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Education

Tel Aviv University, Faculty of Law / L.L.M., *magna cum laude*

1998 - 2002, Israel

Dissertation: "The Status of International Agreements in European Community Law"

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Faculty of Law / L.L.B.

1993 - 1997, Israel

Professional Experience

Office of the Deputy Attorney General (International Law), Ministry of Justice, Israel

2001-2006 – Attorney Advisor

2006-2011 - Director (International Civil Affairs)

2011 - Present - Senior Director (International Law)

Head of the Public International Law Unit. Responsibilities include:

- Developing strategy and policy on core matters of public and private international law, including treaty law, customary international law, extraterritorial jurisdiction, choice of law, choice of court, and the incorporation of international law within the domestic legal system.
- Advising the government on international dispute resolution, including the conduct of international arbitration proceedings, inter-ministerial strategic coordination, dispute resolution clauses in major government contracts, and policy development.
- Advising the government on transnational litigation, including cross-border service, taking of evidence and enforcement of foreign judgments.
- Leading Israeli delegations in various bilateral and multilateral negotiations as well as in international forums, including the United Nations and the Hague Conference on Private International Law.

Key accomplishments:

Established and chaired the Ministry of Justice Roundtable on Private International Law, a cross-sectoral forum of government, academia, and private sector stakeholders to discuss developments in private international law, including HCCH-related initiatives.

Spearheaded comprehensive legislative reforms to enhance the domestic legal framework in matters pertaining to international commercial and private law, including through the implementation of key international instruments and standards such as the UNCITRAL Model Law on International Commercial Arbitration, the Singapore Convention on Mediation, and e-APP.

Led and oversaw strategic initiatives to develop new international legal tools, such as Israel's initiative to develop the UNCITRAL Model Clauses on Specialized Express Dispute Resolution (SPEDR) and Israel's engagement in international initiatives, such as the HCCH Jurisdiction Project.

Led the revision of Attorney General's guidelines on International Law, a cross-government project to modernize internal legal guidance on public and private international law, including guidelines on the conclusion of international agreements and the participation in international organizations, and on governing law and dispute resolution clauses in government procurement contracts.

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Experience

Vice-Chair of the Council on General Affairs and Policy (CGAP)

2022 – Present

Head of Israeli Delegation to the Council on General Affairs and Policy (CGAP)

2015 – Present

National Coordinator for Israel

2015 – Present

Participation in multiple HCCH Special Commissions, Working and Experts' Groups and other meetings since 2014 as Head/Member of the Israeli delegation, including:

- 22nd Diplomatic Session for the Adoption of the Judgments Convention (2019)
- Special Commissions on the Judgements Project (2018), Apostille and e-APP Forum (2016, 2021), Service, Evidence and Access to Justice (2014)
- Working Group on Jurisdiction (2021-Present), Experts' Group on the e-APP and New Technologies (2021), Experts' Group on Jurisdiction (2020 – 2021)
- Informal meetings – HCCH brainstorming (2018, 2022), Judgements (2018, 2019)

Additional

Experience

Head of the Israeli delegation to UNCITRAL Working Group V on insolvency

in charge of developing policies and positions in respect of questions relating to applicable law in cross-border insolvency proceedings.

Guest lecturer in various international and domestic forums -

professional, academic, and governmental - on public and private international law topics.