

## 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 and by *Chambers & Partners* for Transportation: Aviation: Finance.

### 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

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### Practices

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

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### Industries

Aerospace and Defense  
Financial Institutions  
Transportation and Logistics

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

Represented a European airline in connection with the restructuring of its various credit facilities.

Represented a European bank in connection with a number of term loan facilities secured by corporate aircraft.

Advised NetJets in connection with its investment and lease arrangements with Amber Aviation.

Represented Wheels Up as aviation counsel in its acquisition of Alante Air Charter.

Represented Wheels Up as aviation counsel in its acquisition of Mountain Aviation.

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

## Areas of focus

Aviation Finance

Distressed Asset Management, Refinancing, and Restructuring

Helicopter Financing

Private Equity and Venture Capital Funds

Aviation Litigation

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## Education and admissions

### Education

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

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

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### 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)

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### Bar admissions and qualifications

New York

Massachusetts

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

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

\*Matter handled prior to joining Hogan Lovells.

## Awards and rankings

- Transportation: Aviation: Finance, *Chambers USA*, 2023
- Aviation, *Euromoney's Expert Guides*, 2019
- Transport: Aviation/Air Travel Finance, *The Legal 500 US*, 2019

## Latest thinking and events

- Sponsorships and Speaking Engagements
  - Airline Economics Growth Frontiers Dublin
- Sponsorships and Speaking Engagements
  - 2023 LSTA Annual Conference
- Insights and Analysis
  - Global airline restructurings and U.S. Chapter 11: The benchmark for comprehensive restructurings
- Sponsorships and Speaking Engagements
  - 2022 Fall American College of Investment Counsel (ACIC) Annual Meeting and Education Conference
- Awards & rankings
  - Hogan Lovells lawyers named in Euromoney's Women in Business Law Expert Guide 2022
- Awards & rankings
  - Hogan Lovells transaction named "Local Currency Deal of the Year" by Bonds & Loans Latin America & Caribbean