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OVERVIEW

Burak Eryigit is a dual qualified (civil and common law) commercial lawyer and arbitration professional. Working across the London and Middle Eastern offices, he focuses his practice on international arbitration, dispute resolution, energy, construction and infrastructure projects, as well as working with clients on front-end commercial and contractual issues.

Burak has extensive experience in commercial, construction, investor-state and gas price review arbitrations. He has acted for clients in many institutional and *ad hoc* arbitrations seated in numerous jurisdictions (including the Middle East, Europe, Asia, and South America) and subject to various governing laws.
He has been hailed as a creative lawyer with commercial awareness and a diverse professional background—combining excellent legal skills with outstanding project management and negotiation skills, a client-focused approach, and outside-the-box thinking.

Burak adopts a client-focused approach—developing his knowledge and skills to support the clients' business objectives including in relation to bridge, railway, renewable energy, nuclear power plant, combined-cycle power plant, hydro-electric power plant, gas exploration and production and transit pipeline projects. His experience includes advising on first-of-their-kind groundbreaking projects in jurisdictions where the legal and regulatory framework has not yet fully developed, drawing upon his broad experience to guide clients on possible scenarios they could encounter, anticipating controversial legal issues and identifying gaps in the law.

As an international arbitration professional, Burak has been recognized as a Future Leader for Arbitration by *Lexology Index* (formerly *Who's Who Legal*): *Arbitration 2026* and *Who's Who Legal (WWL) 2024*, as a Recommended Lawyer for International Arbitration by the *Legal 500 United Kingdom* 2025, and as a Recommended Lawyer for Dispute Resolution by *The Legal 500 EMEA* 2024.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Burak qualified as a lawyer in 2013 and worked for a highly respected law firm in Turkey handling dispute resolution, litigation and international arbitration matters, as well as energy and infrastructure projects. Following his completion of an LL.M. in Comparative and International Dispute Resolution in 2016, he worked in London and Doha and currently splits his time between London and the Middle East.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recognised by *Chambers Global* as an Up-and-Coming Individual for Dispute Resolution: International Arbitration in Qatar, 2026
- Recognised by *Chambers Global* as an Associate to Watch for Dispute Resolution: International Arbitration in Qatar, 2025
- Recognised by *The Legal 500 United Kingdom* as a Recommended Lawyer in London
  - Construction: Contentious, 2027
  - International Arbitration, 2025-2026
- Recognised by *The Legal 500 EMEA* as a Recommended Lawyer for Dispute Resolution in Qatar, 2024-2026
- Recognised by *Lexology Index* for Construction as a Future Leader–Non-Partner, 2026
- Recommended by *Lexology Index* for Energy - Oil & Gas in Qatar, 2026
- Recognised by *Lexology Index* in Arbitration as a Future Leader–Non-Partner, 2024-2026

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker, "The Dark Side of Projects: Disruption, Delays, and Disputes," Project Controls Expo, London, 5 November 2025
- Presenter, "Choice of Forum in International Dispute Resolution – International Courts or International Arbitration: which is best for me?", Qatar Business Law Forum, 21 November 2024
- Moderator, "Time-bar Provisions in Construction Arbitration", International Arbitration School (IARBS), 15 March 2023
- Presenter, "ICSID Awards: Grounds for Annulment", Arbitration School / Marmara University & Istanbul Arbitration Centre (ISTAC), 27 April 2022
- Presenter, "Grounds for Annulment in Commercial Arbitration: Lack of Jurisdiction", Arbitration School / Marmara University & Istanbul Arbitration Centre (ISTAC), 27 April 2022
- Presenter, "Terms of Reference and Procedural Timetable in Practice", Arbitration School / Marmara University & Istanbul Arbitration Centre (ISTAC), 28 April 2021
- Presenter, "Interim Measures in ICSID Arbitration", Arbitration School / Marmara University & Istanbul Arbitration Centre (ISTAC), 27 May 2019
- Presenter, "Relationship between National Courts and Arbitral Tribunals WRT Granting & Enforcement & Implementation of Interim Measures", Arbitration School / Marmara University & Istanbul Arbitration Centre (ISTAC), 27 May 2019
- Panelist, "Construction Contracts and Disputes", Turkish Business Association-Qatar, 28 April 2019

EDUCATION

- LL.M., Queen Mary University of London, School of Law, 2016
- LL.B., Bilkent University, 2012
- GDL, BPP Law School, 2020

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Istanbul
- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales

LANGUAGES

- English
- Turkish

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- 1 January 2025, November and December 2024 Accolades
- December 2024, Arbitration World
- 29 April 2024, April 2024 Accolades - Part 2
- 1 February 2024, January 2024 Accolades
- 18 December 2023, Antitrust Investigations Into Supply of Construction Chemicals
- 23 March 2021, The QFC Court Confirms Its Status as an Opt-In Jurisdiction for Arbitration Cases

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Recent co-authored publications include:

- "Contract Formation and Enforcement in Qatar: Overview," *Thomson Reuters*, Practical Law Country Q&A, 1 September 2026
- GAR Know-how Commercial Arbitration, *Qatar Chapter*, *Global Arbitration Review*, April 2026
- GAR Know-how Commercial Arbitration, *Qatar chapter, Global Arbitration Review*, June 2025
- Enforcement of arbitral awards in Qatar, *Lexis+ Practical Guidance*, *Lexis Nexis*, February 2025
- Arbitration in Qatar—an introduction, *Lexis+ Practical Guidance*, *Lexis Nexis*, February 2025

- Interim remedies in support of arbitration in Qatar, *Lexis+ Practical Guidance*, *Lexis Nexis*, February 2025
- Challenging arbitral jurisdiction and stay of court litigation in favour of arbitration in Qatar, *Lexis+ Practical Guidance*, *Lexis Nexis*, February 2025
- Arbitration in Qatar - an introduction, *LexisPSL*, August 2023
- Enforcement of arbitral awards in Qatar, *LexisPSL*, August 2023
- Interim remedies in support of arbitration in Qatar, *LexisPSL*, August 2023
- Challenging arbitral jurisdiction and stay of court litigation in favour of arbitration in Qatar, *LexisPSL*, August 2023
- GAR Know How Commercial Arbitration, *Qatar chapter, Global Arbitration* Review, May 2023
- GAR Know How Commercial Arbitration, *Qatar chapter, Global Arbitration* Review, May 2021
- Arbitration 2021: Qatar, *Lexis Middle East Law*, 2021
- Commercial Arbitration 2021: Qatar, *Global Arbitration Review Insight – Know-How*, 2021
- Local Arbitration Laws and Institutions: Qatar, *Lexis Middle East Law*, 23 April 2021
- Arbitration 2020: Qatar, *Lexis Middle East Law*, 21 February 2020
- Challenging and Enforcing Arbitration Awards 2020: Qatar, *GAR Insight*, January 2020
- Maxi Scherer, Articles III, IV and V(1)(b): in Wolff (ed.), New York Convention – Commentary, C.H. Beck, Hart, Nomos, 2nd ed., 14 November 2019 [Assisted Prof. Scherer]
- The Guide to Challenging and Enforcing Arbitration Awards: Qatar, *Global Arbitration Review*, 2019
- Somalia's Accession to the WTO, Africa Arbitration Blog, June 2018
- Development of Arbitration in Turkey, World Arbitration & Mediation Review, 2016/Vol. 10/1
- Developing Court Practice in Turkey Regarding Applications to Set Aside Arbitral Awards, American Review of International Arbitration, 2015/Vol. 26 No. 4, April 2016
- Application of Public Policy Exception in Turkey, IBA Arbitration News, September 2015
- Energy Regulations and Markets Review: Turkey, 4th ed., Law Business Research, June 2015
- South East Europe Energy Handbook 2015: Turkey, SEE Legal Group, April 2015
- Turkey: How the courts are developing their approach to set-aside, GAR, 1 April 2015
- European Energy Handbook - 2015: Turkey, Herbert Smith Freehills, 2015
- Turkey: Country of International Pipelines, IBA Oil and Gas Law, September 2014
- Energy Regulations and Markets Review: Turkey, 3rd ed., Law Business Research, July 2014

- South East Europe Energy Handbook 2014: Turkey, SEE Legal Group, March 2014
- What has been happening in the Turkish renewable energy sector, IBA Power Law, June 2014
- European Energy Handbook - 2014: Turkey, Herbert Smith Freehills, 2014

NEWS & EVENTS

- 12 February 2026, *Chambers Global* 2026 Guide Ranks K&L Gates Lawyers, Practices
- 13 February 2025, *Chambers Global* 2025 Guide Ranks K&L Gates Lawyers, Practices
- 15 March 2023, Time-Bar Provisions in Construction Arbitration, Hosted by International Arbitration School by Marmara University

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Construction and Infrastructure
- Commercial Disputes
- Construction and Infrastructure Dispute Resolution
- Energy Disputes
- International Arbitration
- Investor-State Arbitration

INDUSTRIES

- Energy
- Hydrogen
- Oil and Gas
- Power
- Renewables

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Vote and Beyond: Voluntary works for this non-profit NGO, consisting of entirely independent young individuals, aiming to increase awareness for transparent and democratic voting system.
- Yenibirlider Dernegi (A New Leader Association): Legal advice to this non-profit and non-governmental organization, aiming to build a sustainable leadership ecosystem in Turkey.

- AKUT Search and Rescue Association: Voluntary works for this entirely voluntary and non-governmental organization for disaster search and rescue relief.
- Somalia's Accession to the WTO / MFTR Secretary and member of the negotiating team: Coordination of drafting of the Memorandum on Foreign Trade Regime by international law firms.
- A worldwide engineering and construction company: Legal advice on possible liabilities arising from a FIDIC-based EPC contract, executed for the construction of a suspension bridge within the scope of a PPP model.
- A leading global railway vehicle manufacturer: Legal assistance in connection with a tender by the Turkish State Railways for the establishment and operation of a manufacturing facility in Turkey, to manufacture high-speed trains.
- A global developer of large-scale solar energy projects: Legal advice in connection with Turkish solar energy legislation and sectorial developments.
- An Italian photovoltaic system manufacturer: Legal advice in relation to unlicensed energy generation from renewable energy resources in Turkey and application process.
- A Danish leading energy company: Legal assistance in relation to the incorporation of an energy trading subsidiary and obtaining the required licenses with respect to the contemplated energy trading activities.
- A multinational engineering and infrastructure company: Extensive legal advice on the regulatory and structuring aspects of one of Turkey's future nuclear power plants.
- International oil companies: Extensive legal advice to a number of IOCs in connection with a ground-breaking natural gas project.
- A transit pipeline project: Extensive legal advice to an IOC (a member of the consortium) in connection with the region's first transit pipeline project and the contemplated import and sale of natural gas.
- A Georgian company: Representation of a Georgian company, a subsidiary of international oil and gas company based in USA, in relation to the enforcement of an arbitral award rendered under the rules of American Arbitration Association in the US.
- A Central Asian State: Legal advice in relation to different heads of damages to the Ministry of Public Works of an Asian State in connection with an ICC arbitration arising from a FIDIC Red Book-based construction contract.
- A multi-part ICC Arbitration: Assisting the President of the arbitral tribunal in preparation of the final award in an arbitration arising from a set of shareholders and share purchase agreements regarding hydro-electric power plants.
- A gas price review arbitration: Assisting the arbitration team in preparation of the statement of claim.
- An LCIA arbitration involving a South-East European State: Assisting the President of the arbitral tribunal in preparation of the final award in arbitration arising from a shareholders agreement.

- A German company: Representation of a German logistics and warehousing solutions developer, in the enforcement of an ICC award.
- A global engineering and construction company: Advice in connection with a prospective multi-million dollars ICC arbitration, arising from a FIDIC Silver Book-based EPC contract.
- A major worldwide oil company: Advice to a worldwide oil company, in connection with a possible arbitration process arising from a share purchase agreement.
- A major multinational energy generation giant: Legal advice in connection with an ICC arbitration arising from an EPC contract related to a natural gas combined-cycle power plant.
- State telecommunication company of a South-East Asian State: Assisting the team in preparation of witness statements and for the hearing in an ad hoc arbitration arising from a shareholders agreement.
- An investor-State arbitration: Preparation of facts and Turkish law related sections of the statement of defence in an arbitration involving denial of justice claim.
- A global private equity fund: Preparation of corruption-related section of the statement of defence and the Redfern Schedule in an arbitration arising from a share purchase agreement.
- A European private equity fund: Representation of a major private equity fund in all stages of an ad hoc arbitration arising from a shareholders agreement, as well as in post arbitration proceedings.
- An unincorporated JV: Representation of joint venture members in an ICC arbitration involving delay, disruption and variation claims, concerning the construction of a stadium.
- A US-based medical device distributor: Extensive legal advice in connection with a possible AAA arbitration involving defective products related claims.
- An investment arbitration: Legal advice to the client on complex statute of limitations issues arising from a bilateral investment agreement and a free trade agreement with investment provisions, in connection with an expropriation claim.
- An MEP subcontractor: Representation of the client in an ICC arbitration concerning the construction of an Islamic cultural centre.
- A Qatari contractor: Representation of the client in an ICC arbitration arising from termination of the subcontract concerning a hotel project.
- A global design consultant: Representation of the client in an ICC arbitration against a multinational joint venture concerning a railway project.
- A real estate developer: Representation of the client in an ICC arbitration related to termination of development management agreement concerning the development of a major district.