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Çağdaş Çizer Counsel



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Çağdaş Çizer is a seasoned legal professional with over a decade of experience specializing in the TMT sector and regulatory compliance. Drawing from a solid foundation in Turkish law, he provides strategic legal counsel to both domestic and international clients, particularly in complex regulatory environments, cross-border disputes, and operational matters across technology, media, and telecommunications. He has extensive experience representing clients in both ad hoc and institutional arbitration, 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, internet law, media law, corporate and commercial law, consumer law, and employment law, as well as content licensing and enforcement of arbitral awards.

With a client-focused approach and commitment to excellence, Çağdaş is skilled at assessing cases strategically, drafting comprehensive legal opinions, negotiating settlements, and coordinating litigation and arbitration strategies. He is particularly adept at representing clients in regulatory investigations, managing administrative challenges, and leading legal teams in litigation, mediation, and alternative dispute resolution.

His deep sector knowledge and practical experience with prominent TMT firms enable him to deliver tailored legal solutions, helping clients navigate multifaceted legal challenges, operate efficiently, and resolve disputes effectively in dynamic global markets.

EDUCATION

• Kadir Has University, School of Law, LLB

ADMISSIONS

Istanbul Bar Association

LANGUAGES

- Turkish
- English

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