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Arif has a strong background in commercial disputes and corporate advisory. He specializes in providing strategic legal counsel to both domestic and international clients, particularly in cross-border disputes. With a solid foundation in Turkish law and expertise in navigating multijurisdictional legal frameworks, Arif delivers tailored solutions that align with clients' business objectives. He has extensive experience representing clients in arbitration, both ad hoc and institutional, as well as in Turkish courts at all levels, including higher instances such as the Regional Court of Appeal and the Constitutional Court. His expertise extends to regulatory compliance, media and entertainment law, and the enforcement of arbitral awards.

With a client-focused approach and commitment to excellence, Arif is adept at assessing cases strategically, drafting comprehensive legal opinions, and negotiating settlements. He is particularly skilled in coordinating arbitration and litigation strategies, representing clients in regulatory investigations, and managing administrative challenges. His professional demeanor and ability to navigate intricate legal scenarios make him an invaluable asset in resolving commercial and regulatory issues.

EDUCATION

- Koç University, L.L.M, International Law-Ongoing
- Koç University, School of Law, LLB
- Koç University, School of Social Sciences and Humanities, Sociology

ADMISSIONS

- Istanbul Bar Association

LANGUAGES

- Turkish
- English
- Russian

MEMBERSHIPS

- Union of Turkish Bar Associations

KEY SECTORS

- Construction (including infrastructure and engineering)
- Energy and natural resources
- Mining
- Media and entertainment

KEY SERVICES

- International commercial arbitration
- Investor-State arbitration
- Commercial and administrative litigation
- Enforcement of foreign court judgments and arbitral awards
- Set-aside of foreign court judgments and arbitral awards
- Media and entertainment
- Advisory (including strategic advice in various corporate/commercial as well as regulatory and compliance matters)

KEY COMPETENCIES

- Case assessment and strategic advice
- Issuance of legal opinions on Turkish law
- Assistance with settlement negotiations before or during arbitration proceedings, if and when necessary
- Representation as counsel or co-counsel in commercial arbitration proceedings, whether ad hoc or under institutional rules
- Representation as counsel or co-counsel in investor-state arbitration proceedings, whether ad hoc or institutional (ICSID)
- Representation as counsel or co-counsel in other forms of alternative dispute resolution, including before mediators, expert panels and dispute boards
- Acting as expert witness in the arbitration proceedings on Turkish law issues
- Advice regarding enforceability or possibility of setting aside arbitral awards
- Representation in parallel or related Turkish state court proceedings, including preliminary measures supporting arbitration proceedings, enforcement or challenging of arbitral awards
- Representation as counsel throughout administrative proceedings and investigations before regulatory and administrative authorities
- Representation as counsel throughout full cycle of legal proceedings at all levels of civil, commercial, criminal and administrative courts as well as courts of higher instances such as Regional Court of Appeal, Court of Cassation, State Council and Constitutional Court in Turkish judiciary system
- Representation as counsel throughout full cycle of debt collection proceedings before the competent courts as well as directories of debt enforcement and bankruptcy
- Drafting, reviewing and negotiating contracts [e.g. construction, design and engineering contracts (including all types of FIDIC suit contracts); memorandum of understanding, letter of intent and confidentiality agreements; sales, lease, agency, franchising, distribution and licensing agreements; loan, surety, warranty, advance payment guarantee and performance bonds etc.], including jurisdiction and arbitration clauses
- Strategic advice on corporate/commercial law as well as regulatory and compliance matters