

Mr. Murat Sumer
Bio-Note

Murat Sumer read Law at the Ankara University and has been admitted to the Bar as an Advocate in Turkey.

Mr. Sumer joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) as a Legal Adviser in 2008 and continued his career as a Career Diplomat. Throughout his career Mr. Sumer occupied the positions of Third Secretary, Second Secretary, First Secretary, Vice-Consul, Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassies in Republic of South Sudan, United Kingdom, Malta and North Macedonia. More recently, Mr. Sumer served as the Head of Maritime Section at the MFA. Mr. Sumer dealt with drafting of national maritime legislation, bilateral and multilateral maritime agreements and incorporation of IMO Conventions among others. Mr. Sumer also lectured diplomats from several countries in International Maritime Law.

Mr. Sumer has actively participated in IMO Assembly, Council and Committee meetings between 2013 and 2019. Mr. Sumer acted as an Alternate Permanent Representative to the IMO in London in 2013-2014. Mr. Sumer also attended numerous diplomatic conferences regarding international maritime affairs.

Mr. Sumer worked as an intern at Ankara Bar Association, Permanent Mission to the United Nations in Vienna and Permanent Mission to the Council of Europe in Strasbourg.

Mr. Sumer wrote a thesis regarding the case-law of the European Court of Human Rights during his first Masters Degree. In 2015, he obtained a second Master of Laws (LL.M.) Degree with Distinction from the International Maritime Organization (IMO) International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI).

Mr. Sumer speaks Turkish, English and Russian.