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- Barrister-at-law, MSc, LLB(Hons), FCIArb, DipICA
- FIDIC Certified Adjudicator
- FIDIC President's List of Approved Dispute Adjudicators
- ICC arbitrator
- FIDIC Certified Trainer

Taner is an international construction barrister, dispute resolver, world-renowned speaker and published author.

Experience

International construction barrister: Specialising in the resolution and avoidance of disputes arising out of international construction and engineering projects, particularly under the FIDIC forms. Taner represents both international contractors and Employers. In 2023, Legal 500 reported, "**Barrister Taner Dedezade is highly regarded for his advocacy work...a great tutor and a dispute resolution expert.**"

Dispute Resolver: Taner passionately believes in dispute prevention and is skilled in facilitating the resolution of disputes. Taner is currently acting as an **ICC arbitrator** in relation to an international construction project based in Georgia. Taner has been appointed by CIARB as Arbitrator in relation to 5 commercial disputes.

World-Renowned Speaker: Taner is a FIDIC-certified trainer, **FIDIC trainer of the Year 2020** and has delivered numerous lectures and 2-day workshops around the world. He delivers FIDIC lectures annually on the King's MSc in Construction law and arbitration. Taner was invited by FIDIC to deliver "Top-Up Training" to 1) Members of the FIDIC President's List; and 2) FIDIC Accredited Trainers. He regularly delivers workshops for the FIDIC Academy.

Published Author: As a Member of the FIDIC Dispute Avoidance & Adjudication Forum, Taner co-drafted FIDIC's Practice Note 1 on Dispute Avoidance. Taner has contributed to chapters on the enforcement of DAB decisions in "Construction Arbitration and Alternative Dispute Resolution Theory and Practice around the World" edited by Professor Renato Nazzini, Informa Law from Routledge, (2021) and "Transnational Construction Arbitration, Key themes in the resolution of construction disputes" edited by Professor Renato Nazzini, Informa Law from Routledge, (2018).

Services Taner provides include:	Admissions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representation and Advocacy before DABs and arbitral tribunals in relation to international construction and international arbitration law disputes principally involving the use of FIDIC construction contracts • Arbitration & DAB appointments • International speaker engagements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • England and Wales

Awards & Recognition

- FIDIC trainer of the year award (2020)
- 'FIDIC trainer of the year runner-up (2019)
- In 2023 edition, Legal 500 reported, "Barrister Taner Dedezade is highly regarded for his advocacy work...a great tutor and a dispute resolution expert."
- In 2022, Legal 500 reported, "Taner Dedezade, a trained barrister, is highly regarded for his advocacy work."
- Legal 500 2016 "In 2016, the firm secured a number of new Employer clients, including the governments of Serbia and the Government of Georgia, and Corbett & counsel, Taner Dedezade, acted for the former in DAB proceedings relating to various claims brought by the Contractor in relation to a complex tunnelling project"
- Ranked as 'up and coming' lawyer in Chambers UK 2016 with clients saying 'Taner has the ability to link the FIDIC to the legal context of different countries. He is a qualified barrister and advises a range of clients in arbitrations across the world"

Memberships and Certifications

- FIDIC Certified Adjudicator
- FIDIC President's List of Approved Dispute Adjudicators
- FIDIC Certified Trainer for Fundamental Construction Contracts
- FIDIC Certified Trainer for Silver Book
- TECBAR Dispute Resolution Board Member
- Member, The Honourable Society of Gray's Inn
- Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb)
- Corporate Panel Member, Dispute Board Federation (DBF)
- Member, King's College Construction Law Association (KCCLA)
- Member, Arbitration Club, King's College Branch
- Member, Technology and Construction Bar Association (TECBAR)
- Member, International Bar Association (IBA)
- Member, Society of Construction Law (SCL)
- Member, Adjudication Society (AS)
- Member, Young LCIA International Arbitration Group (LCIA)

International Construction Barrister engagements

Airports

- **Gibraltar:** Acting for the Government of Gibraltar in London's Technology and Construction Court against a Spanish contractor in relation to a dispute arising out of a £30 million contract (incorporating the FIDIC Yellow Book 1999) concerning design and construction work to the Gibraltar Airport and Frontier Access Road, including a tunnel under the airport runway.
- **Saudi Arabia:** Advising the Sub-contractor under a FIDIC Conditions of Subcontract for Works of Civil Engineering Construction 1994 in relation to a complex time and money claim (Value ½ bn USD).

Buildings

- **Egypt:** Advising the Contractor in relation to a commercial development. The Contract was a FIDIC 4th contract. The claim was for approximately €80 million and was under the Cairo Arbitration Centre Rules.
- **Georgia:** Advising the claimant contractors in a dispute against the Consultant for defective design under a FIDIC White book concerning a Hilton standard hotel.
- **Gibraltar:** Representing an Employer in Gibraltar, as claimant, regarding a claim for over £20 million in relation to defects in the walls and roofs in over 600 flats. The contract was a JCT 81. The arbitration was conducted under the JCT rules with the seat of arbitration in Gibraltar. Proceedings were commenced in the High Court of England against the parent company of the contractor under a parent company guarantee. (Contract value circa £19 million.)
- **Kosovo:** Advising a Contractor in relation to a building project terminated by the Employer.
- **Qatar:** Advising Lebanese international contractor, in ICC arbitration proceedings concerning a Joint Venture dispute arising out of a construction project in Qatar.
- **Seychelles:** Advising the Contractor in relation to contract which is essentially an amalgamation of the FIDIC 4th and FIDIC Red Book 1999. The project concerns a hotel complex in Seychelles. The dispute is a final account dispute on what is owed by the Employer to the Contractor.
- **Ukraine:** Acting for the claimant contractors in a UNCITRAL arbitration to settle delay and defect disputes arising from contracts totalling €28.5 million for the construction of a four-star hotel in Ukraine.

Dredging, Sewerage & Water

- **Cyprus:** Acting as junior counsel alongside Edward Corbett for the Joint Venture Contractor in DAB proceedings concerning a sewerage network under a FIDIC 1999 Red Book. The claim involved allegations of defects made by the EU and allegations of bad design asserted by the Contractor. We put the claim together, drafted all the pleadings and conducted advocacy at a DAB hearing (June 2014). Also acting as junior counsel alongside Edward Corbett at the ICC arbitration hearing (2017), drafting detailed pleadings with the assistance of 2 technical experts and a quantum expert.
- **Georgia:**
 - Acting for a Contractor in relation to a dredging project which was settled after pleadings for the DAB were completed.

- Acting for the Contractor in relation to a water project, which is being referred to the DAB. issues relating to Taking-Over Certificate and delay arising.

Energy and Dams

- **Peru:** Advising the employer in relation to a hydropower project which has a split contract structure with four main contracts:
 - Civil works (FIDIC "red book")
 - Electro-Mechanical works (FIDIC "yellow book") (split into an onshore and an offshore portion)
 - Hydraulic steelworks (FIDIC "yellow book")
 - Transmission line (FIDIC "yellow book").
- **Sudan:** Advising the contractor in relation to some 30 claims and over 70 counterclaims in relation to a Power Station under a bespoke EPC contract, which was based on the FIDIC Silver Book. (Contract sum \$175 million.)
- **UK:**
 - Advising Swiss contractor on issues of risk allocation in a heavily amended FIDIC contract concerning a nuclear power project.
 - Advising Dutch international Contractor in relation to issues concerning a wind farm.

Railways

- **Bulgaria:** Advising the Contractor in relation to a FIDIC Yellow Book 1999 contract in Bulgaria. Numerous claims have been put before the Engineer and settled. Extensions of time have been awarded and complex negotiations took place in relation to the scope of the works being amended. (Value in excess of €150 million.)
- **North Macedonia:** Advising the Contractor throughout a project in relation to a heavily amended FIDIC Red Book 1999 Contract and acting as sole advocate in DAB proceedings. Complex negotiations with the Deputy Prime Minister and Ministers of Finance resulted in a deed of settlement being proposed. (The contract sum of the project is over €40m.)
- **Saudi Arabia:** Advising the Sub-Contractor in relation to a delay and disruption claim involving a metro project with a contract sum of €130 million.
- **Middle East:** Acting for a joint venture on a US\$ 1 billion commercial railway project. The contract was based on a FIDIC Silver Book. Drafting and preparing claims for the JV in relation to delay disruption and variations.

Roads

- **Albania:** Acting for the Contractor in relation to ICC arbitration proceedings concerning a road project under a heavily amended FIDIC 4th edition Red Book. The claim involves delay, disruption, acceleration and material escalation and has been referred to ICC arbitration. (Value in excess of €15 million.)

- **Georgia:** Acting for the Employer in relation to 3 separate roads contracts in relation to claims for time and money. (Value totalling c.€150m)
- **Kyrgyzstan:** Providing early tactical advice to the Employer (Respondent) in relation to ICC arbitration proceedings concerning a road project under an amended FIDIC 4th edition Red Book.
- **Poland:** Acting for a Portuguese joint venture in relation to a claim for delay and disruption on a new motorway project in Poland. The contract was a FIDIC 4th edition and the ICC arbitration was conducted in Warsaw under Polish law. The contract value was €68.5 million with a claim for over €40 million. Issues of cross-border insolvency and jurisdiction arose during the arbitration
- **Romania:**
 - Appearing as sole Counsel for the Employer (Respondent) in relation to ICC proceedings concerning a road project under an amended FIDIC Red Book 1999. The value of the claim was €21 million. The Contractor sought a partial final award in the proceedings to enforce the DAB's 'binding' DAB decisions. Taner appeared as sole counsel at this hearing.
 - Acting for the Employer (Respondent) in relation to the construction of a dual carriageway by an international contractor in Romania under the FIDIC Red Book 1999. This case has involved 5 DAB Referrals in which the Claimant claimed €29 million and three subsequent ICC arbitrations. The disputes involved claims for delay and disruption costs, the termination of the contract and the employer's claim for defective works. (Value of the dispute in arbitration exceeds €32m.)
 - Acted for the Employer (Respondent) in a project under a FIDIC Red Book 1999. This road Rehabilitation project concerned a motorway in Romania. The Contractor referred a complicated delay and disruption claim to the DAB. The value of the claim was €12,638,604.31 plus interest of €2,721,417.35.
 - Advising the Employer (Respondent) in relation to the termination of a FIDIC 1999 Yellow book. This road project related to the construction of a motorway in Romania. Works value before Variation was approximately €59m.
- **Serbia:** Acting as sole counsel for the Employer in relation to two different road projects of c. €20m each under the FIDIC 2005 Pink Book. Acted as advocate in relation to various DB hearings including disputes about the proper valuation of variations and prolongation arising from the variations, and complex extension of time claims.
- **Uganda:** Acting for the Government against a multi-national joint venture consisting of well-known French and South African contractors. The dispute, worth €70 million, concerned the termination of a major EDF road rehabilitation project in Uganda, governed by the EDF standard conditions of contract (similar to FIDIC). The project was financed by the European Development Fund.

Dispute Resolver Engagements

- Appointed as ICC co-arbitrator by the Employer in relation to an international construction dispute. Nick Gould appointed as co-arbitrator by the Contractor and Claus Lenz as chair. Ongoing.
- Appointed as CI Arb DAS arbitrator in relation to 5 international commercial disputes. 5 awards published.

Speaker Engagements

- Numerous lectures and workshops around the world.
- FIDIC Academy in-house training delivered either live or on the FIDIC Academy platform.
 - Contracts and Claims for the Caribbean Development Bank
 - Contracts for IKEA, India
 - Contracts and Claims for Westinghouse
 - Claims seminar
- 2-day FIDIC workshops on Module 1: Contracts, Module 2: Claims and Module 3: DABs as follows:
 - [2010] Zambia and Cyprus; [2011] Germany and Saudi Arabia; [2012] Colombia, Norway and Saudi Arabia; [2013] Lebanon, Saudi Arabia and UAE; [2014] Lebanon, Saudi Arabia and Qatar;
 - [2015] Lebanon, Romania, Netherlands, Georgia, Malawi and Portugal; [2016] Poland, Lebanon, Netherlands, Romania, Germany, Morocco, Turkey and Georgia; [2017] Morocco, Lebanon, Serbia, Georgia, UAE, Croatia, Saudi Arabia, Netherlands, Germany and Georgia; [2018] Georgia, Bulgaria and Scotland; [2019] Georgia, Germany, Peru, USA, Serbia;
 - [2020] Greece, Georgia and 4 zoom seminars; [2021] 11 zoom seminars and live events in Uzbekistan and Armenia; [2022] 1 zoom seminar and live events in Georgia, Uzbekistan, Saudi Arabia, Germany, India and Sweden. [2023] 5 online seminars and live events in Kazakhstan, Georgia, Slovakia, Sweden, Scotland, India and Germany.
- Visiting lecturer at the King's MSc in Construction law and arbitration. Delivered lectures every year on FIDIC from 2011 to date.
- Third Party Contract speaking engagements include:
 - Bucharest for the FIDIC-ARIC-EFCA Regional Infrastructure Conference in March 2015;
 - Krakow for the FIDIC-SIDIR-EFCA Regional Infrastructure Conference in 2016;
 - Marrakesh for the FIDIC International Infrastructure Conference in September 2016;
 - Belgrade for the FIDIC-ACES-EFCA Regional Infrastructure Conference in March 2017;
 - Tbilisi, FIDIC – ACEG – EFCA Regional Infrastructure Conference, Georgia in March 2018;
 - 2022 DRBF training of lawyers
 - ICC-FIDIC Conference, Croatia in October 2022
 - DRBF Transylvania's Tell-Tales, Cluj Romania in October 2022 (also ran the workshop)
 - Delos online seminar, June 2023
 - Training Judges in Georgia with the CLDP
 - DRBF Vienna Conference in 2023 and DRBF Nairobi conference in July 2023 (including running the workshop)
 - SCL 10th Anniversary Conference in Istanbul in October 2023
 - FIDIC Users Conference, London in November 2023
- "Top-Up Training" on the FIDIC 2017 forms to Members of the FIDIC President's List and FIDIC Accredited Trainers. (2021)

Publications and Insights

- As a Member of the FIDIC Dispute Avoidance & Adjudication Forum, Taner co-drafted FIDIC's Practice Note 1 on Dispute Avoidance:
https://issuu.com/fidic/docs/2023_practice_note_on_dispute_avoidance_e-brochure?fr=xKAE9_zU1NQ
- 'Construction Arbitration and Alternative Dispute Resolution Theory and Practice around the World' edited by Professor Renato Nazzini, - Co-author (the chapter on enforcement of DAB decisions) - Informa Law from Routledge, (2021)
- 'Transnational Construction Arbitration, Key themes in the resolution of construction disputes' edited by Professor Renato Nazzini, - Co-author (the chapter on enforcement of DAB decisions) - Informa Law from Routledge, (2018)
- 'Service Charges and Management: Law and Practice', - Co-author (the chapter on ADR) – Sweet & Maxwell (2006)
- Contributions to:
 - International Arbitration Law Review
 - Construction Law International

Legal Career

Date	Location	Company	Position
2023-date	London	Howard Kennedy LLP	Barrister and Partner
2007-2023	London	Corbett & Co.	Barrister
2003-2007	London	Chambers of Peter Hughes QC, Tanfield Chambers, Temple	Barrister
1998-2003	London	Chambers of Lord Gifford QC, 8 King's Bench Walk, Temple	Barrister
1996-1998	London	Chambers of Ian McCulloch, 9 Bell Yard	Pupillage

Education & Qualifications

- 2005-2007 – MSc (Merit) in Construction Law and Dispute Resolution, University of London, King's College
- 2005-2007 - Awarded the Bickerdike Allen prize for the best performance in the MSc first-year taught modules.
- 2004-2005 – Diploma (Merit) in International Commercial Arbitration (with a distinction in his thesis), University of London, Queen Mary College
- 1996 – Called to the Bar, Honourable Society of Gray's Inn
- 1995-1996 – Bar Vocational Course, Inns of Court School of Law
- 1992-1995 – LLB (Hons) 2:1, University of London