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Biography

Rifat Cankat is a Managing Associate in Erdem & Erdem, and also a doctor of law, actively instructing courses in corporate law, negotiable instruments law or banking law at both undergraduate and master's levels. He has delivered lectures in Turkish, English, and French, and also possesses academic and professional proficiency in German as well.

A specialist in commercial law, with a particular focus on banking and finance law, Dr. Cankat's practice encompasses project and corporate finance, private equity investments, shareholder arrangements, corporate governance, and complex disputes arising out of such transactions.

Rifat Cankat graduated from Galatasaray University Faculty of Law as valedictorian, and has a master's degree from Marmara University, and a PhD from Galatasaray University. His master's thesis is titled "Option Rights in Limited Liability Companies," and his PhD thesis is titled "Related Party Transactions in Joint Stock Companies.

Practice Areas

- Banking and Finance
- Corporate Advisory
- Start-ups and Equity Investments
- Litigation
- Arbitration

Industries

- Financial Services
- Information Technologies

Representative Matters

Banking and Finance

- Advising a Turkish participation bank on the drafting of template agreements for financing transactions.
- Advising a Turkish bank on corporate banking law matters.

Corporate Advisory

- Advising various holding company on internal corporate reorganizations.
- Advising equity joint ventures on shareholders' agreements and financing structures.
- Advising on commercial law aspects of privatization projects.
- Advising on international agency and distribution agreements.

Litigation

- Representing shareholders in disputes across various industries.

Arbitration

- Representing clients in international commercial contract disputes.

Education

- Galatasaray University Institute of Social Sciences, PhD in Private Law (2021)
- Marmara University Institute of Social Sciences, Master's in Commercial Law (2017)
- Galatasaray University, Faculty of Law (2014)
- Istanbul High School

Memberships

- Istanbul Bar Association
- Istanbul High School Alumni Association
- Galatasaray University Alumni Association

Publications

- Rifat Cankat, **Related Party Transactions in Joint Stock Companies Law**, Istanbul 2022.
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- Murat Alışkan / Rifat Cankat, **Sequestration of Capital Receivables of a Limited Liability Company by a Creditor of the Company**, Chapter in Festschrift for Prof. Dr. Sabih Arkan, Istanbul 2019, pp. 129-178.
- Rifat Cankat, **Commercial Law Approach in Determination of the Applicable Law to Electronic Unfair Competition**, Bahçeşehir University Law Faculty Review, Y. 2020, Vol. 15, No. 185-186, pp. 81-106.

- Murat Alışkan / Rifat Cankat, **Guarantee Endorsement in Theory and Practice as Signing on the Reverse Side of the Bill Before the Payee's Endorsement**, Istanbul Kültür University Law Faculty Review, Y. 2017, Vol. 16, No. 2, pp. 29-54.
- Rifat Cankat, **Silent Partnership in German Commercial Code**, Marmara University Law Faculty Review of Legal Research, Y. 2016, Vol. 22, No. 3, pp. 673-710.
- Rifat Cankat, **Discussions on the Statutory Acquisition of Unlisted Registered Shares with Restricted Transferability**, Galatasaray University Law Faculty Review, Y. 2016, No. 1, pp. 179-198.