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Emma Edhem, CC is a highly experienced Barrister, Deputy Head of International Law Arbitrator and Mediator in the UK's biggest set of Chambers, No 5 Chambers. They house over 260 barristers and have offices in four major cities (London, Birmingham, Bristol and West Midlands). The barristers of No 5 Chambers include senior figures in UK political and judicial spheres including two junior Ministers of Justice (of both current government and shadow), several Members of Parliament, several in Local Government, several Deputy High Court Judges, Recorders, Coroners, Adjudicators, Mediators and 28 Queen's Counsel. No 5 Chambers has the highest concentration of Queen's Counsel in the UK. They also enjoy strong links to and have dealt with major international cases in numerous countries around the world including the U.S., China, Singapore, India, Cayman Islands, Europe and of course the Republic of Turkey, amongst many others, ranging from Commercial to Banking to Human Rights, amongst many others. The experience and expertise of the Chambers is vast and varied.

Emma Edhem, CC is in a unique position in the UK as the only Barrister and UK politician combined of Turkish heritage. She is the first and only Turkish Barrister at No 5 Chambers. She took up a political career early in 2014 in the City of London Corporation, within the Castle Baynard Ward. She is the first person of Turkish heritage in history to have held this position and is currently the only Muslim in this role out of 100 Common Councilmen and 25 Alderman. She started her career in the City of London on the Planning and Transportation Committee, and Community and Children's Committee. She is now on the Streets and Walkways and Licensing Committees. She is also a Governor at the Royal Bridewell Hospital and the City of London School for Girls.

Emma Edhem, CC is also the first woman to have held the post of Chairman of the Turkish British Chamber of Commerce and Industry (TBCCI). She is the recipient of the 2016 UK Grassroot Diplomat Business Driver Award for outstanding politicians, having beaten the shortlisted 100 politicians and diplomats, for her leadership of the Turkish British Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The first female Chairman of the Turkish Chamber, she helped them become a driving force for business expansion, and has since been approached by other countries including Hungary to help raise their Chambers to functioning levels. She also founded The Young Entrepreneurs and Professionals Platform and the Young City Financiers Platform.

Emma Edhem, CC's legal practice spans International and Geopolitical Law including ICSID and ICC Arbitrations, Treaty Interpretations, Cross Border Commercial and Contractual Disputes, Corporate Disputes, Libel, Privacy, serious and complex Fraud, Money Laundering, Corruption arising out the collapse of Business Empires, Confiscation of Assets and Counter Terrorism. Emma is currently engaged in re-writing the UK policy on asset recovery approved by UK Central Government and to be adopted by the National Crime Agency upon completion. In the past Emma Edhem, CC has also been engaged in matters of Cyber Security and Murder cases (amongst many others) requiring complex analysis and cross examination of pioneering pathologists, neurologists, toxicologists, cyber experts and a variety of other experts in their fields. The detailed and tenacious challenge of such experts of their techniques and views in their own fields has been part and parcel of delivering the transferable skills many other lawyers in International Arbitrations and generally have never experienced. She has been a leader, or essentially, a front line lawyer for just over two decades and gathered a great deal of experience with it.

Emma Edhem, CC has enjoyed successes in cases hitting global interest. One instantly recognisable success was the case for the Republic of Turkey in the highly libelous case of the Prime Minister (now President) Erdogan by the Daily Telegraph.

Emma's International work stretches beyond the boundaries of Turkey. She also advises other Governments and State owned entities as well as corporations and wealthy individuals. She frequently represents and advises clients before disputes arise as a preventative measure, but also during disputes.

Her experience and successes have led her to be engaged by clients such as State Airline of Turkey Turkish Airlines, State Oil Company of Azerbaijan SOCAR, former Chairman of Northampton Football Club, U.S. Commerce Group Corp. and San Sebastian Gold Mines in

Latin America, Jagex Games Studios as appearing in Guinness World of Records, a former English Ambassador, Somalian TV UNIV TV, various Governments to name only a few. Emma Edhem, CC has also successfully appeared against an A Lister Hollywood Actress.

Emma Edhem, CC has appeared in the Court of Appeal on numerous occasions and has succeeded in being listed in the Law Reports of England and Wales paving the way for changes in UK Common Law.

Emma Edhem, CC is also on the Board of Directors of the British Azerbaijan Law Association, founder and on the Board of Director of the UK Hungarian Business Council, a Member of the Honourable Society of Grays Inn, an Ad Eundem Member of the Honourable Society of the Inner Temple, Freeman of the City of London and appears in the U.S. Who's Who Strathmore's as a leader in the field of law. She sits on the Scholarship Panel of the Honourable Society of the Inner Temple and has served on committees of the Bar Council of England and Wales, the Law Society and External Implementation Group of the Solicitor's Regulation Authority.

Emma Edhem, CC was appointed by the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies and the British Council to introduce senior Prosecutors and Judges from China and the U.S. to aspects of the Human Rights. She regularly oversees the training of senior Turkish Judges and Prosecutors visiting the UK on matters of English and International Law and Arbitration. She has been a guest speaker at a variety of Institutions, including Cambridge University, British American Chamber of Commerce, the Ankara Bar Council, Turkish British Chamber of Commerce and Industry amongst others. She delivered a speech on Renewal Energy and the impact of Regulatory Law on investors at the 16th Eurasian Economic Summit in the Republic of Turkey and has frequently delivered and chaired seminars at the House of Lords for organisations.

Her co-panelists over the years have included 14 World Presidents, Prime Ministers, Ministers, Ambassadors and other Diplomats, one Bishop, Royalty, and Chief Executives, Judges, Professors and Lawyers but to name a few.

The topics of speech have varied from International Law and Enforcement of foreign Judgments, International Arbitration, Corruption, Fraud and Human Rights but to name a few. Emma Edhem, CC is frequently called upon to deliver inspirational speeches by various institutions including those for the Evening Standard Newspaper with the wife of the UK then Deputy Prime Minister, Miriam Clegg.

Emma Edhem, CC's greatest strengths lie in fearless, tenacious, tactic, forensic dissection, creative and practical interpretation of law and fact, and strong advocacy.