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Ruzin is a senior associate in the litigation and arbitration team.

As a dual-qualified lawyer (Turkey and England & Wales) who has previously practised in Paris and Istanbul, Ruzin has particular expertise in international arbitration, commercial litigation and both private and public international law.

In her international arbitration practice, Ruzin represents individuals, companies, States and State-owned entities in international disputes conducted under the LCIA, ICC, DIAC, SCC, UNCITRAL and ICSID rules across a variety of sectors, including construction, energy, infrastructure, technology, pharmaceuticals and textiles. Ruzin also advises States and international organisations on public international law matters such as the application of treaties, dispute resolution issues relating to international trade and investment, human rights and sovereign immunity.

In her commercial litigation practice, Ruzin advises both individuals and companies in matters before the English High Court, including in complex shareholder disputes, disputes involving family businesses, debt collection and insolvency issues and litigation ancillary to arbitration proceedings, such as the enforcement of arbitral awards. Ruzin has appeared before the Turkish courts as an advocate in a range of commercial disputes and enforcement actions.

Ruzin also maintains a pro-bono practice, advising individuals and international organisations on issues of international human rights law and international environmental law.

Ruzin is recognised as a leading lawyer in Who's Who Legal, Legal 500 and is listed in the Legal 500 Arbitration Powerlist. She was highlighted by Who's Who Legal's Future Leaders in Arbitration, Legal Marketplace Analysis as part of a selection of particularly highly regarded individuals. Within this directory, international sources describe Ruzin as "an excellent lawyer who is thorough and incisive" and "very personable, organised and efficient".

Track record

Family business dispute involving fraud and professional negligence

We successfully represented a UK company over a complex and highly litigious dispute arising out of a family business. Spanning over many years, there were findings of professional negligence against our client's former solicitors and findings of forgery against one of the respondents. Various teams across our firm worked on this case including corporate, trusts and litigation to fully service our clients needs under one roof.

State vs. State dispute

Advising a State in a high-profile State-to-State dispute involving treaty interpretation issues including human rights, international investment and trade

Professional negligence and conspiracy claim

Barrowfen Properties Limited v (1) Girish Patel; (2) Stevens & Bolton LLP; (3) Barrowfen Properties II Limited [2020] EWHC 1145 (Ch). Acting in a successful claim involving allegations of professional negligence and conspiracy

Oil sale contract dispute

Representing a UAE company against a Senegalese company in High Court proceedings in relation to a dispute arising out of an oil sale contract

Ad hoc arbitration

Representing a Turkish company in ad hoc arbitration proceedings conducted under the Arbitration Act 1996 in relation to breach of contract claims in the pharmaceutical sector

International trade and investment dispute

Advising a State in a State-to-State dispute in relation to international trade and investment issues

UNCITRAL arbitration

Representing an investor in an ICSID-administered UNCITRAL arbitration against a European state in relation to assistive technologies

Enforcement of judgement

High Court proceedings concerning the enforcement of a foreign judgment in England

ICSID infrastructure dispute

Representing an investor in ICSID proceedings against a central Asian state claiming expropriation and human rights abuses in a dispute arising out of a large infrastructure project

ICSID claim against central Asian state

Advising an investor with regards to a potential ICSID claim against a central Asian state in relation to an investment in the textile sector

Shareholder agreement dispute

Representing a businessman in ad hoc arbitration proceedings conducted under UNCITRAL rules, in a dispute arising out of a Shareholders' Agreement

ICSID claim

Advising an individual with regards to a potential ICSID claim against a European state in relation to intellectual property rights as a form of investment

Enforcement in Turkey

Advising clients on the recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments and arbitral awards in Turkey

Talks

- Hearings and Cross Examination, Harvard International Arbitration Law Students Association
- Dispute Resolution in Civil and Common Law Jurisdictions, New York Law School, International ADR Arbitration Bootcamp, IALS London
- Interim measures in international arbitration, ICC YAF, Istanbul
- Importance of the seat in international arbitration, ELE, Istanbul
- National and International Aspects of Arbitration, ELSA Lecture, Ankara
- Recent developments in investment arbitration, ELE, Rome

External publications

'Arbitration in the time of corona: a look back at 2020', Global Arbitration Review, January 2021, co-author;

'Will Brexit change who you are when it comes to protecting your assets overseas?', International Investment net, January 2020, co-author;

'Looking Back on Arbitration in 2018', Global Arbitration Review, January 2018, co-author;

'Arbitration versus litigation: stick to the tracks or choose the open road?', Global Arbitration Review, March 2017;

'Cuba libre - but with investment protection', Global Arbitration Review - November 2015, co-author.

'Fairness and the Final Word: State Responsibility for Court Action in Investment Arbitration', Turkish Commercial Law Review - June 2016, co-author

Admissions

England and Wales, 2016

Turkey, 2012

Education

Université de Paris 2 Panthéon-Assas, (Master), Philosophy of Law;

Université de Paris 2 Panthéon-Assas, (Master), Private International Law; and

Istanbul University, LLB.

Languages

English

French

Turkish

Memberships

Istanbul Bar Association

American Society of International Law (ASIL)

ASIL, Investor-State Dispute Settlement Reforms Working Group

British Turkish Lawyers Association

British Chamber of Commerce, Turkey

London Court of International Arbitration

Key dates

Year joined: 2015

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