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Biography

Ceren Şen is Partner and Head of Banking, Finance and Capital Markets at Erdem & Erdem. With nearly 20 years of experience in banking, finance and capital markets practice, she has led landmark financings, LBOs, securitizations, IPOs, high yield bonds and structured finance transactions that shaped the Turkish market. She combines deep legal knowledge with practical market know-how, especially in handling cross-border and multi-layered security package-backed financing transactions.

Before joining Erdem & Erdem, Şen worked for the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) as Principal Counsel from 2022 to 2025, where she advised on project and corporate financings, securitizations including DPRs and synthetic securitizations, and direct equity investments across Türkiye and EBRD's regional operations. Earlier in her career, she was a partner at one of Türkiye's premier law firms and began her legal journey at the European Court of Human Rights.

Şen is dual-qualified in Paris and Istanbul and consistently ranked as a leading figure in Banking & Finance and Capital Markets by IFLR, Chambers Europe, and Legal 500. She delivers comprehensive legal solutions to global corporations, private equity firms, various investors, lenders and financial institutions.

Practice Areas

- Banking and Finance Law
- Project Finance
- Capital Markets
- Restructuring and Insolvency
- Corporate Advisory

Industries

- Agribusiness and Food
- Automotive
- Energy
- Construction and Infrastructure
- Financial Services
- Healthcare
- Heavy Industry
- Information Technologies
- Insurance
- Mining
- Port
- Real Estate
- Retail
- Sport
- Technology and Media
- Telecommunication
- Tourism
- Transportation and Logistics

Representative Matters

- **Project Finance:** Lender and sponsor-side advice in renewable energy project financings and infrastructure financings. Advising Turkish and international banks on the refinancing alternatives of the initial project financings through debt capital markets instruments.
- **Corporate Finance:** Lender and borrower-side advice in bilateral and multi-lateral corporate financings, accompanied by multi-layered security packages and ESG-linked covenants.
- **Structured Finance:** Advice to investors in synthetic securitisations and DPR note issuances; representation of international arrangers in setting up Turkey's first ever mortgage covered and SME loan covered bonds programmes for major Turkish banks.
- **Debt Capital Markets:** Representation of Turkish banks in setting up their Global MTN Programmes, as well as of Turkish issuers in their Eurobond and high yield issuances.
- **Syndicated lending:** Representation of international lenders in their syndicated lending to Turkish banks and top-tier corporates.

- **Mezzanine Finance:** Representation of international investors such as energy funds, investment banks and sovereign wealth funds in their debt and equity investments in Turkish companies.
- **Acquisition Finance:** Representation of Turkish private equity funds in the leveraged buyouts of Turkish companies.
- **Refinancing:** Representation of Turkish banks in the refinancing and rescheduling debt of major Turkish corporates and retail groups.

Education

- University of Strasbourg, Faculty of Law, LLM
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Memberships

- Istanbul Bar Association
- Paris Bar Association