



Hande Ümit Tarıkâhya

Profession : Civil Engineer (BSc.)- Middle East Technical University - 1982

Paralegal (Post Graduate Degree on Construction Contracts and Dispute Resolution) Ankara University Law School – 2000

Hande Ümit Tarıkâhya completed her undergraduate degree at Middle East Technical University and joined STFA Construction Co. where she worked as Cost Estimation Engineer for 5 years. Then she joined Kutlutaş Construction Co. Power Plants Department and worked in the capacity of Planning Engineer for 3 years.

Her next employment was with Bayındır İnşaat –Yüksel İnşaat JV (member of the Consortium with Siemens AEG Breda) for the Ankara Light Rail Transit System (Ankaray Project) which lasted for 5 years. She was employed as the Technical Office Chief in charge of the Upstream Contract, Consortium Agreement and Project Scheduling.

On completion of the Ankaray Project Ms. Tarıkâhya joined Yüksel İnşaat A.Ş. (Yüksel) . In the meantime she attended evening classes at Ankara University Law School for one academic year and received her post graduate degree (July 2000) in Construction Contracts and Dispute Resolution. She was actively involved in the international commercial arbitration (ICC, UNCITRAL) and mediation procedures in which Yüksel was a party. She attended various seminars and workshops organised by International Chamber of Commerce in various countries. Ms. Tarıkâhya worked as the Contracts Group Manager of Yüksel Holding Group of Companies for 15 years and performed the following duties:

(a) Pre-Tender Stage

Studying tender documents for preparing reports to the company management to make “bid-no bid” decisions, contract negotiations
Drafting and negotiating partnership agreements, subcontracts, consultancy agreements, etc.

(b) Post-Contract Execution Stage

Contract Management and Claim Management for local and international projects of Yüksel. Worked as the manager of the Yüksel Contracts Group comprised of in-house lawyers . The job involved close cooperation with the local law offices of the countries in which the projects were related. Thus familiarity with various law systems worldwide were acquired.

Ms. Tarıkâhya managed US Government Contracts – in contact with US Law Firms- executed by Yüksel in Afghanistan and Iraq for more than 10 years. During the said period she was also in charge of partnership agreements/ subcontracts with US Private Sector companies.

After completing more than 30 years in active professional life she retired in March 2015.

During the academic term of 2015 - 2016 she worked as Parttime Instructor at Atilim and TED Universities on International Contracts Management

In September 2016 She joined Limak Kuwait SPC, for a period of 12 months, for Kuwait International Airport New Terminal Building Construction Project having Contract Price USD 4.33 billion. She held the Contracts Director position in charge of Main Contract and Subcontracts; reporting to the Project Director and worked in contact with reputable local law firms She left the Project in December 2018 for retirement.

Ms. Tarikâhya is a trained radio/tv announcer and public speaker. She is a reader in Six Point Blind Association.

Some of the Clients and Partners in Main International Projects (Pre-Tender and/or Post-Contract)

- **US Government Projects (2002-2015) Government and US Private Sector Firms**

USACE (USA Army Corps of Engineers) and various USA Government organisations

USA Private Sector Companies : Kellogg Brown & Root Services Inc., Fluor Intercontinental Inc., CH2M HILL Constructors Inc., Lakeshore Engineering Services Inc., Environmental Chemical Corporation ("ECC"), Gilbane Federal, ...

- **NATO Maintenance & Supply Agency (NAMSA)**
- **Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (SAC, SWCC, ...)**
- **Dubai Emirate- Roads and Transport Authority**
- **Qatar Emirate – NDIA (New Doha International Airports entity)**
Midmac Contracting Co. (Permanent Local JV and LLC partner in Qatar)
- **Kuwait Emirate – Ministry of Public Works**
- **Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan- Royal Airforce Authority**
- **Romania Roads and Transportation Authority (NAR)**
- **Kazakhstan Private Sector-**(Kazkommertsbank /Almaty Financial District Complex, CP Retail Almaty/ Trade Center Esentai)
- **Libya State Organisations**
- **Northern Iraq State Organisations**
- **Japanese, Italian Private, French, German Private Sector Companies** (Siemens, Marubeni Corporation , Astaldi S.p.a., Passavant Roediger Anlagenbau GMBH, Grandi Lavori Fincosit S.p.a, Sicim S.p.a, Renco S.p.a, ...)

Main Courses and Seminars attended :

- **Ankara University Law School** English for Lawyers- Basic Principles of Turkish, English and Community Law- Academic Year 2000- 2001.
- **Bilkent University Law School,** International Public Law Course (LAW 303) –Guest Student – Academic Year 2006- 2007
- **Başkent İletişim Bilimleri Akademisi (Public Speaking Course)** November 2013 – March 2014) *Ministry of National Education approved degree 85 / 100*
- **USA Government Contracts, Federal Standards and Conducts of Compliance;** Contract Formation and Administration, Contract Performance and Termination- Training by Holland & Knight LLP (Washington D.C.) April 2008