



## AKINCI LAW OFFICE

### Arbitrator CV

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### **Professional Experience**

Professor Ziya Akıncı is a member of the Istanbul Bar, and is a permanent professor of Private International Law at Galatasaray University. He also regularly teaches international law and construction law at Bosphorus University. Professor Akinci has broad and extensive experience in international arbitration, with particular expertise and being recognised as a “*leading individual*” by Legal500 in construction matters and international business law. Prof Akinci is both an accomplished counsel and arbitrator.

Professor Akinci is the most frequently appointed arbitrator of Turkey in arbitral tribunals around the world, with appointments in many international arbitration proceedings under the rules of different institutions such as ICC, LCIA, ICSID, DIAC, SCAI, SCC, ITO, TOBB, and TRAC. In addition, Professor Akinci has extensive experience in a range of different seats and governing law, including Turkish, French, Swiss, German, Iranian, Uzbek, Kazakh, and England and Wales. Professor Akinci also has eminent experience in several roles as he has acted as chairman, sole arbitrator and co-arbitrator.

Professor Akinci has served as a member of the ICC International Court of Arbitration for 9 years. He is a member of the ICSID Panel of Arbitrators. As the founder and President of the Istanbul Arbitration Centre (ISTAC), Prof Akinci continues to pioneer the development and use of international and local arbitration within Turkey.

Professor Akıncı is recognized individually as a “*fine strategist*”, “*highly respected for his ‘in-depth knowledge of the ‘science’ of arbitration*” and “*one of the key names in Turkey for international arbitration.*” Professor Akıncı has also been praised for his “*witness preparation*

*and cross-examination skills” and for “understanding complex quantum arguments and convincingly identifying weaknesses in the other side” in the Global Arbitration Review 100 for the year 2021.*

Professor Akinci has been listed in the “*Hall of Fame*” for dispute resolution by Legal 500.

Akinci Law Office has consistently been selected as Global Arbitration Review’s 100 leading arbitration firms in the world, and one of the only firms in Turkey. Both the firm and Professor Akinci are highlighted in Who’s Who Legal as a global leader in arbitration, mediation, litigation, and construction.

Please find below some of the disputes in which Prof Akinci has been appointed as an arbitrator:

#### Arbitrator Experience

- Appointed as co-arbitrator to an ICSID Tribunal (where the parties eventually settled)
- Arbitrator in an arbitration case between a Turkish Limited Liability Company and its shareholder concerning a post M&A dispute.
- Arbitrator in an ICC arbitration, between two Chinese Companies and several Turkish individuals concerning a dispute arising from three mining companies’ management.
- Arbitrator in an ICC arbitration, between a Turkish Company and its Nigerian subsidiaries and a Nigerian private enterprise concerning a dispute arising from a cooperation agreement.
- Arbitrator in an ICC arbitration, between a Turkish State-Owned Company and a British Insurance Company concerning a dispute arising from an insurance contract.
- Arbitrator in an ICC arbitration, between a UAE Company and several Turkish individuals concerning a dispute arising from a share purchase agreement.
- Arbitrator in an ICC arbitration, between a Turkish Technology Company and a Globally Known Technology Company concerning a dispute arising from a service agreement.
- Arbitrator in the ICC Case between an Italian Company and a Turkish Company in a dispute concerning a geothermal power plant.
- Arbitrator in a LCIA arbitration, between a Company from the British Virgin Islands and a Turkish Company concerning a dispute arising from a service agreement.
- Arbitrator in an arbitration case between a Turkish Company and an Iranian Company concerning a dispute arising from a carriage contract regarding to CMR Agreement.

- Arbitrator in an arbitration case between a Turkish Company and a Polish Company concerning a dispute arising from a fast tram construction project.
- Arbitrator in an arbitration case between a Greek Company and a government entity in Albania concerning a dispute arising from a road construction project.
- Arbitrator in an arbitration case between two leading Turkish Companies concerning a dispute arising from a distribution agreement.
- Arbitrator in an arbitration case between two leading construction companies in Turkey concerning a dispute arising from a shopping mall construction.
- Arbitrator in an arbitration case between a Turkish/German Consortium and a Metropolitan Municipality concerning a dispute arising from construction of a subway.
- Arbitrator in an arbitration case between Metropolitan Municipality and Turkish/Foreign Consortium concerning a dispute arising from the subway construction.
- Arbitrator in an arbitration case between a Turkish Industrial Plants Construction & Erection Contracting company vs. Ministry of Transport and Road Management of an Asian State concerning a dispute arising from a highway construction.
- Arbitrator in an arbitration case between an Italian and a Turkish company concerning a dispute arising from the construction of Istanbul – Ankara highway.
- Arbitrator in the Ad-Hoc Case between an Italian Company vs. a Turkish Electric Plants Company concerning a dispute arising from a plant building.
- Arbitrator in an arbitration case between Portuguese Companies vs. a Turkish Shipyard Company concerning a dispute arising from the building of a vessel.
- Arbitrator in an arbitration case between Turkish Insurance Companies vs. European Energy Company concerning a dispute arising from a plant building.
- Arbitrator in an arbitration case between a Turkish Company and an American Company concerning a dispute arising from infrastructure construction.
- Arbitrator in an arbitration case between Rural Services of the Republic of Turkey vs. a Turkish Company concerning a dispute arising from infrastructure construction.
- Arbitrator in an arbitration case between a Construction Company and a Metropolitan Municipality, concerning a dispute arising from infrastructure construction.
- Arbitrator in an arbitration case between a Turkish Construction Company and a U.S. International Construction Company concerning a dispute arising from design and construction project in Afghanistan.

- Arbitrator in an arbitration case between a Turkish Construction Company and a Korean Construction Company concerning a dispute arising from design and construction project.
- Arbitrator in an arbitration case between an Engineering Company (Dubai) and Construction Company (Turkey) concerning a dispute arising from construction of platforms.
- Arbitrator in an arbitration case between two Turkish Companies.
- Arbitrator in an arbitration case between European vs. a Turkish Company.
- Arbitrator in an arbitration case between a Turkish Company vs. Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources (Turkey) concerning Electricity Concession Contract.
- Arbitrator in an arbitration case between a Turkish Real Estate Company and a Turkish Construction JV concerning a dispute arising from several shopping mall projects.
- Arbitrator in an arbitration case between a Turkish Company and a Spanish Company concerning a dispute arising from the share and purchase agreement.
- Arbitrator in an arbitration case between a Turkish Company and a French Company concerning a dispute arising from the technical assistance agreement on ready-meals.
- Arbitrator in the SCC Case between a Company established in Israel and a governmental entity of a west African Country concerning a dispute arising from several helicopter purchases.
- Arbitrator in the Turkey Union of Chambers and Stock-Exchanges arbitration case between a Turkish company vs. a Metropolitan Municipality Water and Waste Water General Directorate concerning a dispute arising from infrastructure construction.
- Arbitrator in a Turkish Union of Chambers and Stock-Exchanges case between a Turkish main contractor vs. a Turkish subcontractor concerning a dispute arising from a construction contract.
- Arbitrator in the DIAC Case between a Construction Company in Dubai and an International Holding concerning a construction dispute.
- Arbitrator in a TRAC Case between an Iranian Company and a Turkish Company concerning a dispute arising from a sales contract.
- Sole Arbitrator in a TRAC Case between an Iranian Company and a Chinese Company concerning a dispute arising from a sales contract.

- Arbitrator in the Ad-Hoc Arbitration between a Turkish Construction Company vs. a Metropolitan Municipality Water and Sewer Administration concerning a dispute arising from construction of Drinking Water Project.
- Arbitrator in the Ad-Hoc arbitration between a Metropolitan Municipality vs. a French Construction Firm concerning a dispute arising from the construction of wastewater system.
- Arbitrator in the Ad-Hoc arbitration between a Turkish Construction Company and Metropolitan Municipality Water and Wastewater General Directorate concerning a dispute arising from construction of the drinking water project.
- Arbitrator in three Ad-Hoc Cases between two leading Companies of Turkey concerning a dispute arising from a pipeline construction.
- Arbitrator in the Ad-Hoc arbitration between a Municipality and a construction consortium concerning a dispute arising from infrastructure construction.
- Arbitrator in the Ad-Hoc arbitration between a Turkish Company vs. a Metropolitan Municipality Water and Wastewater General Directorate concerning a dispute arising from infrastructure construction.
- Arbitrator in the Ad-Hoc arbitration between an American/Turkish Consortium vs. Retirement Fund of the Republic of Turkey concerning a dispute arising from a hotel construction.
- Arbitrator in the Ad-Hoc Arbitration between a Turkish/Indian Construction Company vs. a German Construction Company.
- Arbitrator in the Ad-Hoc case between a Turkish-UAE Joint Venture Company and a Metropolitan Municipality concerning a road and infrastructure project.
- Arbitrator in an ad-hoc case between a US and Turkish Company concerning sale of goods.
- Sole Arbitrator in an arbitration case between an Ethiopian Company vs. a Japan company concerning a dispute arising from the construction of Addis Ababa (Ethiopia) highway.
- Arbitrator in an ITOTAM case between two Turkish companies and multiple individuals concerning a dispute arising from a share purchase agreement.
- Arbitrator in an ITOTAM case between two Turkish companies concerning a dispute arising from a lease agreement.

- Arbitrator in a case between Turkish contractor and the Directorate of Water and Wastewater Administration concerning a dispute arising from the adaptation of an infrastructure construction contract.
- Arbitrator in a case between Turkish Joint Venture and a Directorate of Water and Wastewater Administration concerning the termination of an infrastructure construction contract.
- Sole Arbitrator in a case between an Iranian contractor and a Chinese employer concerning a dispute arising from the termination of the construction contract.
- Arbitrator in a case between a Georgian company, a Russian company, and Iranian individuals concerning the sale of goods.

#### Arbitration Experience

- Counsel for Romania in ICSID arbitration between Nova Group Investments B.V and Romania concerning an insurance conglomerate (pending).
- Counsel in ICSID arbitration between Güneş Tekstil Konfeksiyon Sanayi ve Ticaret Limited Şirketi and others and The Republic of Uzbekistan concerning a mall construction project.
- Co-counsel in ICSID arbitration between Muhammet Çap & Sehil İnşaat Endustri ve Ticaret Ltd. Sti. and the Republic of Turkmenistan concerning disputes of construction projects.
- Co-counsel in ICSID arbitration concerning dispute between Federal Elektrik Yatırım ve Ticaret A.Ş. and others and Republic of Uzbekistan concerning a dispute of natural gas project.
- Co-counsel in ICSID arbitration between Aktau Petrol Ticaret A.Ş. and the Republic of Kazakhstan concerning of an oil transportation dispute.
- Co-counsel in ICSID arbitration between Atilla Doğan Construction& Installation Co. Inc. and The Sultanate of Oman.
- Counsel in ICSID/AF arbitration between Sistem Muhendislik Sanayi ve Ticaret A.Ş. and The Kyrgyz Republic concerning the construction. The Republic of Kazakhstan concerning a dispute of a license agreement.
- Counsel in ICSID arbitration between Karmer Marble Tourism Construction Industry and Commerce Limited Liability Company and The State of Georgia concerning a dispute of a construction project.

- Counsel in ICSID arbitration concerning a dispute of industrial construction between Ata Construction, Industrial and Trading Company and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.
- Counsel in ICSID arbitration between Saba Fakes and Turkey concerning telecommunication projects.
- Counsel in UNCITRAL Arbitration Case between Erhas and Turkmenistan.
- Counsel in an ICC case between two Turkish Group Companies and a leading Spanish Food Chain Group Company and a Turkish Holding concerning dispute arising from a share purchase agreement.
- Counsel in an ICC case between a Turkish Metallurgy Companies and a South African Company concerning dispute arising from an engineering services and equipment supply agreement.
- Counsel of European Commission in an ICC case between a Turkish Joint Venture and the European Community concerning dispute arising from Drinking Water Project.
- Counsel in an ICC case between a German/Turkish Consortium and a Petrol Administration concerning a dispute arising from construction of underground gas storage facilities.
- Counsel in an ICC case between a Turkish Ceramic Company and a German Company concerning a dispute arising from a tunnel kiln building contract.
- Counsel in an ICC case between a Turkish Construction Company and the Republic of Romania concerning a dispute arising from an infrastructure construction project.
- Counsel in an ICC case between a Turkish Company and a Company established in Cayman Islands concerning a dispute arising from an agency agreement.
- Counsel in an ICC case between a Turkish Company and a Brazilian Company concerning a dispute arising from a distribution agreement.
- Counsel in an ICC case between a Turkish Company and a Company established in Lebanon concerning a dispute arising from an agency agreement.
- Counsel in an ICC case between a Turkish Construction Company and Republic of Uzbekistan concerning a dispute arising from an infrastructure project in Uzbekistan.
- Counsel in an ICC case, between a Turkish Construction Company and German-Qatar Joint Venture concerning a dispute arising from the construction of highway in Qatar.
- Counsel in an ICC case between a Turkish Company vs. State of Yemen concerning a dispute arising out from the water supply and sanitation project.

- Counsel of the Turkish Holding in an ICC case versus a European Telecommunication Company concerning a dispute arising from leading Turkish GSM Company's shares.
- Co-counsel in the ICC case between a Turkish Company vs. French Construction Firm concerning a dispute arising from satellite system rental.
- Counsel of the Korean Company in an ICC case between an Airfreight Consolidators Ltd. (Korea) vs. a Turkish Company.
- Counsel in an ICC case between a Chemical Industry Company (Turkey) vs. a Chemical Industry Company (France) concerning a dispute arising from a French Turkish joint venture.
- Counsel in an ICC case between two companies established in Turkey concerning a dispute arising from a resident construction project.
- Counsel in a DIAC Case between an UAE Construction Company and an UAE Company concerning a dispute arising from a villa construction project.
- Counsel in an Abu Dhabi Arbitration and Consolidation Center Case between a Turkish Construction Company and a Kazak Company concerning the construction of a plaza construction.
- Counsel in the Ad-Hoc Case in Dubai between a UAE Construction Company and a UAE Company concerning a dispute arising from a villa construction and infrastructure project.
- Counsel in the Ad-Hoc Case between a multinational individual and a Company established in Luxembourg concerning a dispute arising from the non-competition clause.
- Counsel in the Ad-Hoc Arbitration between Turkish State and a French Computer Technologies Company.
- Counsel in the Ad-Hoc Arbitration between a Construction Company (Turkey) and Kyrgyz Republic concerning a dispute arising from design and construction Project.
- Counsel of the Turkish/German Company in the Ad-Hoc arbitration between the parties of a Turkish and German Joint Venture concerning a dispute arising from the construction of highway.
- Counsel in the Ad-Hoc arbitration between Turkish/ German Consortium vs. Turkish Electricity Company concerning a dispute arising from infrastructure construction.



- Counsel in an arbitration arising from hydroelectric and power plant construction in Kahramanmaraş between a Turkish Constructor and one of the leading energy firms of Turkey.
- Counsel in an arbitration arising from hydroelectric and power plant construction in Adana between a Turkish Constructor and one of the leading energy firms of Turkey.
- Counsel in an arbitration arising from hydroelectric and power plant construction in eastern Turkey between a Turkish Constructor and one of the leading energy firms of Turkey.
- Counsel in an arbitration arising from hydroelectric and power plant construction in Aladağ, Adana between a Turkish Constructor and one of the leading energy firms of Turkey.
- Acted as expert in the ICSID case Ref No: ARB/05/16 between a Turkish Communication Company vs. The Republic of Kazakhstan.
- Acted as expert appointed by the Arbitral Tribunal in an LCIA case concerning the Turkish Law.
- DAB Member in a construction project between a Turkish Company and a governorship in Turkey concerning a hospital construction.
- DAB Chairman in a railway construction project between a Turkish-Italian Joint Venture and a Turkish ministry.

#### Published Books & Articles

##### *Books:*

- International Construction Law, Ankara 1996
- International Arbitration, Ankara 2003
- Enforcement of International Commercial Arbitration Awards, Ankara 1993
- The Proper Law of Contract in the Absence of a Choice of Law by the Parties, Ankara 1992
- International Carriage of Goods by Road and CMR, Ankara 1999.
- Declining Jurisdiction in the International Litigation, Ankara 2002
- International Family Law, Istanbul, 2010
- Arbitration Law of Turkey: Practice and Procedure, Istanbul 2011
- International Arbitration, Istanbul 2016
- International Arbitration, Istanbul 2020

- International Private And Procedural Law, Istanbul 2020
- International Arbitration, Istanbul 2021
- International Construction Contracts, Istanbul 2023

*Articles:*

- Free Trade Zones in Turkey, Izmir Bar Review, Izmir 1990
- Salvage Law and the New Convention, Argumentum, Istanbul 1991 (in English)
- Public Policy and Conflict of Laws, Argumentum, Istanbul 1992 (in English)
- Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards in Turkey Which Have Been Set Aside in the Country Where the Award is Made, Izmir Bar Review, Izmir 1994.
- International Trade and Environmental Law, Court of Appeal Review, Ankara 1994
- Judicial Control over The Substance Applicable Law, Banking and Commercial Law Journal 1994
- ‘Can Arbitral Awards without Reason Be Enforced in Turkey?’, Istanbul Bar Review 1996
- Alternative Dispute Resolution in International Trade Law, Banking and Commercial Law Journal 1997.
- Enforcement of an arbitration award against a state and state-controlled entities in Turkey
- Enforcement of Foreign Awards
- Arbitration and the concept of ‘*lis pendis*’
- Jurisdiction clause in international contracts
- Foreign Elements and ICC Arbitration in Turkey
- Dispute Adjudication Board in FIDIC Contracts
- “International Tax and Investment Service, chapter on Turkey” Center for International Legal Studies
- Arbitration Clause, International Arbitration Conference, ICC Turkey National Committee, 2005
- Global Arbitration Review Reference, Section on Turkey, 2011
- International Commercial Arbitration in Europe, Chapter on Turkey, 2012
- Arbitration in Chinese and Turkish Commercial Relations (published)
- The Acquisition Of Property By Foreign Companies in Turkey

- Reasons to choose İstanbul Arbitration Center? - Prof. Dr. Aydın Zevkliler'e Armağan, İzmir, 2013, Book I, page 79-97 (published)
- Environmental Policy and its Enforcement in Turkey – ICLC The International Comparative Legal Guide To: Environment & Climate Change Law 2013 – 10th edition – with Dr. Hakan Hanlı (published)
- Turkey Report, Arbitraje (Arbitraje Comercial Internacional en Europa Vol.22), Peru 2013 (published)
- Turkey Report, Comparative Law Yearbook of International Business, Wolters Kluwer, 2013 (published)
- The International Comparative Legal Guide: Arbitration 2013, GLG Legal Group, Turkey Chapter (published)
- Getting The Deal Through Construction 2014 Turkey Report (with Yard. Doç. Cemile Demir Gökyayla) (published)
- Getting The Deal Through International Arbitration Turkey Report, Istanbul 2014 (published)
- Getting The Deal Through, Public Procurement, Turkey Report, 2014 Istanbul (published)
- Getting The Deal Through, Public Private Partnerships, Turkey Report, 2014 Istanbul (published)
- Enforcement of Investment Treaty Arbitration Awards, Turkey Chapter, Globe Business Publishing Ltd, Istanbul 2014 (published)
- Annulment of Arbitral Awards in International Arbitration, International Chamber of Commerce, İstanbul 2014 (published)
- Jurisdiction, Applicable Law, Recognition And Enforcement Of Judgements in Turkish Family Law, Aberdeen University, Istanbul 2014 (published)
- Getting The Deal Through, Public Procurement, Turkey Report, 2015 Istanbul (published)
- Getting The Deal Through, Public Private Partnerships, Turkey Report, 2015 Istanbul (published)
- Getting The Deal Through, Construction, Turkey Report, 2015 Istanbul (published)
- Getting The Deal Through, International Construction Law Know How, Turkey Report, 2015 Istanbul

- Applicability of the Vienna Convention to the Arbitration, Galatasaray University Faculty of Law, 1/2013, Special Edition: United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG) Within the Scope Of Turkish Code of Obligations, Istanbul 2015 (published)