

19th ICC TÜRKİYE ARBITRATION DAY

14 November 2025

Hilton Bomonti Hotel & Conference Center, İstanbul

AGENDA

09.30 – 10.00 **Registration**

10.00 – 10.45 **OPENING SESSION**

- **Mr. M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu**
President of TOBB, Chair of ICC World Chambers Federation and
Chair of the Board of ICC Türkiye National Committee
- **Mr. Alexander Fessas**
Secretary General of the ICC International Court of Arbitration, Paris

10.45 – 11.00 **INTRODUCTORY SESSION: Sharing 2024 Highlights of the ICC Court: An Overview Focusing on Türkiye and Europe**

Speaker:

- **Mr. Ulrich Kopetzki**, Acting Director for Europe, ICC Dispute Resolution Services, Paris

11.00 – 11.15 **Coffee Break**

11.15 – 12.45 **PANEL I: Turkish Judiciary and International Arbitration**

- *Current Developments in Arbitration Practice*
- *Ethical Rules in Arbitration Proceedings and the Possible Consequences of Non-compliance*

Moderator:

- **Prof. Dr. Korkut Özkorkut**, Professor, Ankara University Faculty of Political Sciences; Co-Chair of ICC Türkiye Arbitration and ADR Commission, Ankara

Speakers:

- **HD. Judge Doğan Ağırman**, Member of the 6th Civil Chamber, Court of Cassation, Ankara
- **HD. Judge Dr. Nevzat Boztaş**, Chair of 14th Civil Chamber, İstanbul Regional Court of Justice, İstanbul

12.45 – 14.15 **Lunch**

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14.15 – 15.45 **PANEL II: The Truth About Disputes – How to Avoid Disputes in Cross-Border Transactions**

This panel will delve into the human and cultural dynamics behind cross-border business disputes, drawing on insights from the ICC–Jus Connect–McCann WorldGroup Truth Project. Through real-world examples and expert perspectives, speakers will explore how misunderstandings and misaligned expectations can escalate into legal conflicts—and how proactive communication and cultural awareness can help prevent them.

Moderator:

- **Ms. Bennar Aydoğdu**, Founder, BennArb Law Firm; Co-Chair of ICC Türkiye Arbitration and ADR Commission, Bursa

Speakers:

- **Mr. Gideon Wilkins**, Executive Vice President Commercial Development, McCann Truth Group Project, London
- **Ms. Aslı Yılmaz**, Managing Counsel, ICC International Court of Arbitration, Paris
- **Mr. Pedro Arcoverde**, Senior Legal Counsel, Commercial Disputes, Airbus, Paris

15.45– 16.00 **Coffee Break**

16.00 – 17.30 **PANEL III: Res Judicata – How to Approach the Issue in International Arbitration**

This panel will explore the evolving role of res judicata in international arbitration, examining how tribunals across jurisdictions interpret and apply the principle. With perspectives from both civil and common law traditions, the discussion will address practical challenges, recent case law, and strategic considerations for counsel and arbitrators.

Moderator:

- **Dr. Mehmet Karlı**, Member of the ICC Court of Arbitration; Partner, Kabine Law Office, İstanbul

Speakers:

- **Dr. Candan Yasan Tepetaş**, Assistant Professor, Bilgi University; Member of the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR, İstanbul
- **Ms. Zelda Hunter**, Partner, White & Case, Geneva
- **Mr. Flavio Ponzano**, Partner, ArbLit, Milan

17.30 **Closing Remarks**

- **Mr. Ulrich Kopetzki**, Acting Director for Europe, ICC Dispute Resolution Services, Paris