

Mehtap Cevher Conti

Partner
New York

Biography

Mehtap Cevher Conti concentrates her practice on asset finance, particularly in the aviation and transportation industries.

Her broad-based experience includes working with clients on secured debt, export credit agency supported transactions, revolving credit facilities, leveraged leases, operating leases, and portfolio acquisitions as well as asset-backed structured financings, securitizations for commercial and investment banks, insurance companies, financial institutions, aircraft operating lessors, and airlines. She also advises clients on the purchase and lease financing of corporate aircraft and helicopters.

Mehtap frequently handles finance transactions that involve multiple global jurisdictions. She is a native of Turkey and is fluent in Turkish.

Prior to joining the firm, Mehtap was in private practice, where she focused on global transportation finance. She has been recognized in *The Legal 500 US* for Finance: Asset Finance and Leasing.

Representative experience

Represented Pembroke Capital in connection with the sale and leaseback of six Airbus A321-200 aircraft for Delta Air Lines.



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Languages

English
Turkish

Practices

Asset Finance
Aviation Law
Trade and Export Finance
Transportation
Banking and Loan Finance

Industries

Aerospace and Defense
Financial Institutions

Represented Pembroke Capital in connection with the sale and leaseback of 10 Boeing 737-800 aircraft for Southwest Airlines.

Acted for an issuer in a few unsecured senior debt private placements.*

Acted for the issuer of Rule 144A bonds secured by an aircraft portfolio of about 70 aircraft.*

Advised a bank in connection with numerous senior term loans secured by aircraft and operating leases involving various airlines in varied jurisdictions.*

Advised a bank in connection with the mortgage financing of two aircraft for a major U.S. airline.*

Advised a bank in connection with the repossession of an aircraft and a dispute over return conditions.*

Advised a number of banks in connection with the restructuring of leveraged lease transactions during the bankruptcy proceedings of two U.S. airlines.*

Advised an export credit agency in connection with senior secured debt financing for an aircraft lessor.*

Advised borrowers in connection with two dozen export credit agency supported facilities, providing financing for more than 90 aircraft.*

Represented a bank in connection with the mortgage financing of two helicopters.*

Represented a bank in connection with the purchase and acquisition finance of a portfolio of about 15 aircraft.*

Represented an export credit agency in connection with the aircraft financing for an Australian airline.*

Represented an export credit agency in the financing of a railcar for a national rail company.*

Represented an insurance company in connection with the sale of a corporate aircraft.*

Transport & Logistics

Areas of focus

Aviation Finance

Distressed Asset Management, Refinancing, and Restructuring

Helicopter Financing

Private Equity and Venture Capital Funds

Education and admissions

Education

J.D., Boston College Law School, cum laude, 2002

B.A., Koç University, with honors, 1998

Memberships

Governing Committee Member, American Bar Association, Forum on Air & Space Law

Member, International Society of Transport Aircraft Traders (ISTAT)

Member, International Aviation Womens Association (IAWA)

Steering Committee Member, Advancing Women in Aviation Roundtable (AWAR)

Bar admissions and qualifications

Represented an operating lessor in connection with a letter of credit facility.*

New York

Massachusetts

Represented an operating lessor in connection with multiple different sale and leaseback transactions involving Chinese airlines.*

Represented an operating lessor in connection with numerous aircraft trades, novation of operating leases, and amendments to operating leases.*

Represented an operating lessor in connection with the purchase an acquisition finance of a portfolio of about 20 aircraft.*

Represented an operating lessor in connection with the transfer of a portfolio of about 130 aircraft on lease to numerous airlines in different jurisdictions.*

Represented an operating lessor in connection with two separate sale and leaseback transactions involving a major U.S. airline.*

Represented an operating lessor in the purchase and acquisition finance of a portfolio of about 100 aircraft.*

*Matter handled prior to joining Hogan Lovells.

Awards and rankings

- Aviation, *Euromoney's Expert Guides*, 2019
- Transport: Aviation/Air Travel Finance, *The Legal 500 US*, 2019

Latest thinking and events

- Awards and Rankings
 - Hogan Lovells partner Mehtap Cevher Conti honored by the Coalition of Women's Initiatives in Law
- Webinar
 - Distressed Aviation