

# MUHAMMED BUGRAHAN HELVACI

## Curriculum Vitae



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### **Education:**

Institution (Date from - Date to)	Degree(s) or Diploma(s) obtained/will be obtained:
Istanbul University, Law Faculty, Istanbul, Turkey (2025)	LL.M. in Private International Law
Istanbul University, Law Faculty, Istanbul, Turkey (2014-2019)	Law degree, LL.B. in Law
University of Kentucky, College of Arts & Sciences (2014-2015)	English As a Second Language Certificate

### **I. LANGUAGE SKILLS:**

Language	Reading	Speaking	Writing
English	C2	C2	C2
Turkish	Native	Native	Native

Levels: A1 – A2 Basic User; B1 – B2 Independent user; C1 – C2 Proficient user

*\*Mr. Helvacı is a sworn Turkish-English translator registered at Beyoğlu 2<sup>nd</sup> Notary.*

### **II. MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL BODIES:**

- Attorney at Law, admitted to Istanbul Bar (2020-Cont.)

### **III. PUBLICATIONS:**

1. **Book (Author):** “Milletlerarası Ticari Tahkimde Temsilcinin Yargılamadan Men’i (*Exclusion of Party Representatives in International Commercial Arbitration*), Published by 12 Levha Yayıncılık in 2025.
2. **Book (Editor):** “Şirketler Hukuku Uyuşmazlıklarının Çözümünde Tahkim Semineri” (*Seminar on Arbitration in the Resolution of Corporate Law Disputes*), Published by Istanbul Chamber of Commerce Publications, 2021/3, Issue 3, Volume 6.
3. **Article:** “Şirketler Hukukundan Doğan Uyuşmazlıkların Çözümünde Tahkim” (*Arbitration in the Resolution of Disputes Arising from Corporate Law.*), Published in Regasta Corporate Law Journal, 2021, Issue 3.

### **IV. PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

1. **09/10/2020 – Continuing - Istanbul Chamber of Commerce Arbitration and Mediation Centre (ITOTAM) Istanbul, Turkey**

#### ***Counsel***

- Carried out functions as a counsel in arbitral proceedings held before ITOTAM Arbitration Court. Supervised the proceedings for cases assigned to him ensuring the proper application of the ITOTAM Arbitration Rules and arbitration laws of Turkey.
- Participated in United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) Working Group II (Arbitration and Conciliation) and Working Group III (Online Dispute Resolution) sessions as a member of Turkish delegation.
- Worked on the project for updating the Arbitration Rules, Med-Arb Rules and Regulations of ITOTAM. ITOTAM Arbitration Rules were mainly based on ICC Arbitration Rules, therefore, Mr. Helvacı has a good knowledge of ICC Arbitration Rules and ICC practice.
- Attended national and international meetings, conferences, seminars and workshops relating to arbitration and other ADR methods as a representative of ITOTAM.
- Hosted numerous undergraduate students in ITOTAM under “One Day at ITOTAM” project and I made presentations about ITOTAM's activities and international arbitration in order to improve their knowledge regarding international arbitration practice.
- Co-administered conferences, workshops and webinars organized by ITOTAM and stood in the organizational/administrative part of these events and arranged the means to make these event possible.
- Helped to arrange projects involving arbitration centers of other countries including concluding bilateral cooperation agreements.

2. **30/12/2023 – 01.02.2025 - Istanbul Bar Association Arbitration Center (IBAAC), Istanbul Turkey**

#### ***Member of the Executive Board***

- Participated in drafting the Arbitration Rules for IBAAC as a member of “*Arbitration Rules Committee*” under Executive Board.
- Participated in education programs as speaker. Mr. Helvacı gave presentations regarding “*Arbitration Agreement and its Invalidity*”.
- Worked to promote arbitration among legal practitioners admitted to Istanbul Bar Association.

3. **08/2019 - 08/2020 - Birlik Law Firm, Istanbul, Turkey**

#### ***Intern Attorney***

- Worked as an intern attorney on different aspects of private law.
- Conducted legal research on different aspects of arbitration.
- Prepared legal documents and translated thereof into English/Turkish.
- Drafted and reviewed agreements conducted debt enforcement proceedings in execution offices.

#### **4. 09/2019 - 02/2020 - ITOTAM, Istanbul, Turkey**

##### ***Law Intern***

- Worked under “One Day at ITOTAM” project assisting counsels in arbitration cases.
- Conducted research regarding arbitration and mediation.
- Translated legal documents into English/Turkish.

#### **5. 06/2018 - 07/2018 - Çağrı Karataş Law Firm, Istanbul, Turkey**

##### ***Summer Intern***

- Conducted legal research relevant to the firm’s cases relating to Criminal and Commercial Law.
- Translated legal documents into English/Turkish.

#### **6. 06/2016 - 07/2016 - Group Law Firm, Istanbul, Turkey**

##### ***Summer Intern***

- Attended debt enforcement processes in execution offices and seized the properties of debtors.
- Translated legal documents into English.

### **V. DELEGATIONS & CONFERENCES:**

#### **1. United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) - Member of the Turkish Delegation (report of each session available at: [www.itotam.com](http://www.itotam.com))**

##### **Working Group II (Dispute Settlement)**

- **82nd session (13–17 October 2025, Vienna)**, Recognition and enforcement of electronic arbitral awards, (in person).
- **81st session (3–7 February 2025, New York)**, Enforcement of Arbitral Awards in Electronic Form, (in person).
- **80th session (30 September–4 October 2024, Vienna)**, Enforcement of Arbitral Awards in Electronic Form, (in person).
- **78th session (18–22 September 2023, Vienna)**, Technology-related dispute resolution and adjudication, (in person).
- **74th session (27 September–1 October 2021, Vienna)**, Finalization of the Draft Explanatory Note to the UNCITRAL Expedited Arbitration Rules, (online).
- **73rd session (22–26 March 2021, New York)**, UNCITRAL Expedited Arbitration Rules, UNCITRAL Mediation Rules, and UNCITRAL Notes on Mediation, (online).

##### **Working Group III (Investor–State Dispute Settlement Reform)**

- **42nd session (14–18 February 2022, New York)**, Draft Code of Conduct and Standing Multilateral Mechanism, (online).
- **41st session (5–16 September 2022, Vienna)**, ISDS reform process, (online).
- **41st session (15–19 November 2021, Vienna)**, Draft Code of Conduct, (online).
- **40th session (8–12 February 2021, Vienna)**, Appellate mechanism, implementation issues, and selection and appointment of ISDS adjudicators, (online).

#### **2. Speaking Engagements and Academic Contributions in Conferences**

- **Speaker:** Istanbul University LexDar: Widening Scope of Law: *The Arbitration Agreement and Arbitrability*, 10 December 2025.
- **Speaker:** Bilkent University Arbitration Summit II: *Exclusion of Representatives in International Commercial Arbitration*, 29 November 2025.
- **Speaker:** Galatasaray University Law Club: *Applicable Law in Arbitration, Set Aside Procedure*, 22 October 2025.

- **Speaker:** Bilkent University Arbitration Summit I: *The Role of Institutional Arbitration in Turkey*. 15 December 2024.
- **Speaker:** Istanbul Commerce University Fundamental Arbitration Education: *Arbitration Agreement and Its Invalidity*, 26 November 2024.
- **Speaker:** Istanbul Bar Association Arbitration Center (online): *Arbitration Agreement and Its Invalidity under Turkish Law*. 24–28 June 2024.
- **Speaker:** Istanbul Bar Association Arbitration Center (online): *Arbitration Agreement and Arbitrability*. 19–23 February 2024.

## **VI. TRAININGS, CERTIFICATES AND OTHER EXPERIENCES:**

1. **Financial Education for Non-Financiers, Istanbul (online) (2021)**, This education program was organized by Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB) and certificates were given to those who passed the exam.
2. **UAV Class 1 Pilot Certificate, Istanbul (2020)**: Authorized to fly an unmanned aerial vehicle (included fixed wing) up to 25 Kg approved by the General Directorate of Civil Aviation of Turkish Republic (SHGM).
3. **Radio Communication Certificate, Istanbul (2020)**: An integral part of UAV Class 1 Pilot Certificate.
4. **25th Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot, Vienna (2018)**; participated as the member of Istanbul University team. Istanbul University team was the second Turkish team to enter the top 64 throughout the history of the competition. The team was awarded with “**Eric. E. Bergsten Best Team Orals Honorable Mention**”.
5. **40th Telders International Law Moot Court Competition, Den Haag (2017)**; participated as the member of Istanbul University team. The main objective of the Telders International Law Moot Court Competition is to challenge students to excel in international law, consequently testing their creativity and powers of persuasion in a friendly competition. Students and academic staff throughout Europe consider participation to be a great honor and a wonderful experience.
6. **Negotiation Clinic, Istanbul (2016)**; Participated in the special negotiation techniques training given by Istanbul University Professor Dr. Ayça Akkayan Yıldırım. Given “Best Negotiator Award”.
7. **Model United Nations (MUN) Conferences (2015-2017)**: Model United Nations is an academic simulation of the United Nations where participants play the role of delegates from different countries and attempt to solve real world issues with the policies and perspectives of their assigned country.
  - **Darulfunun-MUN, Education Committee, Istanbul (2017)**, Organized by Istanbul University Model United Nations Club. Mr. Helvacı was the conference organizing director and Chairman of Education Committee.
  - **Model Courts of Justice (MCJ), ICC Mediation Committee, Ankara (2017)**, Organized by the Turkish Bar Association and University of Ankara. Mr. Helvacı was a party representative in the committee and has been awarded with the “**Best Party**” award.
  - **Model Courts of Justice (MCJ), Ad Hoc Committee On International Terrorism Ankara (2016)**, Organized by the Turkish Bar Association and University of Ankara. Mr. Helvacı was an expert in the committee and has been awarded with the “**Best Party**” award.

- **HASMUN, Historical Committee on Kosovo War, Istanbul (2016)**, Organized by Kadir Has University. Mr. Helvacı was an UN Observer in the committee and has been awarded with the “**Honorable Mention**” award.
- **IUMUN, Academic Director, Istanbul (2016)**, Organized by Istanbul University Model United Nations Club. Mr. Helvacı was the academic director and the member of crisis team.
- **MUNSC, Legal Committee on Freedom of Thought, Istanbul (2015)**, Organized by Istanbul University Model United Nations Club. Mr. Helvacı was the delegate of Republic of Chile in the committee and has been awarded with the “**Outstanding Delegate**” award.
- **IUMUN, UN Security Council, Istanbul (2015)**, Organized by Istanbul University Model United Nations Club. Mr. Helvacı was the delegate of Republic of Chile in the committee and has been awarded with the “**Honorable Mention**” award.

8. **17<sup>th</sup> Turkish Philosophy Olympiad, Ankara (2013)**; participated in the Olympiad which was organized by Turkish Philosophy Society under supervision of Turkish philosopher Ioanna Kuçuradi. In the competition, competitors are given three selected quotes from different philosophers. Competitors are asked to write a philosophical essay on one of the given quotations. Mr. Helvacı had written an essay regarding “*the problem of intergenerational knowledge transfer*”.

## **VII. OTHER SKILLS, SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AND HOBBIES;**

1. Good knowledge of MS Office (*Word, Excel, Power Point*)
2. Fountain Pen Collectioner (*concentrated on but not limited to WWI and WW2 era American and German pens*) (*interview about my fountain pens*)
3. Penmanship and Calligraphy (*Copperplate Script, Gothic Script, Uncial Script and Palmer Method of Business Writing*)
4. Flying Unmanned Aerial Vehicles