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8:30am	Registration			
9:00am - 9:15am	Opening Address - British Turkish Lawyers Association Can Yeginsu, Vice Chairman, British Turkish Lawyers Association, BTLA 1st Keynote - Recent Developments Affecting Global International Arbitration Keynote - Ben Patten Q.C. 4 New Square Chambers, UK Enforcement of Foreign Judgements in Turkey Section 1 - Halil Ercüment Erdem, Senior Partner, Erdem & Erdem Law Office, Turkey; Professor (E.) of Commercial Law, Galatasaray University			
9:15am - 9:45am				
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10:15am - 10:45am	Turkey and Middle East Construction Disputes Section 2 - Nicholas Gould, Partner, Fenwick Elliott LLP Heba Osman, Partner, Ahmed Ibrahim in association with Fenwick Elliott			
10:45am - 11:10am	Networking & Morning Refreshment			
11:10am - 11:40am	Which arbitral seat is best for disputes involving Turkish parties?" Section 3 - Paul Stohard, Partner and Head of International Arbitration, King & Wood Mallesons SJ Berwin			
11:40am - 12:00pm	International Trade Disputes in Turkey - Aiding In-house Counsel Section 4 -			
12:00pm - 12:20pm	Real Estate Infrastructure Disputes - Local and International Focus Orçun Çetinkaya, Disputes and Litigation Partner, Mehmet Gün & Partners			
12:20pm - 12:40pm	Fidic Contracts Arbitration Dr Colin Ong, President AABD Managing Partner, Dr Colin Ong Legal Services			
12:40pm - 2:00pm	Lunch			

2:00pm - 2:40pm	1st GRAND PANEL - "Managing an Effective Arbitration" From an In-house Counsel and Practitioners Perspective Moderator - Alec Emmerson, Clyde & Co. Panellists - Azeezat Sunmonu, Regional Legal Manager, GE Oil & Gas Okan Demirkan, Partner, Kolcuoğlu Demirkan Koçaklı
2:40pm - 3:00pm	Current Challenges to Arbitrators - Issues for Inhouse Counsel to Consider 2nd Keynote - Bruce Collins Q.C., XXIC Lincoln Chambers, London
3:00pm - 3:30pm	Importance of Expert Witness in Turkish Disputes Section 6 - Eda Cerrahoglu Balssen, Partner, Cerrahoglu Law Firm
3:30pm - 3:50pm	LNG Energy & Natural Resources - Disputes in Turkey and the Middle East Section 7 - Jeremy Wilson, Partner, Covington & Burling, London
3:50pm - 4:10pm	Short Break & Afternoon Refreshment
4:30pm - 4:50pm	Retaining Confidence in the Confidentiality of Arbitral Proceedings Section 8 - Graham Chapman Q.C., 4 New Square Chambers, UK
4:50pm - 5:30pm	2nd GRAND PANEL - Regional Overview / Where to Arbitrate / Updates in Regions Moderator - Prof. Dr. Christian Rumpf, Founder, Rumpf Rechtsanwälte, Moderator - 2nd Grand Panel Panellists - Sami Houerbi, Director, International Court of Arbitration, ADR, International Chamber of Commerce Dr Colin Ong, President AABD Managing Partner, Dr
	Colin Ong Legal Services Dr.Wang Wenying, Secretary General, China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC)
	Networking Cocktail Party - 6-8pm

Victor P. Leginsky, Chartered Arbitrator B.Ed., J.D., FCIArb

Victor P. Leginsky, Canadian citizen, is an experienced international arbitrator and Barrister & Solicitor, resident in Dubai, UAE since April 2007. Victor has prior high-level mediation experience having been appointed by the Attorney General of British Columbia, Canada, to be the Chair of the Manufactured Home Park Dispute Resolution Committee. He brings over 25 years of arbitration experience in Canada. Victor has earned the internationally-recognized designations of Chartered Arbitrator and Fellow from the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. He is a committee member of the International Court of Arbitration (ICC) - UAE and member of ICC-Canada. He is alternate regional chapter co-ordinator of the Association of International Petroleum Negotiators (AIPN) and launched its seminar on oil & gas dispute resolution in the Middle East. He co-instructs, with Prof. Dr. Klaus Peter Berger a practical course in International Commercial Arbitration in Dubai. He is registered as a Barrister with the Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC) Courts and is a member in good standing of the Law Society of British Columbia, Canada.

Ben Patten QC, 4 New Square Chambers

Ben's expertise lies in a range of commercial work involving construction disputes, professional liability claims, commercial litigation and insurance and reinsurance disputes. Described as "calm under pressure and always willing to stick his neck out on a case" he acts for contractors, employers and In the 2013 edition of Chambers and Partners Ben is stated to be greatly respected for his effective advocacy, "he has a very nice way of presenting an argument which appeals to judges hugely," and his 'good commercial instincts'. In the 2014 edition of Chambers Global he is described as "a highly regarded Silk especially in terms of insurance or professional indemnity related construction matters" "provides clear, concise and robust advice"... "unequivocal, clear straightforward and commercially focussed...has a clear and deep understanding of the industry." A team player, Ben's style is to roll up his sleeves and get involved. He has considerable experience of very substantial commercial arbitration covering a wide range of construction and construction related issues. He is relaxed and approachable, whilst at the same time being businesslike and tenacious in pursuing the best outcome for the client. He has a keen sense of the client's commercial interests and can cut through the complexities of a difficult case to get to the heart of the issues.

Halil Ercüment Erdem, Senior Partner, Erdem & Erdem Law Office, Turkey; Professor (E.) of Commercial Law, Galatasaray University

He is the Senior Partner of Erdem & Erdem Law Office in Istanbul and Izmir, Turkey and Professor (E.) of Commercial Law at Galatasaray University (Istanbul). He holds a LLM from Ankara University (1986 with honours) and Ph.D from University of Fribourg (1990).

H. Ercument Erdem is the member of Istanbul Bar Association, the Vice-Chair of the ICC Commission on Commercial Law and Practice and Member of the ICC Incoterms Experts Group, the Council Member of the ICC Institute of World Business Law and the Member of the ICC Turkish National Committee Arbitration, the Council Member of Association Henri Capitant des Amis de la Culture Juridique Française, the Advisory Council of Banking and Commercial Law Research Institute, the President of Mergers and Acquisitions Commission of the Competition Association Advisory Board, Association Suisse de l'Arbitrage (ASA) and International Bar Association (IBA).

He specializes in the field of international commercial law, competition law and arbitration and has published several books and articles on these issues. He acts as sole arbitrator, chairman, co-arbitrator or counsel in numerous cases under different arbitration rules (ICC, UNCITRAL, SRIA, AAA, TRAC, Istanbul Chamber of Commerce, Ad Hoc). Prof Dr Erdem has collaborated for many years with the ICC and has actively participated in several ICC Task Forces, drafting model contracts for international business (e.g. agency, distribution, confidentiality, mergers & acquisition, occasional intermediaries, Incoterms).

Graham Chapman QC, 4 New Square Chambers

Graham took silk in 2014 at the age of 38. Before taking silk he was described as "The first choice of junior for many", "thorough, robust and in complete control", "so good that he is doing work far beyond his years of call" and as being "consistently involved in high-profile cases". Graham has a broad commercial practice which falls into three core areas: commercial litigation, professional liability claims in a commercial context and construction and engineering law. Graham has been described as "very able", "quick and hardworking" and "intellectually gifted". He appears in Court and arbitrations and has a growing advisory practice in the field of financial services regulation. The international flavour of his work is reflected in the fact that he has been called to the Bars of the Grand Court of Cayman and of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court (BVI).

Paul Stohard, Partner and Head of International Arbitration, King & Wood Mallesons SJ Berwin

Paul Stothard is a partner and head of international arbitration based in the London office of global law firm King & Wood Mallesons SJ Berwin. He was formerly head of litigation at another major global law firm based in Dubai. He specialises in all forms of international and investment arbitration. He represents states, investors, financial institutions and major international businesses in a diverse range of sectors, including energy & infrastructure, construction, banking and finance (both conventional and Islamic), telecoms and media. He has experience of all major international arbitration institutions, including ICSID, ICC, LCIA and UNCITRAL, and has appeared as counsel in courts in the United Kingdom and in Dubai. He regularly sits as an arbitrator. He is a regular speaker on topic relating to international arbitration at conferences and in the written and broadcast media. Mr Stothard's recent experience includes:

Representing an African investor in a US\$3bn ICSID arbitration against an African state relating to the alleged expropriation of oil concessions. LCIA arbitration: lead counsel for four major international banks against the sovereign wealth fund of a major Gulf state concerning a US\$500m default under Sharia-complaint loan agreement. Acting for a Japanese/Turkish consortium in relation to multi-billion dollar claims under a contract with a Gulf state for the construction of an urban mass transport system.

Sami Houerbi, Director, International Court of Arbitration, ADR, International Chamber of Commerce

Sami Houerbi is the Director of the ICC Eastern Mediterranean, Middle-East and Africa ICC Dispute Resolution Services, where he is in charge of raising awareness about Alternative Dispute Resolution mechanisms throughout the region and promoting ICC Arbitration and ADR Rules. Prior to that, he was member of the Secretariat of the International Court of Arbitration in Paris, where he was directly involved in the administration and managing ICC arbitration proceedings. Mr Houerbi is a registered lawyer of the Tunis Bar Association and the Head of the Arbitration Department at Boussayene Knani Houerbi Law firm (www.bkhassocies. com), which areas of practice include mainly: Corporate Law, Arbitration and Litigation. He holds a post-graduate degree in international law from the University of Paris II and an LL.M in German Law from the Ludwig-Maximilian University in Munich.

Can Yeginsu, 4 New Square Chambers

Can Yeginsu is a barrister at 4 New Square Chambers where he undertakes a broad range of commercial disputes work, specialising in international and commercial litigation and in particular international commercial arbitration. Can also practises in the areas of constitutional law, sports law, public law and human rights law.

Recognised as a leading barrister in Legal 500 and Chambers and Partners, Can advises and appears as counsel in arbitrations under all of the main international institutions as well as in cases before the UK Supreme Court, the Court of Appeal, the High Court, and the European Court of Human Rights. Educated at University College, Oxford, Princeton University and Harvard Law School, Can was featured last year as one of ten "Stars at the Bar" by Legal Week Magazine where he was described as "an excellent mind with a real talent for picking out the key issues" "very persuasive" "older and wiser than his call suggests…really inspires confidence."

Can is a member of the LCIA, ICC, ASA, as well as the IBA and the COMBAR. He is currently serving as Vice-Chair of the British Turkish Lawyers Association and is a founding member of the Istanbul Arbitration Association.

Christopher Grout, Registrar, Qatar International Court and Dispute Resolution Centre

Christopher has been based at the QICDRC in Doha for just over one year. As Registrar, he is head of the Registry that services both the Qatar International Court and the Qatar Financial Centre Regulatory Tribunal. He also manages the Dispute Resolution Centre which, over the past year, has played host to a number of arbitrations and mediations where, in the case of arbitrations, the seat has been the State of Qatar. In addition, the Qatar International Court exercises judicial oversight where the seat of the arbitration is the Qatar Financial Centre and so this too falls within Christopher's remit. More specifically, Christopher is responsible for the management aspects of the Centre and in particular the case management of cases that come before the Court and Tribunal. Where required, Christopher will provide procedural directions in relation to cases and, along with his team, will be available to assist parties with any queries they may have in relation to the workings of the Centre. Amongst other things, he chairs a number of QICDRC-user committees, actively engages with the development of legal and judicial education and training in the State of Qatar and provides ad-hoc lectures at a number of universities both in Qatar and the United Kingdom. Furthermore, Christopher is a practicing barrister in England and Wales at 15 New Bridge Street, the Chambers of David Aarongberg QC and James Mulholland QC, having been called to the Bar (Inner Temple) in 2007. Christopher's main specialism is in the field of crime where he regularly defends across a broad spectrum of criminal

Alec Emmerson, Consultant, Clyde and Co, Middle East Disputes Expert

Alec was a Partner of Clyde & Co in Guildford, Hong Kong, London and Dubai for 30 years and remains in Dubai as a consultant with the Firm. He has acted as party counsel in numerous ICC, LCIA, SCMA, CIETAC, DIAC,ADCCAC, AAA, UNCITRAL,CAMM and ad hoc arbitrations involving international trade, joint ventures, insurance/ reinsurance, property, telecommunications, infrastructure, energy and shipping/ ship building. Since becoming a consultant 6 years ago he has become well known as an international arbitrator accepting appointments as Chair, Co-Arbitrator and Sole Arbitrator in a similar range of disputes mainly involving parties in Europe, Middle East, India and Asia. In 2011 a leading directory described Alec as "disputes Czar...." and he is recognised in GAR, Chambers, Who's Who Legal and other publications as an arbitrator and mediator. He speaks regularly at conferences and on business radio as well as writing on arbitration topics.

Azeezat Sunmonu, Regional Legal Contracts Manager, GE Oil & Gas

Azeezat Sunmonu is the Regional Legal Contracts Manager for GE Oil & Gas (Drilling and Surface division), a Fortune 100 company. She covers the Middle East, North Africa and Turkey region and is based in the regional headquarters in Abu Dhabi. She holds a bachelor's degree in Economics and Law from Oxford Brookes University, UK and an MBA with Columbus University, Massachusetts, USA. Notable past employers include Honeywell International, KCA Deutag Drilling Co., Petrofac International, Oceaneering International, Citizens' Advise Bureau (UK) and Thales Defence; With over fourteen years experience in the field of legal consultancy, contracts and commercial management, Azeezat has also been a guest speaker at other Middle East professional conferences and workshops and has written / conducted several training programmes for Contracts and Procurement professionals in the Oil and Gas industry. Having worked on a number of high profile projects in the regional oil and gas industry, Azeezat has also been consulted as an industry expert/consultant in the Oil and Gas contracts management field, including consultancy work for Fortune 500 companies. She's also been a guest lecturer at universities in the UAE, teaching Business Law.

Prof. Dr. Christian Rumpf, Founder, Rumpf Rechtsanwälte, Moderator - 2nd Grand Panel

1954 born in Heidelberg; 1962 - 1967 resident in Istanbul; 1972 High School Diploma (Abitur); 1972 - 1974 Federal Navy; 1974 - 1979 University of Heidelberg, Faculty of Law, First State Exam; 1979 - 1981 Research fellow at Ankara University, scholarship of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD); 1981 - 2001 Max-Planck-Institute of Public International Law; 1983 Second State Exam in Mannheim; 1984 - 1989 Associate Professor at Frankfurt University, Faculty of Law, Chair of Prof. Dr. Michael Bothe (German and International Public Law and European Law); 1989 Admittance to the Bar of Nordbaden; 1990 PhD (Dr. iur. utr.) at Heidelberg University (Subject: "The Rule of Law in the Turkish Legal System"); since 1992, several lectureships on European Law, Law of International Organisations and Turkish Law at the Universities of Frankfurt, Passau, Munich and Bamberg; 2004 Honorary Professor at the University of Bamberg; since 1989 practising lawyer, 2008 Founder of Rumpf Rechtsanwälte in Stuttgart; since 2004 Office in Istanbul.

Eda Cerrahoğlu Balssen, Partner, Cerrahoglu Law Firm

Eda Cerrahoğlu Balssen is a Partner in the Arbitration Department. She joined the Firm in 2005. Mrs. Cerrahoğlu Balssen's practice is focused on international and domestic arbitration and corporate law. She received her B.A. (Economics and International Relations, magna cum laude) from Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island and her J.D. at the University of Virginia Law School. She qualified for Istanbul Bar in 2009.

She is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, American Bar Association, International Bar Association, ASA, DIS 40, LCIA and ICC YAF. She speaks Turkish and English and has a good conversational command of German. She is the exclusive provider of updates for Turkey in international arbitration for the International Law Office legal newsletters.

Nicholas Gould, Partner, Fenwick Elliott LLP

Nicholas conducts a mix of contract drafting, strategic project advice and dispute resolution work. He acts in a wide range of construction sectors in the UK and internationally, including general construction, transport, communications, industrial, process plant, petrochemical, and energy. Dispute resolution experience spans litigation, arbitration (domestic and international), adjudication, DAB/DRB, mediation, early neutral evaluation and expert determination. He regularly acts as a mediator in construction, engineering and commercial disputes, and sits as adjudicator on international Dispute Adjudication Boards and as arbitrator.

Heba Osman, Partner, Ibrahim Law Firm

Heba specialises in construction and engineering law; with a wide practice in advising governmental bodies, private developers, contractors, engineering firms and sub-contractors on all project stages; including project procurement, tendering, contract documentation, claims management and dispute resolution. Heba also has considerable experience in engineering and construction arbitrations and represents clients in DIAC, ICC, ICSID, CRCICA and ad-hoc arbitrations. Additionally, she has a broad experience dealing with various general commercial law and corporate issues in the MENA Region. Heba practices law in English and Arabic. She also holds an LLM degree in international trade law from Maastricht University and is a regular speaker in legal conferences, primarily talking about arbitration, real estate and construction law. Heba also sits as an arbitrator on MENA real estate and construction disputes.

Jeremy Wilson, Partner, Covington & Burling

Jeremy Wilson is a partner in Covington & Burling's London office where he practices international arbitration. Mr. Wilson advises and represents parties in commercial arbitrations, price review disputes and investor-state matters in both ad hoc proceedings (UNCITRAL Rules) and institutional arbitrations, including under the rules of the ICC, the SCC and the LCIA. Chambers UK (2013 and 2014) highlights Mr. Wilson as "definitely one to watch" observing his expertise in the oil and gas arena. He is also recognised as a leading practitioner in the Euromoney's Guide to the World's Leading Experts in Commercial Arbitration (2013). Mr. Wilson is New York qualified and has practiced in both Paris and London.

Orçun Çetinkaya, Disputes and Litigation Partner, Mehmet Gün & Partners

Orçun Çetinkaya is a disputes and litigation partner with the law firm Mehmet Gün & Partners, and advises on a broad range of issues including shareholder and partnership disputes, joint venture, agency, professional negligence and employment disputes, contractual claims and defamation. His work often involves multi-jurisdictional actions in Russia, the USA and Europe.

He has a significant presence in the construction & real estate sectors and advises and represents project sponsors, contractors, financiers and government bodies on major construction, engineering and project-financings in Turkey and Russia. He is recommended for commercial litigation and international arbitration by numerous global publications and directories, including Chambers and Partners, Legal 500, Who's Who Legal and BestLawyers. He is a graduate of Ankara University and holds an LLM from Nottingham University School of Law. He is a member of the Istanbul Bar Union, IBA, ABA and the London Court of International Arbitration.

Dr Colin Ong, President AABD Managing Partner, Dr Colin Ong Legal Services

Colin Ong is Managing Partner of Dr Colin Ong Legal Services, Brunei and a member of the Brunei, English and Singapore bars. He is a practicing barrister in England (Essex Court Chambers) and a Chartered Arbitrator. He has acted as arbitrator or as counsel in over 100 arbitrations under most rules. Listed by Global Arbitration Review as one of the 45 under 45. President, AABD; Advisory Councilor, BANI; National Arbitration Committee, Cambodia; Vice-President, APRAG and Advisory Committee, China-ASEAN Legal Research Center. A Master of the Bench of the Inner Temple. Visiting Professor at universities in several countries (Civil Law and Common Law). Editorial board member of legal journals including Arbitration (CIArb); Business Law International; Butterworths Journal of International Banking & Financial Law; Dispute Resolution International and Maritime Risk International.

Dr. Wang Wenying, Secretary General, China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC)

Wang Wenying, the Secretary General of Chine International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC) Hong Kong Arbitration Center. Dr. Wang began to serve in the Department of Law of the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT) and China Chamber of International Commerce (CCOIC) upon graduation from Beijing University in 1989. She held the position of deputy Representative and Representative of CCPIT & CCOIC Hong Kong Representative Office from 1997 to 2000. She has been a research fellow in Arbitration Research Institute of CCOIC since 2004 after she got her doctoral degree of legal science (SJD) from Hong Kong University. She was appointed the director of the Arbitration Research Institute of CCOIC in 2005. She was in charge of the drafting work of CIETAC Arbitration Rules (2005 and 2012) and CIETAC's Articles of Association. Dr. Wang is on the Panel of Arbitrators of CIETAC. She has also served as Chair, sole arbitrator, or as a member of international and domestic arbitration panels. She has also been appointed as an expert dealing with domain name dispute cases by CIETAC Domain Name Dispute Resolution Center. Dr. Wang was the chief editor of Arbitration and Law, a famous Chinese journal on arbitration with history of more than 20 years. She is the chair of the Case Edition Committee of CIETAC, which is in charge of compiling and editing the CIETAC's arbitral awards and publishing

Okan Demirkan, Partner, Kolcuoğlu Demirkan Koçaklı

After spending ten years at a major İstanbul-based law firm, Mr. Demirkan joined what is now Kolcuoğlu Demirkan Koçaklı. Mr. Demirkan has significant experience in energy and infrastructure, arbitration and litigation. He currently leads the Firm's dispute resolution and energy practices.

Mr. Demirkan has been heavily involved in several arbitration proceedings, concerning disputes arising from major infrastructure projects including build-operate-transfer (BOT) model investments; share purchase agreements, shareholders agreements; asset transfer agreements; and licensing contracts. In 2002, Okan Demirkan was a member of the team that acted in the first (published) arbitration that was pursued under the then new International Arbitration Law of Turkey. He has represented several clients in all stages of arbitration proceedings, as well as in post-arbitration litigation such as enforcement and setting aside lawsuits. In addition to international arbitration, Okan represents many clients in their local litigation proceedings.

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