

Aharon Barak

Curriculum Vitae

- 1936 - Born in Kaunas, Lithuania.

- 1947- Immigrated to Israel.

- 1958 - Completed studies at the School of Law, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Received a Master's Degree in Law. Simultaneously studied in the Department of Economics and in the Department of International Relations, at the Kaplan School.

- 1958-
- 1960 - Served in the Israeli Defense Forces, in the office of the Economic Adviser to the Chief of Staff, and the office of the Head of the Budget Department of the Ministry of Defense.

- 1960-
- 1963- Teaching Assistant at the School of Law, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem (jurisprudence, contracts and torts). Simultaneously completed articles and qualified as a lawyer.

- 1963- Received a Doctorate in Law (with honors) from The Hebrew University of Jerusalem (thesis on Vicarious Liability and Master's Benefit). Appointed Lecturer at the School of Law, The Hebrew University, Jerusalem.

- 1966-
- 1967 - Year of research at Harvard Law School.

- 1968 - Appointed Associate Professor at the School of Law, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, holding Chair for Commercial Law named for Professor Augusto Levi.

- 1970-
- 1972 - At invitation of United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL), participated in the preparation of an international treaty on bills of exchange. Simultaneously taught at New York University School of Law (negotiable instruments).

- 1972 - Appointed Full Professor at the School of Law, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem (commercial and corporate law).

- 1974 - Appointed Dean of the School of Law, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

- 1975-
- 1978 - Served as Attorney General of the State of Israel.

- 1976 - Member of the Israeli National Academy of Sciences.
- 1978 - Appointed Justice of the Supreme Court of Israel.
- 1978 -
- 1994 - Adjunct Professor at the School of Law, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Chairman of various public commissions, including the Public Commission for the New Law on Government Corporations, for Credit Cards, for the Law of Corporations, and for the Codification of Civil Law. Visiting Professor at the Law Schools of Harvard, Yale and Michigan.
- 1993 - Appointed Deputy President of the Supreme Court of Israel.
- 1995- Appointed President to the Supreme Court of Israel.
- 2006 – Retired from the Supreme Court of Israel (September 16th).
- 2007 - Joined the faculty at the Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya.

Prizes and Honorary Degrees

- 1973 - The Kaplan Prize from The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, for excellence in science and research.
- 1975 - The Israel Prize in legal sciences.
- 1983 - Honorary Doctorate from Temple University.
- 1987 - Chosen as Foreign Honorary Member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.
- 1989 - Honorary Doctorate form the Weizmann Institute of Science.
- 1992 - Honorary Doctorate from Haifa University.
- 1998 - Honorary Doctorate from The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
- 1999 - Honorary Doctor of Laws, University of Michigan (May 1st).
 Honorary Doctor of Laws, Yale University (May 24th).
 Honorary Degree, University of Oxford (June 23rd).
 “International Justice in the World” prize, granted by the International Association of Judges (May 14th)

- 2000 - Honorary Degree, University of Bologna (May 18th)
 Honorary Degree, Tel-Aviv University (May 21st)
 Honorary Doctor of Laws, York University (June 16th)
 Honorary Doctor of Laws, University at Albany, State University of
 New York
- 2001 - Honorary Doctor of Laws, University of Hartford (October)
- 2002 - Honorary Doctor of Laws, University "Tor Vergata", Rome (October)
- 2003 - Honorary Doctor of Laws, Brandeis University (May 18th)
- 2005 - Doctor Honoris Causa from University of Toronto (June 17th)
- 2006 - Doctor Honoris Causa from Ben-Gurion University of the Negev,
 Israel (May 30th)
- 2006 – The Justice Prize, Peter Gruber Foundation (September 21st)
- 2006 – Doctor Honoris Causa from Hebrew Union College (November 10th)
- 2010 - Honorary Doctorate from Bar-Ilan University (May 11th)

Professor Barak lives in Tel-Aviv with his wife Elisheva, former Vice-President of the National Labor Court of Israel. They are the parents of four children, all trained in the law.

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C.V. Synopsis

Aharon Barak was born in Kaunus, Lithuania and immigrated to Israel in 1947. He studied Law at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem where, after completing a term of service in the Israeli Defense Forces, he received his Doctorate in Law in 1963. Thereafter, President Barak continued his relationship with The Hebrew University, serving as a Lecturer, Professor, and Dean of the Law School.

In 1978 he was appointed Justice of the Supreme Court of Israel, where he served in the capacity as President from August 1995 until his retirement in September 2006. All these years he remained active in academia through his ongoing teaching relationship with The Hebrew University and Yale University in the United States. Since 2007 academic year, Prof. Barak is a faculty member at the Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya.

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