

# Emin ÖZKURT

Attorney at Law/Arbitrator

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## Education

Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.): **Istanbul University Faculty of Law** (1997–2002)

Master of Laws (LL.M.): **University of Manchester**, International Commercial Law, United Kingdom (2002–2003)

## Professional Experience and Areas of Practice

Emin Özkurt, **Managing Partner of Özkurt Law Firm** which is in Turkish legal market since 1984 , provides advisory services to leading companies operating in various sectors, including sports, telecommunications & the digital world, food, textiles, banking, and gaming.

- **Areas of Expertise:** Commercial Law, Employment Law, Sports Law, IT Law, Media and Technology Law, Dispute Resolution and Litigation, International Arbitration, and Contract Law.
- **Professional Experience:** With 25 years of experience as a lawyer, Attorney Emin Özkurt has specialized particularly in Sports Law and has been actively involved in national and international matters, representing sports federations, clubs, athletes, and arbitration bodies.

**Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS):** In 2017, he was listed as one of arbitrators at the CAS. Since then, he has served as an arbitrator in high-profile international disputes between clubs, federations, and athletes. He is also included in the CAS list of arbitrators eligible for football-related disputes and is listed on the **CAS Football List**, and is recognized as an arbitrator with expertise in football arbitration.

**EuroLeague Basketball Dispute Resolution Chamber (EBDRC):** In 2020, he was selected as one of the nine arbitrators of the EuroLeague Basketball Dispute Resolution Chamber, established by EuroLeague Basketball.

## INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION AND DIRECTORIES

- **Legal 500** has recognized Özkurt Law Firm as the sole law firm from Türkiye in the field of sports law.
- **The Lexology: 'Thought Leader' for 2026** has been given to Emin Özkurt by **Lexology Index**, an international legal information platform widely followed by legal professionals and clients

## ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

- Emin Özkurt is a Visiting Professor in leading postgraduate Sports Law programs organized by **ISDE (Instituto Superior de Derecho y Economía)**.
- Emin Özkurt is also a Visiting Professor in **the Master in Football Law program at AIAF - ITTI Sports Institute**, a Spain-based institution specializing in professional legal education.
- Emin Özkurt makes speeches on sports law at **the Union of Turkish Bar Associations** and at many universities in Türkiye and abroad.

## EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBERSHIPS

He is a member of the editorial board of **Football Legal**, an international football law publication, and regularly publishes opinion articles each year on current legal issues in the world of football.

He is a member of the editorial board of **LawInSport**, one of the world's leading London-based sports law knowledge platforms.