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BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Mehmet Polat KALAFATOGLU
Koç University Law School
Istanbul
Türkiye



Nationality: Turkish

EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Ph.D., Paris-Est Créteil University, Créteil, France, October 2008 – July 2015;
(Thesis: “Arbitrability in the field of Industrial Property, a study on international arbitration”.)

LL.M., Paris 2 Panthéon-Assas University, Paris, France 2007 – 2008;
Master 2 Private International Law and International Trade Law;
(Thesis: “Setting aside of arbitral awards in French and Turkish Law”.)

LL.B., Galatasaray University, Istanbul, Türkiye, 2003 – 2007;

Admitted to the Istanbul Bar Association 2013.

LANGUAGES

Turkish, French, English

PRESENT POSITION

Assistant Professor, Koç University Law School, Istanbul, Türkiye since September 2016;

Courses taught: Private International Law I; Private International Law II; International Commercial Arbitration Law; Intellectual Property Law; Intellectual Property Law in Global Perspective.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE BEFORE PRESENT POSITION

Legal Case Manager, WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center, Geneva, Switzerland (January 2015 – May 2016);

International Arbitration Trainee, Shearman & Sterling LLP, Paris, France, May 2013 – March 2014;

Counsel, Çetinel Law Firm, Istanbul, Türkiye, October 2012 – May 2013;

September 10, 2024

Intern, Litigation, Coskun Law Firm, Istanbul, Türkiye, February – October 2012;
Research Assistant, the *Vademecum* Project on the E.U. Law, Paris-Est Créteil University, Créteil, France
July – September 2011; February – May 2012,
Member, the *Lynxlex* research group on E.U. Law, Paris 2 Panthéon-Assas University, Paris, France
September 2011 – February 2012;
Visiting Fellow, Scholarship of the Institute, Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private
Law, Hamburg/Germany, October – January 2012;
Visiting Researcher, DAAD Short Term Scholarship, Max Planck Institute for IP, Competition and Tax Law,
Munich, Germany, September 2010 – May 2011);
Internships, Istanbul between 2004 and 2007: Gide & Loyrette & Nouel Law Firm, Corporate Law; Ozcan
& Natan Law Firm, Corporate Law and Litigation; Cerrahoglu Law Firm, Corporate Law; Coskun Law Firm,
Litigation.

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL BODIES

Galatasaray Sport Club Board of Directors Member (2021-2022);

Member:

ICC YAAF;

Istanbul Arbitration Center (ISTAC) Rules & Novelties Working Commission;

ISTAC IP Law Commission;

ISTAC Sports Law Commission;

Swiss Arbitration Association ASA (Below 40yrs);

WIPO ADR Young.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

International Arbitration Law; Alternative Dispute Resolution; Private International Law; Intellectual
Property Law; Law of Contracts; Internet Law; Sports Law; Foreign Investment Law.

EXPERIENCE IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

More than ten years of experience in IP law as an academician, researcher, and counsel.

Served as Sole Arbitrator in an international dispute related to an IP license and service agreement under the
ICC Expedited Arbitration Provisions.

Teaching IP Law and International IP dispute resolution at undergraduate and graduate levels at Koç University
Law School and the Center for International IP Studies (CEIPI) of Strasbourg University.

Advising the university and the faculty on the protection and enforcement of different types of IP rights.

Supervising LLM students in their theses related to IP Law.

EXPERIENCE WITH RESPECT TO DOMAIN NAMES

Listed as a panelist for “.tr” domain name disputes before the Istanbul Arbitration Centre (ISTAC).

Teaching domain names and domain name dispute resolution at undergraduate and graduate levels.

Attended the WIPO Advanced Workshop on Domain Name Dispute Resolution: Update on Precedent and
Practice, Geneva, Switzerland.

MAJOR PUBLICATIONS

(Listed in chronological order with the title in the original language following with its translation into English)

“*Türk Hukukunda Profesyonel Futbola İlişkin Sözleşmesel Uyuşmazlıkların Çözümünde İhtiyari Tahkimin Yeri*” (The Place of Voluntary Arbitration in the Resolution of Contractual Disputes Related to Professional Football under Turkish Law.), in Prof. Dr. H. Ercüment Erdem’e Armağan, eds. Tolga Ayoğlu, S. Anlam Altay, Fülürya Yusufoğlu Bilgin, Istanbul 2023, Vol. II, pp. 823-862.

“*Tahkim Anlaşmasının Maddi ve Şekli Geçerliliğine İlişkin New York Sözleşmesi’nde Yer Alan Esaslar*” (Provisions Regarding the Substantial and Formal Validity of the Arbitration Agreement within the New York Convention), *Legal Hukuk Dergisi*, (2021) 19 (225), pp. 3927-3965.

“*Olimpiyat Oyunlarında CAS Tahkimi*” (CAS Arbitration at the Olympic Games), in *Olimpiyat Oyunları ve Hukuk*, ed. M. Polat Kalafatoğlu, Istanbul 2020, pp. 355-389.

“*Milletlerarası Tahkim Kanunu Uyarınca Hakem Kararı Hakkında Düzeltme, Yorum ve Tamamlama Kararları ve Bu Kararların İptal Davası Açma Süresine Etkisi*” (Correction and Interpretation of the Award and Additional Award under the Turkish International Arbitration Act and their Effect on the Time Limit to Initiate Setting Aside Action), *Public and Private International Law Bulletin*, (2020) 40 (1), Prof. Dr. Cemal Şanlı’ya Armağan, pp. 25-53.

“*Uluslararası Fuarlarda Fikri Mülkiyet Haklarının Korunmasında Geleneksel Ve Yenilikçi Yöntemler*” (Traditional and Innovative Methods for the Protection of Intellectual Property Rights at International Fairs), *Banka ve Finans Hukuku Dergisi*, 2019, C.8, S.32, Prof. Dr. Ali Necip Ortan’a Armağan, C.1, pp. 1529-1572.

“*L’arbitrabilité en matière de propriété industrielle - Étude en droit de l’arbitrage international*” (Arbitrability in the Field of Industrial Property, a Study on International Arbitration), L’Harmattan, Paris 2018, 587 pages.

“*Milletlerarası Tahkim Kanunu Uyarınca İptal Davası Açma Hakkından Feragat*” (Waiver of Setting Aside Action under the Turkish International Arbitration Code), *Public and Private International Law Bulletin*, (2018) 38 (2), pp. 339-368.

“*Türk Milletlerarası Tahkim Hukukunda Hakem Heyetince Verilen Geçici Hukuki Koruma Kararlarının İcrası: Mevcut Sorun ve Çözüm Seçenekleri*” (Enforcement of Interim Measures Ordered by Arbitral Tribunals in Turkish International Arbitration Law: Existing Problem and Options for a Solution), in *Genç Milletlerarası Özel Hukukçular Konferansı*, ed. Zeynep Derya Tarman, Istanbul 2018, pp. 3-42.

“*Yabancı Unsurlu E-Tüketici Uyuşmazlıklarının İnternet Üzerinden Çözülmesi (Online Dispute Resolution) Konusunda Görüş, Düşünce ve Öneriler*” (Online Dispute Resolution of Cross-border E-consumer Disputes: Views, Opinions and Propositions), *BATİDER* 2018, C. XXXIV, S.2, pp. 301-350.

EXPERIENCE IN COURT LITIGATION

Acted as of counsel in a setting aside procedure against an international arbitral award before Turkish courts.

Provided expert opinions related to private international law questions (stay of proceedings in international procedural law, applicable law to a contract, and contract validity) for court cases before Turkish courts.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING IN ARBITRATION

Certificate, International Academy for Arbitration Law, Paris, France, 2011;
Since 2021, giving lectures on IP, ADR methods, and arbitration organized by the Center for International IP Studies (CEIPI), University of Strasbourg;

Training on “Answer to the Request and Counterclaims under the ICC Arbitration Rules”, organized by the ICC YAAF, Istanbul, 2022.

EXPERIENCE IN ARBITRATION

Acted as Sole Arbitrator under the ICC Expedited Arbitration Provisions in an international contractual dispute in the manufacturing industry. Seat of arbitration: Zürich; Applicable law: Swiss law.

Acted as Sole Arbitrator under the ISTAC Fast-Track Arbitration Rules in an international contractual dispute. Seat of arbitration: Istanbul; Applicable law: Turkish law.

Acted as of counsel in a foreign investment dispute between a Turkish construction company and the State of Turkmenistan under the ICSID Rules and the Türkiye-Turkmenistan BIT.

As an international arbitration trainee at Shearman & Sterling LLP, assisted the arbitration team in over five investment arbitration and international commercial arbitration cases (energy, construction, and IP disputes) under different arbitration rules, national laws, and international conventions.
