *Sports Law & Taxation*, 2020
- “**Turkey Wealth Fund's Exemptions and Privileges in Connection with the Government's COVID-19 Measures**”, *Mondaq*, 27 April 2020
- “**The Latest Labour and Social Security Law Updates as Part of the Government's COVID-19 Measures**”, *Mondaq*, 23 April 2020
- “**The Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Dividend Distributions of Corporations**”, *Mondaq*, 21 April 2020
- “**The Effect of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Public Procurement Agreements**”, *Mondaq*, 20 April 2020
- “**Amendments Concerning the Scope and Amount of KOSGEB's Financial Support to SMEs as Another COVID—19 Measure**”, *Mondaq*, 20 April 2020
- “**The Latest Developments Concerning the Budget of Local Authorities, Credit Guarantee Institutions and Commercial Receivable Insurances as A Further COVID—19 Measure**”, *Mondaq*, 20 April 2020
- “**Introduction of the Communiqué on The Import of Medical Diagnostic Units as a Further COVID-19 Measure**”, *Mondaq*, 13 April 2020
- “**Kluwer Arbitration SmartCharts Turkey Section**”, *Kluwer Law International* 2020

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- “**The Competent Court in Enforcement Proceedings**”, *Mondaq*, 15 November 2019
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- “**Drafting An Arbitration Clause in Light of Mandatory Turkish Law Requirements**”, *Mondaq*, 16 January 2019
- “**Kluwer Arbitration SmartCharts Turkey Section**”, *Kluwer Law International* 2018
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- “**A Look at Recent Amendments to Independent Audit Thresholds**”, *Mondaq*, 9 September 2018
- “**New Procedures for The Reporting Requirements Under the FDI Regulation**”, *Mondaq*, 28 June 2018
- “**Istanbul Trade Registry Transitions Additional Registration Processes To MERSIS**”, *Mondaq*, 18 June 2018
- “**Amendments To Communiqué on The Execution of Articles of Association Before Trade Registries**”, *Mondaq*, 11 May 2018
- “**Evaluation of the Minimum 30 Workers' Employment Requirement in terms of Group Companies within the Scope of Job Security**”, *Mondaq*, 11 May 2018
- “**Amendments To the Code of Execution and Bankruptcy**”, *Mondaq*, 16 April 2018
- “**Arbitration in the Settlement of Disputes Arising from Public Procurement**”, *Mondaq*, 27 March 2018
- “**The ICC's Expedited Procedure Provisions Explained**”, *Mondaq*, 16 March 2018
- “**Kluwer Arbitration SmartCharts Turkey Section**”, *Kluwer Law International* 2017
- “**Kluwer Arbitration SmartCharts Turkey Section**”, *Kluwer Law International* 2016
- “**Investing in Turkey**”, *Practical Law Global Guide* 2015/2016
- “**Sovereign Immunity**”, “**Appointment and Challenge of Arbitrators**”, “**Drafting Arbitration Agreements**”, “**Arbitral Institutions ICO**”, “**Privacy and Confidentiality in Arbitration**” and “**Arbitral Institutions UCCET**”, *Kluwer Arbitration Smart Chart – Turkey – Kluwer Law International* [2015] (co-author)
- “**Kluwer Arbitration SmartCharts Turkey Section**”, *Kluwer Law International* 2015

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- “**Turkey: An economy centred on foreign investment**”, *China Law & Practice*, 15 July 2013
- “**Country Report Turkey**”, *Kluwer Arbitration Smart Charts*, 2012
- “**Turkey Chapter – Arbitration**”, *Getting the Deal Through 2009*
- “**Turkey Chapter – Banking Regulation**”, *Getting the Deal Through 2008*
- “**The Stance of The Turkish Courts in The Adoption of The New York Convention – The Road From Opposition To Acceptance**”, Mealey’s Executive Summary, *The New York Convention: 50 Years of Experience*, October 2008, pp. 114-119
- “**Not All Plain Sailing**”, *International Finance Review, Energy Issue* [2002], pp 21-22 (co-author)
- “**Turkey Adopts the UNCITRAL Model Law**”, *Mealey’s International Arbitration Report*, Vol.16, Issue 8 [2001], pp 42-43
- “**Recent Developments in International Commercial Arbitration in Turkey**”, *Mealey Publications Arbitration*, Vol. 67, Issue 2 [2001], pp 155-175
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- “**Recent Developments in International Commercial Arbitration in Turkey**”, *Ciarb* [2001] pp. 155-175

Education

- Ankara University – LLB Law
- University of London, Queen Mary and Westfield College – LLM Law

Professional Qualifications

Avukat – Member of the Turkish Bar Associations since 1991

Memberships and Listings

Listed as arbitrator at the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA)
Shanghai International Economy and Trade Arbitration Commission

Languages

English and Turkish

Nationalities

Turkish and British