

Taner Dedezade

Profile Summary

Taner Dedezade is a barrister, with over 20 years' experience, specialising in the resolution of international construction and engineering disputes, mostly concerning projects based on FIDIC contracts.

He represents both international contractors (current clients include ACC, H.F. Wiebe, WTE Wassertechnik, Emek Insaat Sti Ltd, and Strukton Immersion Projects BV) and employers (current clients include the Government of Serbia) and has been involved in projects in Europe, the Middle East and Africa, undertaking advocacy as necessary in both DAB and arbitration proceedings.



Taner is an expert in FIDIC contracts whose expertise was recognised:

- with his ranking as an 'up and coming' lawyer in Chambers UK 2016 – Construction: International Arbitration UK-wide with clients saying he *“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.”*
- In Legal 500 2017, which records that *“In 2016 the firm secured a number of new employer clients, including the Government of Serbia and the Government of Georgia, and Corbett and counsel Taner Dedezade acted for the former in Dispute Adjudication Board proceedings relating to various claims brought by the contractor in relation to a complex tunnel project.”*

He has particular expertise in the enforcement of DAB decisions having acted as sole counsel in arbitration proceedings concerning the same and having written various articles on this complex subject. He contributed a chapter on the enforcement of DAB decisions to *“Transnational Construction Arbitration, Key themes in the resolution of construction disputes”* edited by Professor Renato Nazzini. Taner's article, *“Mind the gap: Analysis of cases and principles concerning the ability of ICC tribunals to enforce binding DAB decisions under the 1999 FIDIC Conditions of contract [2012] Int ALR 145”*, was cited favourably by Mr Justice Edwards-Stuart in *Peterborough City Council v Enterprise Managed Services Limited* [2014] EWHC 3193 (TCC).

Taner is an Accredited TECBAR Dispute Resolution Board Member and has vast experience with the DAB process <http://www.tecbar.org/dispute-resolution-appointments/dispute-boards.asp>

Taner is a FIDIC Accredited Trainer and has presented, on behalf of Cornerstone Seminars, many FIDIC Contracts and Claims seminars in Europe, the Middle East, Africa and South America: <http://fidic.org/civicrm/profile/view?reset=1&id=3321&gid=21> Taner was nominated as a finalist for best Adjudicator/FIDIC Accredited Trainer in the 2019 FIDIC Awards delivered by Sir Vivian Ramsey Q.C. at the FIDIC Users Conference in London 2019.

Taner is of British nationality and is a native English speaker. He was born and brought up in the UK. After reading law, he was called to the Bar of England and Wales in 1996 and practised as a barrister for over 10 years, appearing in numerous cases in the courts and tribunals of England including the Court of Appeal. He was appointed to one of the UK Government's Treasury Counsel Panels. He speaks basic French and Turkish.

Taner has an MSc (Merit) in Construction Law and Arbitration from King's College, London (in which he was awarded the Bickerdike Allen prize), and a diploma (Merit) in International Commercial Arbitration from Queen Mary College, London (achieving a distinction in his dissertation). He now lectures particularly on FIDIC DABs, acts as a tutor and dissertation supervisor on the King's MSc course.



Expertise Subject	Description	Country
Roads	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. The value of the claim is in excess of €15 million.	Albania
	Acting for the Employer in relation to 3 separate roads contracts (totalling c.€150m) in relation to claims for time and money.	Georgia
	Acting for the Employer (Respondent) in relation to ICC arbitration proceedings concerning a road project under an amended FIDIC 4 th edition Red Book. Corbett & Co.'s involvement was limited to providing early tactical advice.	Kyrgyzstan
	Acting 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.	Romania
	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: (1) claims for delay and disruption costs; (2) the termination of contract; (3) and Employer's claim for defective works. The value of the dispute in arbitration exceeds €32m. There have already been complex jurisdiction arguments and there are likely to be further jurisdiction arguments. The Contractor sought enforcement of 'binding' DAB decisions in arbitration.	
	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.	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.		



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	Acting for the Employer in relation to a c. €16m road project under the FIDIC 2005 Pink Book. The contractor has brought multiple claims in front of the DB and Taner has acted as sole counsel representing the Employer at hearings. The claims included disputes about the proper valuation of variations and prolongation arising from the variations, and complex extension of time claims.	Serbia
	Acted 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.	Uganda
Railways	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. The contract sum of the project was in excess of €150 million.	Bulgaria
	Advising the Contractor in relation to a heavily amended FIDIC Red Book 1999 Contract. Advice has been given throughout the project on issues that have arisen and assistance given on the claims presented. The contract sum of the project is over €40m. Taner was instructed to attend complex negotiations with the Deputy Prime Minister and Ministers of Finance and Transport resulting in a deed of settlement being proposed.	Macedonia
	Advising the Sub-Contractor in relation to a delay and disruption claim involving a metro project with a contract sum of €130 million.	Saudi Arabia
	Acting for a joint venture on a US\$ 1 billion commercial railway project. Drafting and preparing claims for the JV in relation to delay, disruption and variations.	Middle East
Energy and Dams	Advising the employer in relation to a hydropower project which has a split contract structure with four main contracts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civil works (FIDIC “red book”) • Electro- Mechanical works (FIDIC “yellow book”)(split into an onshore and an offshore portion) • Hydraulic steel works (FIDIC “yellow book”) • Transmission line (FIDIC “yellow book”) 	Peru
	Advising the contractor in relation to some 30 claims and over 70 counterclaims in relation to a Power Station under a bespoke EPC contract. The contract sum of the project is \$175 million.	Sudan



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	<p>Advising Swiss contractor on issues of risk allocation in a heavily amended FIDIC contract concerning a nuclear power project.</p> <p>Advising Dutch international Contractor in relation to issues concerning a wind farm.</p>	UK
Buildings	<p>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 then commenced in the High Court of England against the parent company of the contractor under a parent company guarantee. The contract value was circa £19 million.</p>	Gibraltar
	<p>Advising the Contractor in relation to a commercial development in Egypt. The Contract was a FIDIC 4th contract. The claim was for approximately €80 million and was under the Cairo Arbitration Centre Rules.</p>	Egypt
	<p>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 the Seychelles. The dispute is a final account dispute on what is owed by the Employer to the Contractor.</p>	Seychelles
	<p>Acting for the claimant contractors in an 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.</p>	Ukraine
	<p>Advising the claimant contractors in a dispute against the Consultant for defective design under a FIDIC White book concerning a Hilton standard hotel.</p>	Georgia
	<p>Advising Lebanese international contractor, in ICC arbitration proceedings concerning a Joint Venture dispute arising out of a construction project in Qatar.</p>	Qatar
Airports	<p>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.</p>	Gibraltar
Sewerage Network	<p>Acting 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 the DAB hearing that took place in June 2014. In 2017, this matter was referred to ICC arbitration and Taner was involved in drafting all the detailed pleadings with the assistance of 2 technical experts and a quantum expert. Taner was junior counsel at the hearing, led by Edward Corbett.</p>	Cyprus

**Career:**

Date	Location	Company	Position	Description
1996-1998	London	Chambers of Ian McCulloch (now deceased), 9 Bell Yard, London.	Pupillage (training for being a barrister)	First Six Pupillage was in Chancery and insolvency. Second and third six pupillages, undertook advocacy in general common law cases.
1998-2003	London	Chambers of Lord Gifford QC, 8 King's Bench Walk, Temple, London.	Barrister	Taner was appointed as Junior Counsel to the Crown's Civil Litigation Panel from 2000-2007 and was instructed by the Treasury Solicitor acting for various government departments particularly in commercial, employment and directors disqualification matters. His practice consisted of Local Government/Housing (acting for numerous local authorities), general commercial (including construction) and chancery work. He appeared in English courts and tribunals including the Court of Appeal.
2003-2007	London	Chambers of Peter Hughes QC, Tanfield Chambers, Temple, London.	Barrister	
2007- to date	London	Corbett & Co.	Barrister	Taner is a specialist in Alternative Dispute Resolution proceedings concerning international construction and engineering projects largely under FIDIC contracts, primarily FIDIC DABs and ICC arbitration.

Education:

Institution	Degree(s) or Diploma(s) obtained:
University of London (1992-1995)	LLB(Hons) (2:1)
Inns of Court School of Law (1995-1996)	This vocational course is the pre-requisite for becoming a barrister
Honourable Society of Gray's Inn (1996)	Called to the Bar
University of London, Queen Mary College, (2004-2005)	Diploma (Merit) in International Commercial Arbitration. Thesis achieved a distinction.
University of London, King's College (2005-2007).	MSc (Merit) in Construction Law and Dispute Resolution. Awarded the Bickerdike Allen prize for the best performance in the MSc first-year taught modules.

**Other Relevant Information:**

Books/ Publications/Articles	Details
Co-author (the chapter on enforcement of DAB decisions) of 'Transnational Construction Arbitration, Key themes in the resolution of construction disputes' edited by Professor Renato Nazzini, Informa Law from Routledge, 2018	https://www.routledge.com/Transnational-Construction-Arbitration-Key-Themes-in-the-Resolution-of-Nazzini/p/book/9781138281523
Co-author (the chapter on ADR) of 'Service Charges and Management: Law and Practice', Sweet & Maxwell 2006	
International Arbitration Law Review	http://corbett.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/Taner-s-69-article.pdf http://corbett.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/Mind-The-Gap-Are-binding-DAB-decisions-enforceable-by-ICC-arbitral-tribunal.pdf
Construction Law International	http://corbett.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/Fidic-are-binding-decisions-enforceable.pdf http://corbett.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/Taner-CLINT-Article-2.pdf

Membership of professional bodies/Appointments:

	Organisation
TECBAR	Dispute Resolution Board Member
FIDIC	Accredited Trainer
Member	The Honourable Society of Gray's Inn
Fellow	Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCI Arb)
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)



	Organisation
Member	Turkish British Chamber of Commerce and Industry (TBCCI)
Member	Turkish British Legal Society (TBLS)

Speaking Engagements

2010					
Date	City	Country	Reference	Description	Days
Feb	Lusaka	Zambia	Cornerstone in-house	FIDIC Module 2: Claims together with George Rosenberg and David Richards	2
Jun	Lefkoşa	Cyprus	Cornerstone in-house	FIDIC Module 1: Contracts together with George Rosenberg	2

2011					
Date	City	Country	Reference	Description	Days
Oct	Ravensburg	Germany	Cornerstone in-house	FIDIC Module 1: Contracts together with Edward Corbett	2
Dec	Riyadh	Saudi Arabia	Cornerstone in-house	FIDIC Module 2: Claims together with David Richards	2
Sep	Oxford	UK	King's College	Arbitration lectures together with Peter Aeberli	3.5hours
Sep	London	UK	King's College	Unfair Contract terms	1.5 hours

2012					
Date	City	Country	Reference	Description	Days
May	Bogota	Colombia	Cornerstone in-house	FIDIC Module 1: Contracts	2
Sep	Oslo	Norway	Cornerstone in-house	FIDIC Module 1: Contracts	2
Sep	Oxford	UK	King's College	Arbitration lectures together with Peter Aeberli	3.5hours
Sep	London	UK	King's College	Unfair Contract terms	1.5 hours
Dec	Riyadh	Saudi Arabia	Cornerstone in-house	FIDIC Module 1: Contracts	2



2013					
Date	City	Country	Reference	Description	Days
Jan	Beirut	Lebanon	Cornerstone in-house	FIDIC Module 1: Contracts	2
Feb	Riyadh	Saudi Arabia	Cornerstone in-house	FIDIC Module 1: Contracts	2
Mar	Sharjah	UAE	Cornerstone in-house	FIDIC Module 1: Contracts	2
Jun	London	UK	Cornerstone in-house	FIDIC Module 1: Contracts	2
Sep	Oxford	UK	King's College	Arbitration lectures together with Peter Aeberli	3.5hours
Sep	London	UK	King's College	FIDIC DABs	2hours

2014					
Date	City	Country	Reference	Description	Days
Mar	Beirut	Lebanon	Cornerstone in association with the American University of Technology and Beirut Bar Association - public	FIDIC Module 1: Contracts	2
Jun	Doha	Qatar	Cornerstone in-house	FIDIC Module 1: Contracts	2
Sep	London	UK	MBL	DAB	45mins
Oct	Riyadh	Saudi Arabia	Cornerstone in-house	FIDIC Module 1: Contracts	2
Nov	London	UK	King's College	Lectures on FIDIC	4 hours

2015					
Date	City	Country	Reference	Description	Days
Mar	Beirut	Lebanon	Cornerstone in-house	FIDIC Module 2: Claims together with David Richards	2
Mar	Beirut	Lebanon	Cornerstone in association with the American University of Technology and Beirut Bar Association - public	FIDIC Module 2: Claims together with David Richards	2
Mar	Bucharest	Romania	Cornerstone - public	FIDIC Module 3: DAB together with Edward Corbett, Jim Perry, Aisha Nadar and Leo Grutters	2



Mar	Bucharest	Romania	FIDIC/ARIC/EFCA Regional Infrastructure Conference, Romania	DAB	20mins
May	Utrecht	Netherlands	Cornerstone in-house	FIDIC Module 1: Contracts	2
May	Tbilisi	Georgia	Cornerstone - public	FIDIC Module 2: Claims with Daduna Kokhreidze	2
Nov	London	UK	King's College	Lectures on FIDIC	4 hours
Nov	Lilongwe	Malawi	Cornerstone - public	Contracts, Claims and DAB	3
Dec	Porto	Portugal	Cornerstone in-house	FIDIC Module 1: Contracts	2 1/2

2016					
Date	City	Country	Reference	Description	Days
Mar	Krakow	Poland	FIDIC – SIDIR – EFCA Regional Infrastructure Conference	Golden Principles of the FIDIC White book	20mins
Apr	Beirut	Lebanon	Cornerstone in association with the American University of Technology and Beirut Bar Association - public	FIDIC Module 1: Contracts	2
May	Amsterdam	Netherlands	Cornerstone - public	FIDIC Module 2: Claims	2
May	Utrecht	Netherlands	Cornerstone in-house	FIDIC Module 2: Claims	2
May	Bucharest	Romania	Cornerstone - public	FIDIC Module 2: Claims	2
Jul	Stuttgart	Germany	Cornerstone in-house	FIDIC Module 1: Contracts	2
Sep	Oxford	UK	King's College	Lectures on FIDIC	4hours
Sep	Marrakesh	Morocco	FIDIC International Infrastructure Conference	The role of the Engineer	20min
Oct	Ankara	Turkey	Cornerstone in-house	FIDIC Module 2: Claims together with David Richards	2
Dec	Tbilisi	Georgia	GIAC Arbitration conference	The role of DABs as a means of alternative dispute resolution	20min

2017					
Date	City	Country	Reference	Description	Days
Feb	Casablanca	Morocco	Cornerstone In-house	FIDIC Contracts & Claims	2
Feb	Beirut	Lebanon	Cornerstone in association with the American University of Technology and Beirut Bar Association - public	FIDIC Module 1: Contracts	2



Feb	Muscat	Oman	Corbett & Co	Remeasurement/ Fixed Pricing	30 mins
Mar	Belgrade	Serbia	Cornerstone- public	DABs	2
Mar	Belgrade	Serbia	Cornerstone- public	BIM topic in Conference	30 mins
Jun	Tbilisi	Georgia	Cornerstone public	FIDIC Module 2: Claims	2
June	Tbilisi	Georgia	FIDIC Business Day for launch of ACEG - Association of Consulting Engineers, Georgia	Problems on International infrastructure projects	1 hour 30 minutes
July	Abu Dhabi	United Arab Emirates	Cornerstone in-house	FIDIC Module 1: Contracts	2
Sep	Dubrovnik	Croatia	PDGR seminar for Schoenherr	FIDIC Lecture	4 hours
Sep	Jeddah	Saudi Arabia	Cornerstone in-house	FIDIC Module 1: Contracts	2
Sep	Oxford	UK	King's College	Lectures on FIDIC	4hours
Oct	Rotterdam	The Netherlands	Cornerstone in-house	FIDIC Module 1: Contracts	2
Oct	Stuttgart	Germany	Cornerstone in-house	FIDIC Contracts & Claims	3
Nov	Tbilisi	Georgia	Cornerstone - public	FIDIC Module 1: Contracts	2

2018					
Date	City	Country	Reference	Description	Days
March	Tbilisi	Georgia	FIDIC – ACEG – EFCA Regional Infrastructure Conference	Variations under FIDIC 2017	25mins
March	Tbilisi	Georgia	Cornerstone	DAAB's under the new 2017 edition together with Leo Grutters and Cremona Cotovelea	1
March	Sofia	Bulgaria	Dimitrov Petrov & Co	FIDIC 2017 form	1 hour
July	Edinburgh	Scotland	Cornerstone in-house	FIDIC Module 1: Contracts	2 days
September	Oxford	UK	King's College	Lectures on FIDIC	4 hours



2019					
Date	City	Country	Reference	Description	Days
April	Tbilisi	Georgia	Cornerstone in-house	FIDIC 1999 Yellow Book	2 days
April	Tbilisi	Georgia	Cornerstone - public	ACEG	2 days
July	Stuttgart	Germany	Cornerstone in-house	FIDIC Module 1: Contracts together with George Rosenberg	2 days
September	Cambridge	UK	Guest speaker at Construction Law Summer School	FIDIC DAB	1 hour
September	Lima	Peru	Guest speaker at "New trends in International Construction Contracts and Dispute Boards"	Risk, DAB and termination	4hours
October	London	UK	King's College	Lectures on FIDIC	2 hours
October	Stuttgart	Germany	Cornerstone in-house	FIDIC Module 2: Claims together with David Richards	2 days
October	Washington D.C	USA	Corbett & Co	FIDIC Module 1: Contracts	2 days
November	Belgrade	Serbia	Cornerstone in-house	FIDIC 1999 Yellow Book	2 days