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3rd Annual GAR Live Istanbul

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25 June 2015 at 09:00 to 17:30

Istanbul, Turkey

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8.30: *Welcome coffee and registration*

9.00: Chairs' opening remarks

Prof. Dr. Ziya Akinci, *Akinci Law Office*
Jean-Claude Najjar, *Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosie*

9.10: Session one: The year in international arbitration - the things you need to know

What have been the most important developments in arbitration law and practice of the past year, both in Turkey and abroad? Leading local and international names will discuss:

- Turkey's progress in building a world-class arbitration centre in Istanbul
- Developments at the leading institutions, including the ICC and LCIA
- Important new case law on enforcement in the Middle East

Moderator:

Ziya Akinci, *Akinci Law Office*

Panel:

Ismail Esin, *Baker & McKenzie*
Ercument Erdem, *Erdem & Erdem*
Alec Emmerson, *Clyde & Co*
James Castello, *King & Spalding*

10.30: *Coffee break sponsored by Coşar Avukatlık Bürosu*

11.00: Session two: GAR Live Symposium

A high-speed version of the popular LCIA Tylney Hall format. Delegates can submit questions in advance and share their own experiences and views on best practices.

Moderators:

Jason Fry, *Clifford Chance*
Reza Mohtashami, *Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer*

12.20: Special guest speaker

Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu, *President of the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB) and Chairman of the Jerusalem Arbitration Centre*

12.40: *Networking lunch sponsored by 4 New Square*

14.00: Session three: Investment arbitration

A panel of experienced counsel will discuss the latest trends in investor-state arbitration, including:

- Inconsistent awards under the same (or similar BIT) – recent experiences in Turkey and beyond
- Provisional measures – are tribunals too reluctant to grant them? Is there renewed hope for security for costs in investment arbitration. Is the use of emergency arbitrator procedures against states a good idea?
- Moral damages – how feasible are they to obtain, what evidence do you need and can states invoke them as a counterclaim?

Moderator:

Noradèle Radjai, *Lalive*

Panel:

Reza Mohtashami, *Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer*
Carmen Martinez Lopez, *Three Crowns*

Dany Khayat, *Mayer Brown*

Utku Coşar, *Coşar Avukatlık Bürosu*

15.20: Coffee break sponsored by Coşar Avukatlık Bürosu

15.50: Session four: Oxford Union-style debate

Motion: "This house believes that witness testimony is key to an effective arbitration"

Civil law traditions such as Turkey's give little weight to witness testimony in resolving a dispute, compared with its importance in common-law jurisdictions. How far should arbitrators rely on the testimony of fact witnesses and experts and to what extent does an arbitrator's background influence their approach to this issue?

Practitioners from both legal traditions will debate the motion.

Moderator:

Jean-Claude Najar, *Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle*

Debaters:

Franz Schwarz, *Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr*

Stephen Jagusch, *Quinn Emanuel Urquart & Sullivan*

Geoffroy Lyonnet, *Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle*

Nicholas Fletcher QC, *4 New Square*

Judges:

Roland Ziadé, *Linklaters*

Mark Beckett, *Chadbourne & Parke*

Karen Akinci, *Akinci Law Office*

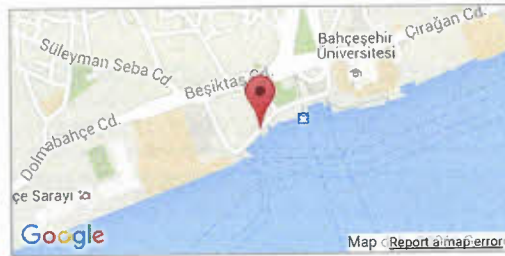
17.15: Chairs' wrap-up

Prof. Dr. Ziya Akinci, *Akinci Law Office*

Jean-Claude Najar, *Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle*

17.30: Close of conference

17.45 onwards: Cocktail reception hosted by Chadbourne & Parke



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