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## **Curriculum Vitae**

### **Personal Information**

Name: Ferda Nur GÜVENALP  
Date of Birth: 11 July 1989  
Place of Birth: Erzincan, Turkey  
Admission to İstanbul Bar: 2014



### **About**

Att. Dr. Ferda Nur GÜVENALP specialises in national and international arbitration with a special focus on construction disputes. She advises clients in the areas of national and international arbitration, law of obligations, contract law, construction law, commercial lawsuits and law of corporations. She is actively acting as counsel, Tribunal's secretary and arbitrator in arbitration proceedings. Her master's thesis entitled "Milletlerarası Tahkimde İddia ve Savunma Hakkının İhlali" (Violation of the Right to Present One's Case in International Arbitration) was published as a book in 2018. She completed her Doctor of Philosophy (PHD) studies on Private International Law at Galatasaray University, Institute of Social Sciences in 2023 with her doctoral thesis entitled "Milletlerarası Özel Hukukta Alt Yüklenicilik Sözleşmeleri" (Construction Subcontracting Agreements in Private International Law). She also authored numerous articles and participated to several conferences as a speaker in the area of arbitration. She is a member of the Executive Committee of Young ISTAC with the main role being Bulletin Coordinator.

### **Education**

2016-2023

Galatasaray University PhD Program, Private Law

Advisor: Prof. Dr. Ziya Akıncı

Subject of the thesis: Construction Subcontracting Agreements in Private International Law (Milletlerarası Özel Hukukta Alt Yüklenicilik Sözleşmeleri)

2013-2016

Galatasaray University Master Program, Private Law

Advisor: Prof. Dr. Ziya Akıncı

Subject of the thesis: Violation of the Right to Present One's Case in International Arbitration (Milletlerarası Tahkimde İddia ve Savunma Hakkının İhlali) (Published as a book)

2008-2013	Galatasaray University Faculty of Law, Istanbul/Turkey
Summer 2011	International Law Courses in London School of Economics, Grade: A-, London, United Kingdom
2003-2008	Galatasaray High School, Istanbul/Turkey

### **Professional Experience**

August 2021-Present	Senior Associate at Altay Law Office (Istanbul/Turkey)
May 2017-July 2021	Lawyer at Tekfen Construction & Installation Co. Inc. (Istanbul/Turkey)
2014-May 2017	Attorney at Law at Akıncı Law Office (Istanbul/Turkey)
2013-2014	Legal Intern at Akıncı Law Office (Istanbul/Turkey)
August 2012	Internship at Akıncı Law Office (Istanbul/Turkey)
July 2012	Internship at Karakaya Law Office (Istanbul/Turkey)

### **Practice Areas**

National and International Arbitration, Private International Law and Public International Law, Construction Law, Contract Law, Commercial Law and Corporate Law, Commercial Lawsuits, Employment Law, Dispute Resolution

### **Professional Skills:**

Undertaking Legal Research and Providing Legal Opinions/Reports in all legal matters,  
 Drafting and Reviewing Contracts,  
 Advising on jurisdiction and applicable law matters,  
 Providing legal support and ensuring coordination with external counsels during branch/company establishment processes in different countries,  
 Obtaining, analyzing and reporting legal advice from external counsels on local laws/regulations and pending legislation of different countries,  
 Representing and advising Turkish and foreign clients in a wide array of disputes including:

- International Commercial Arbitration (Including construction arbitration; working on the file and determining the strategies, drafting all kinds of letters and petitions, management of the case, hearings)
- International Investment Arbitration (Working on the file and determining the strategies, drafting all kinds of letters and petitions, management of the case, hearings)
- Litigation (Especially commercial cases and cases for recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments and arbitral awards; working on the file and determining the strategies, drafting all kinds of petitions, management of the case, hearings)
- Coordination and management of all kinds of outsourced disputes

## **Languages**

Turkish	Native
English	Fluent
French	Fluent

## **Academic Conferences (as a speaker)**

January 2024	Speaker at ISTAC Arbitration Rules Training Series. Subject: Arbitration Agreement
July 2022	Speaker at “European Law Students Association Ankara Summer Law School on International Law and Arbitration”
November 2021	Speaker at “Arbitration School” having been organized by Marmara University Faculty of Law, Department of Private International Law and Istanbul Arbitration Centre (ISTAC). Subject: Violation of the Right to Present One’s Case in Arbitration
June 2021	Speaker at the Conference on “Right to be Heard in Arbitration” organized by Istanbul Arbitration Center (ISTAC)
January 2019	Speaker at “Arbitration School” having been organized by Marmara University Faculty of Law, Department of Private International Law and Istanbul Arbitration Centre (ISTAC). Subject: “Genel İşlem Şartları İçinde Tahkim Anlaşmasına Yer Verilmesi ve Sonuçları”, Place: Marmara University
December 2018	ICC YAF Conference: “Arbitrating from different perspectives”, Place: Esin Attorney Partnership/Istanbul/Turkey
February 2018	ICC YAF Conference: “In-house perspective in international arbitration”, Place: Swisotel the Bosphorus/Istanbul/Turkey
2009-2012	Delegate, Chairperson and President in Several International Model United Nations and Model European Union Conferences held in Istanbul (Galatasaray University), Geneva (Palace of Nations) and the Hague

## **Publications**

June 2023	Milletlerarası Özel Hukukta Alt Yüklenicilik Sözleşmeleri (Subcontractor Agreements in Private International Law), Unpublished Doctoral Thesis, Galatasaray University Institute of Social Sciences.
2022	Tahkimde Tarafların Eşitliği ve Hukuki Dinlenilme Hakkı-Equal Treatment of the Parties in Arbitration and the Right to Be Heard (Article published in “Right to be Heard in International Arbitration”, Editors: Ziya Akıncı/Yasin Ekmen)

- December 2020 Genel İşlem Şartları İçinde Tahkim Anlaşmasına Yer Verilmesi ve Sonuçları-Including Arbitration Clauses in General Terms and Conditions and Its Consequences (Article published in “Tahkim Anlaşması-Tahkim Okulu Paneller Serisi Cilt 1”, Editors: Prof. Dr. Mustafa Erkan, Dr. Öğr. Üyesi Candan Yasan Tepetaş)
- April 2018 İş Uyuşmazlıklarında Zorunlu Arabuluculuk Sistemi ve Sistemin İşverene Sağlayacakları Açısından Hukuki Bir Değerlendirme-Compulsory Mediation System in Labor Disputes and a Legal Assessment in Terms of What the System Will Provide to the Employer (Article published in “İnşaat Sanayi Dergisi/İNTES”, Issue: 165)
- June 2016 Milletlerarası Tahkimde İddia ve Savunma Hakkının İhlali-Violation of the Right to Present One’s Case in International Arbitration (Master Thesis) (Published as a book in 2018)
- April 2016 Avrupa Vatandaşlık Sözleşmesi Işığında Türk Hukuku Bakımından Çok Vatandaşlık Halinde Askerlik Yükümlülüğünün Yerine Getirilmesi-Fulfilment of Military Service Obligation in Cases of Multiple Nationality in Turkish Law, in the Light of the European Convention on Nationality (Article published in Galatasaray University Law School Journal (Refereed Journal))
- October 2011 Uluslararası Hukuk Açısından Suriye Değerlendirmesi-An Assessment of Syria in Terms of International Law (Article published in “Güncel Hukuk” (Refereed Journal)),

### **Certificates**

- 02.2009 Certificate in Turkish Foreign Policy, Galatasaray University Department of International Relations

### **Activities**

- Since November 2023 Executive Board Member of Young ISTAC/Bulletin Coordinator-Istanbul Arbitration Center
- Since 2021 Member of Galatasaray Sports Club
- Since 2017 Choir Member in Turkish Classical Music (Conductor: Prof. Dr. Sıtkı Anlam Altay)
- 2012 Participation in “Concours René Cassin” (moot court competition on international human rights, in French)
- 2008-2012 Member and President of the International Law and Diplomacy Club, Galatasaray University
- 2008-2009 Voluntary French language instructor
- 2003-2007 Member and President of the Folk Dance Club, Galatasaray High School

2002-2006 Piano Recitals in Erzurum and İstanbul, Participation in Pera Piano Festival

Certificate of Merit Thames Valley University Intermediate Graded Examination in Music Performance Pianoforte Grade 5

Certificate of Distinction Thames Valley University Intermediate Graded Examination in Music Literacy, Theory of Music Grade 5

### **References**

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