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SPEAKERS



**Prof. Dr. Ziya Akinci**  
President,  
Istanbul Arbitration Centre  
**Opening Address**



**Noyan Goksu**  
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**Moderator – 1st Grand Panel**



**Julian Cohen**  
Barrister, Gilt Chambers  
**Moderator – 2nd Grand Panel**



**Ismail Esin**  
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**Eda Cerrahoğlu Balssen**  
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**Girgis Abd El-Shahid**  
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**James Freeman**  
Partner, Allen & Overy



**Christopher Grout**  
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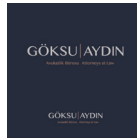


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SCHEDULE

8:50 – 9:00	Welcome Speech Representative from British Turkish Lawyers Association	14:00 – 14:40	1st Grand Panel – Speeding Up the Process - Does Expedited Procedures and Emergency Arbitration Hold the Answer? Moderator • Noyan Göksu, Managing Partner, Goksu   Aydın Avukatlık Bürosu
9:00 – 9:15	Opening Address – Turkey Arbitration Update 2018 Prof. Dr. Ziya Akinci, President, Istanbul Arbitration Centre	14:40 – 15:00	Managing Disputes with Egyptian Companies Girgis Abd El-Shahid, Managing Partner, Shahid Law Firm
9:15 – 9:45	Keynote Section – Evolution of International Arbitration in 2018	15:00 – 15:15	Post M&A Disputes: Some War Stories and How to Avoid Them James Freeman, Partner, Allen & Overy
9:45 – 10:15	3rd Party Funding in ADR / Litigation	15:15 – 15:35	Internal Investigations - Managing and Advising Inhouse Counsels
10:15 – 10:45	Treaty Arbitration in Asia – What is in Store Ismail Esin, Managing Partner, Esin Attorney Partnership	15:35 – 16:00	<b>Short Break &amp; Afternoon Refreshment</b>
10:45 – 11:15	<b>Networking &amp; Morning Refreshment</b>	16:00 – 16:20	Is Mediation Going to be a Legitimate Alternative in 2018?
11:15 – 11:45	Protecting Turkish investors under Investment Treaties of Turkey Değer Boden, Managing Partner, Boden Law	16:20 – 16:40	Role of Technology in Arbitration Going forward - Is Artificial Intelligence Going to Boom in ADR
11:45 – 12:05	Is Arbitration More Accessible in Turkey for Small to Medium Sized Business's? Noyan Göksu, Managing Partner, Goksu   Aydın Avukatlık Bürosu	16:40 – 17:30	2nd Grand Panel – Diversity & Innovation in Arbitration!! - Will it Remain Inclusive? New Rules this Year and What DO they Really Mean Moderator • Julian Cohen, Barrister, Gilt Chambers Panellists: • Christopher Grout, Registrar, Qatar International Court and Dispute Resolution Centre • DIFC-LCIA • ISTAC
12:05 – 12:25	Stakeholder Disputes Herguner	17:30 – 17:35	<b>Closing Remarks &amp; Lucky Draw</b>
12:25 – 12:45	Enforcement of Arbitration Awards Eda Cerrahoğlu Balssen, Partner, Cerrahoglu Law Firm	17:45 – 18:45	<b>Networking Cocktail</b>
12:45 – 14:00	<b>Networking Lunch</b>		

**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 (ISTaC). 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.

**James Freeman, Partner, Allen & Overy**

James is a Partner in the International Arbitration Group in the London office. He has conducted arbitrations under all of the major institutional rules and at all the major seats. He specializes in the energy and finance sectors has also experience of a number of industry sectors including mining, insurance, commodities, aerospace, telecoms and steel. He acts in both commercial and investor-state cases. He is a Solicitor Advocate, has appeared as an advocate in cases worth up to \$1 billion, and was described in Legal 500 as “an excellent advocate”. He has a First Class Honours degree from Oxford University and a Diploma in International Arbitration with Distinction from Queen Mary, University of London.

James is a former Co-Chair of the Young International Arbitration Group (YIAG) of the LCIA and sits on the CPR Y-ADR Steering Committee. He has been Lawyer of the Week in The Times and was a judicial assistant to Lord Justice Kennedy in the English Court of Appeal. In Who's Who Legal's Arbitration Future Leaders 2018, he was ranked in the top two non-partners in Europe. In the same directory in 2017, he was recognised among the top 10 “most highly regarded individuals” among non-partners globally, with the directory stating: “James is ‘a quality guy: excellent all round, highly visible on the circuit and very well respected.’” Chambers UK 2017 says: “‘Excellent critical thinker’ James Freeman is particularly adept at disputes involving financial instruments as well as those arising in the energy sector. Observers say: ‘Freeman has excellent instincts for what the client needs and exceeds client expectations’.”

**Ismail Esin, Managing Partner, Esin Attorney Partnership**

Ismail esin has more than 15 years of experience advising clients in arbitration and mergers and acquisitions matters. He is listed in The International Who's Who for mergers and acquisitions and commercial arbitration and in Chambers & partners and Legal 500 for Corporate/M&A and Dispute resolution. He has lectured on law of obligations and mergers and acquisitions law at Marmara, Galatasaray, Yeditepe and Bilgi universities in Istanbul, and writes extensively on these topics. Ismail advises banks, multinational companies, governments and private equity funds on investments and major projects in Turkey, the Middle East and the CIS. His work focuses primarily on the energy, infrastructure, construction, telecom and healthcare industries. He also acts as an arbitrator and as counsel in arbitration matters, especially focusing on arbitration of M&A transactions. He recently co-edited Arbitration in Turkey published by Kluwer Law International, the first comprehensive guide to arbitration in Turkey published by Kluwer. He was also recently appointed as an advisory board member for the Istanbul Arbitration Center.

**Eda Cerrahoğlu Balssen, Partner, Cerrahoglu Law Firm**

Eda Cerrahoğlu Balssen is a Partner in the Arbitration Department. She joined the Firm in 2005. Mrs. Cerrahoğlu Balssen's practice is focused on international and domestic arbitration and corporate law. She received her B.A. (Economics and International Relations, magna cum laude) from Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island and her J.D. at the University of Virginia Law School. She qualified for Istanbul Bar in 2009.

She is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, American Bar Association, International Bar Association, ASA, DIS 40, LCIA and ICC YAF. She speaks Turkish and English and has a good conversational command of German. She is the exclusive provider of updates for Turkey in international arbitration for the International Law Office legal newsletters

**Julian Cohen, Barrister, Gilt Chambers**

Julian has nearly 25 years of specialist experience of heavyweight international commercial arbitration in Asia Pacific, the Middle East and Europe. In addition to acting as counsel, he also acts sits regularly as an arbitrator. His areas of practice include a wide range of company and commercial disputes as well as construction and engineering arbitrations. He was called to the Bar in England in 1990, became a solicitor in 1993, and moved to Hong Kong in 1998. He was a Partner in the Construction and Engineering Disputes practice of Pinsent Masons before moving to the Hong Kong Bar in 2010. Julian has been recognised as one of the world's leading construction disputes lawyers (Expert Guides 2013 and 2015) and lectures and writes regularly on arbitration related topics.

**Noyan Göksu, Managing Partner, Goksu | Aydın Avukathk Bürosu**

K. Noyan Göksu is a leading arbitration specialist of Turkey, with several high stakes cases argued before a wide spectrum of tribunals. As a member of the Istanbul Bar and a registered foreign attorney of the English Bar, he has worked for close to two decades in Turkey, the US and France with global law firms and an international court.

Combining credentials as an ICSID arbitration advocate in Washington D.C., a commercial arbitration advocate in Turkey, as well as a Legal Officer of the ECHR in Strasbourg, Noyan has been on both sides of the bench. Since 2009, he has also been teaching at law schools and other academic and professional institutions as a part time arbitration professor. He was recently instructed by the US Department of State as one of the three Middle-East arbitration experts as part of a weeklong training program for foreign officials. Currently, he is lecturing high ranking Turkish Transportation Ministry officials on construction dispute resolution, intricacies of 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). He is also recognized as a leading construction law expert by Who's Who Legal (2018).

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

In addition to being a recognized arbitration attorney with over 15 years of experience, Noyan teaches at law schools and other institutions. He previously taught the International Commercial Arbitration class at Istanbul Bahcesehir University Law School and gave lectures on Alternative Dispute Resolution in M&A and JV projects at Istanbul Bilgi University as part of the ELSA M&A School. Since 2010, he has been an Adjunct Professor at Istanbul Yeditepe University Law School, teaching the International Commercial arbitration class. In 2014, he was chosen by the US State Department as the leading regional expert to train Iraqi officials on alternative dispute resolution.

Noyan holds an LL.B. from Galatasaray University Law School (2000) and an LL.M. from Yale Law School (2003).

**Girgis Abd El-Shahid, Managing Partner, Shahid Law Firm**

Girgis Abd El-Shahid is the managing partner of Shahid Law Firm in Cairo, which has grown to become one of the leading international law firms operating in Egypt and the region since its inception in 1987. With a vision of wanting to create an institution orientated law firm, Girgis recently took over the day-to-day running of the firm by developing an adaptive strategy that ensures competitiveness and includes regional growth and even global diversification beyond Egypt.

Girgis specializes in dispute settlement, with a particular focus on energy-related disputes; media and entertainment; construction; M&As; corporate and commercial agreements; banking and finance; telecommunications; and intellectual property.

He is one of the youngest Egyptian lawyers to be appointed to tackle some of the most difficult arbitration cases in Egypt and the Middle East. He is thus identified amongst the world's leading and Egypt's youngest arbitration practitioners in Who's Who Legal: Future Leaders 2018 and Who's Who Legal: Energy 2017 “as being among the world's leading energy lawyers”.

Girgis is also recognized by Legal 500 as “extremely personable, [having] vast knowledge of Egyptian law”, “extremely responsive and having a unique international outlook” “smart, articulate, knowledgeable and business-oriented,” and “simply excellent, very bright and entrepreneurial” with advice that is “always spot on”. He is also featured as a notable practitioner in the Chambers Dispute Resolution guide, recognized as “impressive - very driven and very business-oriented”. According to Who's Who Legal, clients have said that Girgis Abd El-Shahid “has, time and time again, proved himself able to successfully, and swiftly, navigate the complexities and challenges that Egyptian law routinely poses”.

As a student, Girgis was one of very few who initiated the new trend in Egypt of combining both an LL.B. and a BA in Economics and Business Administration from Cairo University and the American University in Cairo simultaneously, because he did not simply want a law degree like most lawyers but wanted to revolutionise the entire legal sector altogether. Equipped with his knowledge of the inner workings of businesses, the complexities of the law, and the intersection of the two has given Girgis a unique ability and a competitive advantage in the corporate/legal world. He then travelled to the USA to receive an LL.M. in International Legal Studies from Georgetown University Law Centre and returned to Egypt in 2005 to become a Public Prosecutor before resigning in 2007 to become a full-time legal practitioner.

Girgis is also a regular panellist and speaker in many local and international conferences on arbitration, energy & infrastructure projects.

**Christopher Grout, Registrar, Qatar International Court and Dispute Resolution Centre**

Christopher has been based at the QICDRC in Doha for just over three years. As Registrar, he is head of the Registry that services both the Qatar International Court and the Qatar Financial Centre Regulatory Tribunal. He also manages the Dispute Resolution Centre which, over the past year, has played host to a number of arbitrations and mediations where, in the case of arbitrations, the seat has been the State of Qatar. In addition, the Qatar International Court exercises judicial oversight where the seat of the arbitration is the Qatar Financial Centre and so this too falls within Christopher's remit. More specifically, Christopher is responsible for the management aspects of the Centre and in particular the case management of cases that come before the Court and Tribunal. Where required, Christopher will provide procedural directions in relation to cases and, along with his team, will be available to assist parties with any queries they may have in relation to the workings of the Centre. Amongst other things, he chairs a number of QICDRC-user committees, actively engages with the development of legal and judicial education and training in the State of Qatar and provides ad-hoc lectures at a number of universities both in Qatar and the United Kingdom. Furthermore, Christopher is a practicing barrister in England and Wales at 15 New Bridge Street, the Chambers of David Aaronberg QC and James Mulholland QC, having been called to the Bar (Inner Temple) in 2007. Christopher's main specialism is in the field of crime where he regularly defends across a broad spectrum of criminal offences.

**Değer Boden, Managing Partner, Boden Law**

Değer Boden has significant experience in energy, infrastructure and arbitration matters. She is listed in Legal 500, Chambers & Partners and Who's Who Legal for her energy and natural resources' practices. She assists clients in avoiding or resolving disputes and regulatory issues through negotiation, mediation, arbitration and litigation. Her experience embraces international commercial and investment treaty arbitration. She also advises clients in relation to the structuring of their overseas investments to benefit from investment treaty protection. Her commercial arbitration experience includes disputes arising from shareholders agreements, construction agreements and EPC contracts. She also represents clients in enforcement proceedings. She acts as arbitrator in disputes (especially energy disputes). She publishes, teaches and speaks extensively on arbitration and energy matters. She is lecturing on "Energy Project Management and Law" at Kadir Has University, Energy Engineering Department.

She received her law degree (LL.B) from Galatasaray University, School of Law (2000). She is a member of Istanbul Bar since 2001. She holds an LL.M. degree in International Business Law from the University of Minnesota, School of Law (2005) and another LL.M. degree in Law of Economics from Istanbul Bilgi University, School of Law (2004).

She speaks Turkish, English and French.



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