

AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL
Istanbul, Turkey

LIST OF ATTORNEYS
In the Consular District of Istanbul
(As of February 2004)

Although we have made every effort to list qualified attorneys, we assume no responsibility for their professional ability or integrity. The list is alphabetical and the order has no other significance.

READ THIS BEFORE YOU RETAIN AN ATTORNEY IN TURKEY

Anyone who retains an attorney in Turkey should contract with the attorney for the specific services the client wishes performed as well as for fees and any special instructions. Any and all instructions to the lawyer should be made in writing to avoid confusion and conflict. Even with a written contract, an attorney is not necessarily bound to his/her client's instructions.

Fees are determined by the lawyer or his/her firm, although a potential client may bargain. Fees are subject to scant legal regulation and, as in the United States, have no upper limit. The fee will depend on variable factors including (but by no means limited to) the lawyer's reputation, experience, knowledge, specialization, and (especially important to non-Turks) foreign language abilities. Also considered is the client's ability to pay, the complexity and sensitivity of the case, the client's nationality, and how much similar litigation might cost in the client's home country.

As in the U.S., an attorney is legally obliged to serve the best interests of his/her client. The client and the attorney, however, may not necessarily agree on what these interests are and how they should be served. While the client may provide direction to the attorney, the attorney is not obligated to follow those instructions. The attorney, in effect, has the right to decide what is in the best interest of his client, even if the client thinks otherwise. In a criminal case, for example, an attorney is obligated by law to pursue his client's defense to its conclusion, pursuing all avenues of appeal up to and including the Supreme Court.

While under most circumstances a client would appreciate this doggedness on his behalf, there are occasions when a client might not wish to have his verdict appealed. If, for example, an American citizen convicted of a crime in Turkey wishes to apply to be transferred to serve his sentence in the United States (as he may do under treaty), his application will not be entertained while his case is still "open", that is, under appeal. If a client does not wish further appeals of a verdict or a conviction, he must specifically inform his attorney in writing. Without this written instruction, the attorney could be open to a lawsuit from his client and disciplinary action by the Bar Association for failure to fulfill his responsibility to appeal on his client's behalf.

Even if a client requests specifically that his attorney not lodge an appeal, the attorney may, after consultation with the prosecutor, still proceed with the appeals process in "extenuating circumstances", most notably if the attorney suspects that his client is being coerced into dropping an appeal. The attorney should (but is not required to) inform his client of this action.

Hiring or firing an attorney is not as easy as in the U.S. As a practical matter, it is almost impossible to dismiss an attorney in the thick of a case, no matter how dissatisfied the client might be. In a criminal case a client cannot dismiss his attorney until all avenues of appeal have been exhausted. Only then may a client dismiss his attorney, and it must be in writing.

The lawyer's fee is guaranteed and must be paid regardless of the circumstances of dismissal. It cannot be used as a lever to get the lawyer to obey his client, nor can the fee be withheld as a "punishment" for failure to do so. Withholding an attorney's retainer or other fees is grounds for legal prosecution.

A client's files are the property of his attorney. The attorney may show his client certain items in his file, but is not required to do so, and if the client hires a new lawyer, the new attorney may not necessarily have access to his client's prior case file.

For a fee of approximately \$40, individuals may lodge written complaints about lawyers with the Bar Association. The Bar's board of directors reviews complaints and forwards those meriting investigation to a disciplinary committee. If this panel determines that a lawyer has engaged in unethical, improper, or illegal behavior, the board can discipline the lawyer through a cash fine, suspension from practice, and/or temporary or permanent expulsion from the Bar.

For further information, we suggest you contact:

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CONSULAR SECTION

ISTANBUL, TURKEY

LIST OF ATTORNEYS

In the Consular District of Istanbul

The Istanbul Consular District comprises the following vilayets (provinces) of Turkey: Bilecik, Bolu, Bursa, Canakkale, Edirne, Balikesir, Istanbul, Kirklareli, Kocaeli, Sakarya, and Tekirdag.

The rate for airmail from the United States to Turkey is 34 cents for each half ounce and 22 cents for each additional ounce. This rate is subject to change. Please check with your local post office for the latest rate. Registered mail may be sent through the Turkish postal service and return receipts obtained. International reply coupons should be used when it is desired to prepay a reply.

Credit reports can usually be obtained through local banks, but only with the consent of the client. Citibank, N.A. has a branch office in Istanbul and the Turkish Foreign Trade Bank (Turk Dis Ticaret Bankasi) is associated with the Bank of America. The addresses are:

CITIBANK, N.A.
Abdi Ipekci Caddesi 65
Nazem Han, Macka
Istanbul, Turkey

TURKISH FOREIGN TRADE BANK
Cumhuriyet Caddesi 199-201
Elmadag, Istanbul, Turkey

The American Consulate General at Istanbul assumes no responsibility for the professional ability or integrity of the persons or firms whose names appear in the following list. The names are arranged alphabetically by region within the Istanbul Consular District.

NOTE: All attorneys and law firms listed have indicated to the United States Consulate General Istanbul that they have English-speaking attorneys, or will provide qualified translators to assist non-English speaking attorneys, in meetings or phone calls with American clients.

ISTANBUL

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Graduate of Istanbul University Faculty of Law, 1948. LLB degree, practicing since 1961.
Specializes in exchange control, infringement, smuggling, commercial and real estates,
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Languages in addition to English and Turkish: German.

TENHA, Arslan

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Graduate of Istanbul University Faculty of Law, 2000. Practicing since 2001 on commercial and
family cases. Specializes in International Commercial Law and European Union.
Languages: Turkish and English

ULUC & ULUOZ LAW OFFICE

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Practicing criminal and legal law since 1983.

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Graduate of Ankara University Law Faculty, 1964. School of Public Administration, 1968,
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EDIRNE

CAGATAY, Arzu

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ADAPAZARI

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TEKIRDAG

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