

Hal Eren

Drawing on his reservoir of business, government, and legal experience, Mr. Eren's legal practice focuses on corporate transactions with a heavy emphasis on international banking, finance and investment matters; related dispute resolution; and economic sanctions. Mr. Eren advises and represents corporations, governments, and other clients on various aspects of financial, trade, and corporate matters, including cross-border mergers and acquisitions; and sovereign debt matters. He also advises and represents banks, financial services companies, and other clients on matters implicating economic sanctions, U.S. export controls, U.S. anti-money laundering laws, U.S. banking laws, U.S. foreign investment laws, and laws governing business integrity.

Given his years at the U.S. Treasury, Mr. Eren has particular expertise in dealing with the impact of U.S. economic sanctions and U.S. anti-money laundering laws on U.S. as well as non-U.S. banks and financial services companies, and advises such clients with respect to compliance and defends clients in enforcement actions.





With respect to dispute resolution, Mr. Eren also represents clients in court; before tribunals such as those constituted by the World Bank's ICSID dealing with the arbitration of international investor-state disputes; before the U.S. Treasury, State, and Commerce Departments; U.S. federal banking regulators; the New York State Banking Department; and other state banking regulators, and U.S. federal prosecutors.

From 2000 to 2002, Mr. Eren was a lawyer at the Washington, D.C. office of Clifford Chance, the world's largest global law firm, where he advised and represented clients, lawyers of the firm, and the firm itself on economic sanctions and other U.S. financial and international trade regulatory matters. From 1992 to 2000, Mr. Eren served at the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC), the agency of the U.S. Government responsible for administering U.S. economic sanctions. His last position at OFAC was as Senior Sanctions Advisor.

During his 7 ½ years at OFAC, by country, Libya, Yugoslavia, Iran and Cuba; and by subject matter, cases involving international payments/clearing, complex international financial and trade transactions/arrangements, international loan syndications, and large-amount frozen assets comprised the major portion of Mr. Eren's portfolio at Treasury. Notably, in this regard, Mr. Eren had prime responsibility at OFAC with respect to policy and decisions affecting the apportionment, amongst successor states, of the London Club debt of the former Yugoslavia. At OFAC, Mr. Eren participated in the formulation and drafting of Presidential Executive Orders, UN Resolutions, OFAC regulations and guidelines; formulated and authored legal interpretations, including interpretations involving jurisdiction. At OFAC, he also participated in the adjudication of cases involving exceptions to sanctions prohibitions and requirements (licensing), and in deliberations concerning enforcement cases and the imposition of penalties for sanctions violations.

Mr. Eren has more than 10 years of business and transactional experience gained in a variety of settings that he brings to bear to his practice of law. Prior to joining Treasury in 1992, Mr. Eren served as an executive of a real estate/infrastructure development company, as an executive of a U.S. bank, and in Madrid, Spain, as an executive of an international merchant bank concentrating on projects in Europe

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Practice Areas / Expertise

- Banking & Finance
- Corporate
- Economic Sanctions
- Anti-Money Laundering
- Litigation & Dispute Resolution

Admissions

- New York

and the Middle East.

Mr. Eren holds a J.D. from the American University's Washington College of Law, and a B.A. degree in economics, and a B.A. degree in government and politics from the University of Maryland. Mr. Eren is admitted to the bar in New York, Washington, D.C., and Maryland, and admitted to practice before several major U.S. courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court and the U.S. District Courts in the Southern District of New York and Washington, D.C. He is a member of the bar associations of the three jurisdictions in which he is admitted, the American Bar Association, a member of the ABA's Section of International Law and Practice, and the American Society of International Law. Mr. Eren speaks French, Spanish, and Turkish in addition to his native English.

○ Washington , D.C.

■ Maryland

Court Admissions

- State Courts of: New York, Maryland, Washington, D.C.
- Federal:
 - U.S. Supreme Court
 - U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York (SDNY)
 - U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia (DDC)
 - U.S. Court of International Trade

Education

- American University, J.D.
- University of Maryland, B.A. - Economics
- University of Maryland, B.A. - Government & Politics

Languages

- English (native)
- French
- Spanish
- Turkish

Professional Associations

- District of Columbia Bar Association
- New York State Bar Association
- Maryland Bar Association
- American Society of International Law
- American Bar Association
 - Section of International Law and Practice

Career

- Banking & Business (private sector), 1982 - 1992
- U.S. Treasury Department (OFAC), 1992 - 2000
- Clifford Chance, LLP, 2000 - 2002
- The Eren Law Firm, since 2002

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