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SERVICES

- Real Estate, Corporate, Turkey, Government Relations, Litigation, Israel

EDUCATION

- New York University School of Law (1995)
- Istanbul University School of Law (1993)
- Harvard University (2017)

ADMISSIONS

- New York
- U.S. Court of International Trade
- U.S. District Court, Southern District, New York

Barbaros Karaahmet is co-chair of the firm's Turkish Practice Group.

A Turkish-American attorney, Barbaros utilizes his wide-ranging international experience and contacts to assist Herrick's multinational and Turkish clients with domestic and cross-border corporate, financial, real estate and litigation matters in the U.S., Turkey, Europe and a number of the CIS countries.

Barbaros works closely with Herrick's Real Estate Department, one of the largest in the New York City area. He is the liaison partner for the Republic of Turkey's largest real estate development project outside of Turkey, the Turkevi Center in New York. He also assists Turkish family businesses in identifying, acquiring, leasing and financing their U.S. real estate assets. Barbaros also has experience on a wide range of international trade matters including multinational agreements, international codes, conventions affecting commercial transactions, and the recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments.

Barbaros assists international companies in establishing their U.S. operations, and frequently serves as their U.S. based general counsel. In that capacity, he often advises multinational companies in mergers, acquisitions and joint ventures in international markets. His experience includes cross-border transactions for multinational and Turkish clients in a wide range of sectors including banking, real estate, finance, luxury goods, fashion, healthcare, food and beverage, hospitality, media and e-commerce.

Barbaros frequently lectures and writes in English and Turkish on international trade and cross-border business and real estate issues, and is a co-author of the Turkish Law chapter in the book *International Commercial Secured Transactions* (Carswell, 2010). Barbaros graduated from Harvard University's executive education program on advanced real estate finance and management.

Languages

- Turkish

Memberships & Associations

- Executive Member, The American-Turkish Council
- Board Member, World Link for Law
- Board Member, Turkish American Chamber of Commerce & Industry (TACCI)
- American Foreign Law Association
- Turkish American Business Association (TABA/AmCham)
- New York State Bar Association
- Vice President, American Turkish Business Development Council
- The Rotary Club of New York
 - Past President
- The American Turkish Society
 - Young Society Leaders (YSL)

Matters

Turkish Exporter - Favorable Jury Verdict and Judgment in Breach of Contract Litigation

Obtained favorable jury verdict and judgment on behalf of a Turkish furniture exporter asserting breach of contract claims in New Jersey federal court against a former business partner and the former head of the client's U.S. affiliate.

eBrandValue - Licensing

Represented eBrandValue, a company that monitors and catalogs content from social media networks to evaluate and analyze the efficacy of a business' brand marketing strategy, in the licensing of its IP assets and in related employment matters.

Fashion House Formation

Represented Nolining, a new high-end fashion house, in its formation and organization.

Turkish Art, Culture and Education Nonprofit Formation

Represented a client in forming a U.S. nonprofit to promote and support Turkish and other forms of dance and artistic endeavors.

Turkish Apparel Company- Trademark Infringement and Counterfeiting

Defended successful Turkish-American apparel company against federal court claims of trademark infringement and counterfeiting brought by a US hanger company involving garment hangers that the client's factory had switched and imprinted with the plaintiff's trademarks without the client's knowledge. We were able to settle the claims confidentially at the pleading stage of the case, with a significant and creative part of the settlement tied to creating new business between our client and the plaintiff.

NY-based high end retailer-copyright infringement

Defended a famous NY-based high end retailer in a federal copyright infringement action involving a fabric design on a garment. Case was settled at the pleading stage for a modest sum paid by our client who had sold the garments to the retailer.

Turkish Clothing Manufacturer - Corporate Advice

Represented a clothing manufacturing company headquartered in Istanbul, Turkey with significant business operations in the U.S., regarding general corporate issues and real estate matters in the U.S.

Cross-Border - Partnership Dispute

Representation of a leading US company in relation to a commercial dispute between members of a global clothing wholesaler involving cross-border allegations of breach of contract, fraud, breach of fiduciary duty and trademark infringement.

Corporate Advice - Doing Business in Turkey

Representation of a financial services company establishing operations in Istanbul, Turkey.

Turkish Consulate - Lease at 605 Third Avenue

Represented the Turkish Consulate General in New York in a lease of the entire 30th floor at 605 Third Avenue in Manhattan.

Gulaylar Group - Acquisition of Three-Story Retail Condo at Extell's International Gem Tower

Represented Gulaylar Group, in connection with its purchase of a jewelry exchange in the heart of New York City's Diamond District. Istanbul-based Gulaylar Group, is one of Turkey's leading jewelry companies with headquarters located in Turkey's commercial gold center. The Gulaylar Group plans to leverage its retail development expertise to create a world-class jewelry exchange in New York City.

The Republic of Turkey's New York Consulate

Representing the Republic of Turkey in the development and construction of a new and expanded consulate at 46th Street and 1st Avenue across from the UN's General Assembly; a signature project as it expands its diplomatic footprint around the world. Our work includes advice on government relations, real estate development and construction, leasing, land use and zoning.