BERKİN MURAT SOYLU – BIOGRAPHY

Practice Description

Berkin Murat Soylu is a partner of SOYLU I BÖLÜKEMINI.

He has extensive experience in corporate, commercial, finance and capital markets transactions in Türkiye. He advises corporates, banks, finance institutions and capital markets institutions in transactional as well as litigious post-M&A, contractual and commercial matters.

Mr. Soylu has 20 years of experience in top-tier law firms in İstanbul before establishing his own firm, SOYLU I BÖLÜKEMINI in 2026. Until now, he was involved in various M&A, commercial, capital markets, finance and arbitration work, in relation to various industry sectors. He is also heavily involved in commercial and investment arbitration and cross-border litigation cases.

Select Arbitration Cases

- Advising and assisting a U.S. food company on a post-M&A dispute with a Turkish entity in relation to its dispute in the context of an ICC arbitration and assisting the client as co-counsel during the arbitration proceedings
- Advising and assisting Israeli State entities on an investment dispute with the Israeli subsidiary of a Turkish company in ICC arbitration proceedings, interim relief proceedings and assisting the client as co-counsel during the ad hoc arbitral proceedings
- Assisting and assisting a Russian bank in arbitration proceedings under the LCIA rules in relation to a default under a multi-million loan facility and various security agreements and assisting the client in the arbitration proceedings
- Advising and assisting multiple Turkish private clients in relation to ad hoc domestic arbitral proceedings with regard to the calculation and collection of the purchase price for shares previously transferred to a Turkish affiliate of a global catering conglomerate
- Advising and assisting a foreign leasing entity in respect of its London-seated arbitration in relation to Turkish attorney-client privilege rules
- Acting as the president of an arbitral tribunal in arbitration proceedings under the ISTAC rules in relation to a default under a facility agreement and security agreements between a leading Turkish bank and a Turkish entity
- Acting as the sole arbitrator in an arbitration proceeding under the ISTAC rules in relation to a default under a commercial dispute related to a construction agreement

Education

- **Leiden University**, the Netherlands, International Law in Action: the Arbitration of International Disputes
- **UNCITRAL**, United Nations Commission on International Trade Law
- **Yıldız Technical University**, Master of Business Administration (MBA)
- **American University Washington College of Law**, Washington D.C. - Certificate of American Law and Private International Law
- **Loyola University School of Law**, New Orleans & **Vienna University**, Austria, – Certificate of European and International Law Education at Vienna University, Austria
- **Yeditepe University**, School of Law, LL.B.

Professional Qualifications

Avukat – Member of the Istanbul Bar Association since 2006

Languages

- Turkish (native)
- English (fluent)
- Greek (beginner)

Memberships and Listings

- Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb)
- Listed arbitrator at the Istanbul Arbitration Centre
- Listed arbitrator at Turkic Arbitration Association
- Listed arbitrator at the Vienna International Arbitration Centre
- Listed arbitrator at the Baku Arbitration Centre

Select Publications

- "**Amendments Introduced to the Crowdfunding, Amendments to the Communiqué on Venture Capital Investment Trusts, Amendment to the Communiqué on the Principles Regarding the Reporting to the Data Storage Organisation and Security Management Agreement and Security Manager**" Annual Activity Report of the Turkish Corporate Governance Organisation, 2020
- "**Energy & Commodity Finance Legal Guide**" BNP Paribas, 2014
- "**Mandatory Mediation for Commercial Disputes**" Mondaq, 10 January 2019
- "**A Note on the New Mediation Regulation**" Mondaq, 19 September 2018
- "**Amendments to Decree No. 32 Regarding the Protection of the Value of the Turkish Lira**", Mondaq, 5 February 2018
- "**CMB's Draft Amendments to Takeover Communique**" Mondaq, 26 November 2018
- "**CMB Amends Disclosure Rules for Listed Companies**" Mondaq, 26 November 2018
- "**Amendments to the Decree on Treasury Support for Credit Guarantee Institutions**" Mondaq, 26 October 2018
- "**A Look at Recent Changes to the Mandatory Offer Communique**" Mondaq, 9 September 2019
- "**Recent Changes to Capital Markets Regulations**" Mondaq, 11 May 2018
- "**Recent Amendment to the Turkish Commercial Code**" Mondaq, 9 April 2018
- "**Significant Amendments to the Communique on Real Estate Certificates**" Mondaq, 8 January 2018
- "**Sukuk In Turkey: Fostering Diversity**" Mondaq, 10 April 2017
- "**Legislation Update on Forex and Disclosure Rules**" Mondaq, 6 April 2017
- "**An Alternative Dispute Resolution Mechanism in Turkey's Capital Markets Transactions?**" Mondaq, 5 December 2016
- "**Recent Amendments on Investment Services and Activities**" Mondaq, 8 August 2016

Select Conferences and Lectures

- **Speaker**, CEE Finance and Capital Markets Workshops 2021, organised by Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer
- **Moderator**, Sustainability from Discourse to Action, 30 November 2021, organised by the Turkish Corporate Governance Organisation, 2021
- **Lecturer**, Project financing of energy projects at the "Energy Law Education Programme" organised by Bahçeşehir University in 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020