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Professor of Corporate Law
University of Oxford, Faculty of Law

Professor of Corporate Law, Jan. 2026 – Present
FACULTY OF LAW, OXFORD UNIVERSITY

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JESUS COLLEGE, OXFORD UNIVERSITY

Research Associate, 2009 – Present
EUROPEAN CORPORATE GOVERNANCE INSTITUTE

VISITS AND PRIOR ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Visiting Professor, Fall 2023
COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL

Visiting Professor, Spring 2022
HARVARD LAW SCHOOL

Visiting Professor, Fall 2018
COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL

Professor of Law; Professor (Courtesy), Coller School of Management, 2017 - 2025
Director, Fischer Center for Corporate Governance and Financial Regulation
Associate Dean, Research & Development
TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY

Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz Professor of Corporate Law, 2007 – 2017
HEBREW UNIVERSITY, JERUSALEM

Visiting Professor, Fall 2017
UNIVERSITY OF BERKELEY LAW SCHOOL

Visiting Professor, Fall 2016
COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL

Visiting Professor, Fall 2015
HARVARD LAW SCHOOL

Visiting Professor, Fall 2011
UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL

Visiting Professor, Fall 2007
UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA LAW SCHOOL

Assistant Professor, 2004-2007
BAR ILAN UNIVERSITY, ISRAEL

PUBLICATIONS: INTERNATIONAL

- “*Optimal Defaults for Corporate Law Evolution*,” 96 NW. U. L. REV. 489-519 (2002) (with Lucian Bebchuk)
- “*Vigorous Race or Leisurely Walk: Reconsidering the Debate on State Competition over Corporate Charters*,” 112 YALE L. J. 553-615 (2002) (with Lucian Bebchuk)
- “*Who’s Liable for Cyberwrongs?*” 87 CORNELL L. REV. 901 - 957 (2002)
- “*Gatekeeper Liability*,” 77 S. CAL. L. REV. 53 (2003)
- “*Optimal Liability for Libel*,” CONTRIBUTIONS TO ECONOMIC ANALYSIS & POLICY, Vol. 2(1), Article 6 (2003) (with Oren Bar-Gill)
- “*The Class Defense*,” 93 CAL. L. REV. 685-741 (2005) (with Alon Klement)
- “*Federal Corporate Law: Lessons from History*,” 106 COLUM. L. REV. 1793–1838 (2006) (with Lucian Bebchuk)
- “*Mens Rea and the Cost of Ignorance*,” 93 VA. L. REV. 415-457 (2007)
- “*Rewarding Outside Directors*,” 105 MICH. L. REV. 1677-1711(2007) (with Reinier Kraakman)
- “*The Elusive Quest for Global Governance Standards*”, 157 U. PA. L. REV. 1263-1317 (2009) (with Lucian Bebchuk)
- “*Corporate Crime and Deterrence*,” 61 STAN. L. REV. 271 (2009) (with Alon Klement)
- “*Hidden Government Influence over Privatized Banks*,” 13 TH. INQ. L. 567 (2012) (with Ehud Kamar)
- “*Institutional Investors as Minority Shareholders*,” 17 REV. FIN. 691 (2013) (with Yishay Yafeh)

- *"Corporate Control and Idiosyncratic Vision,"* 125 YALE L.J. 560 (2016) (with Zohar Goshen)
- *"Independent Directors and Controlling Shareholders"*, 165 U. PA. L. Rev. 1271 (2017) (with Lucian Bebchuk)
- *"Incentive Fees and Competition in Pension Funds: Evidence from a Regulatory Experiment"*, 2 J. LAW FIN. & ACCT. 49-86 (2017) (with Eugene Kandel, Yishay Yafeh & Yevgeny Mugerman)
- *"Majority Control and Minority Protection,"* in THE OXFORD HANDBOOK FOR CORPORATE LAW AND GOVERNANCE (JEFFREY GORDON & WOLF-GEORG RINGE EDS., 2018) (with Zohar Goshen)
- *"Technological Progress and the Future of the Corporation"* 6 J. BRITISH ACADEMY 215 (2018) (with Niron Hashai, Eugene Kandel & Yishay Yafeh)
- *"The Future of Shareholder Activism,"* 99 BOSTON UNIVERSITY L. REV. 971 (2019) (with Sharon Hannes).
- *"The New Titans of Wall Street: A Theoretical Framework for Passive Investors,"* 168 U. Pa. L. Rev. 17 (2019) (with Jill E. Fisch & Steven Davidoff Solomon).
- *"Corporate Control and the Limits of Judicial Review"* 120 COLUM. L. REV. 941 (2020) (with Zohar Goshen).
- *"Institutional Investors, Activist Funds and Ownership Structure"*, RESEARCH HANDBOOK ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE 368 (AFRA AFRASHIPOUR & MARTIN GELTER, EDS., 2021) (With Sharon Hannes)
- *Regulatory Measures to Dismantle Pyramidal Business Groups: Evidence from the United States, Japan, Korea and Israel*, 6 J. LAW. FIN. & ACCT. 221 (2021) (with Konstantin Kosenko & Yishay Yafeh)
- *Superstar CEOs* (with Kobi Kastiel), 100 WASH. U. L. REV. 1353 (2023)
- *Conditional Control: The Consequences of Expanding Creditors' Right to Initiate Bankruptcy*, J. LAW & ECON. (forthcoming 2025) (with Yevgeny Mugerman, Ruth Rose, Nadav Steinberg & Yishay Yafeh)

- *Fixing MFW: Fairness and Vision in Controller Self-Dealing*, 15 HARV. BUS. L. REV. 877 (2025) (with Zohar Goshen & Dorothy Lund)
- *Will Systematic Stewardship Save the Planet?*, 70 VILL. L. REV. 467 (2025) (with Zohar Goshen)
- *Poor ESG: Regressive Effects of Climate Stewardship*, B.Y. L. REV. (forthcoming 2026) (with Zohar Goshen & Alex Raskolnikov)
- *Courts, Legislation, and Delaware Corporate Law*, J. CORP. LAW (forthcoming 2026) (with Kobi Kastiel)

PUBLICATIONS: ISRAELI LAW AND CAPITAL MARKETS

- *"Mergers and Going Private Tender Offers in the Aftermath of Amend. No. 3 to the Companies Law"* 2/3 CORPORATIONS 110 (2005)
- *"Gatekeeper Liability and Capital Markets"* 6 LAW & BUSINESS 1 (2006)
- *"Liability for Securities Fraud"*, 2/6 9/4 CORPORATIONS 33 (2005)
- *"Shareholder Vote and Share Issuance: A Critical Review"* 6 KYIRIAT HAMISHPAT 149 (2006) (with David Hahn)
- *"The Limits of Corporate Criminal Liability for Controller's Misconduct"* 3/3 CORPORATIONS 110 (2006)
- *"Independent Legal Significance: Structuring M&A Transactions under Israeli Law,"* 8 LAW & BUSINESS 401-438 (2008) (with Sharon Hannes)
- *"Taxing Corporate Distributions,"* 8 LAW & BUSINESS 215 (2008) (with Tsilly Dagan)
- *"Entire Fairness, Controlling Shareholders, and Boards"* 9 LAW & BUSINESS 75 (2008) (with Sharon Hannes)
- *"Self-Dealing and Corporate Liability for Securities Fraud"* 23 LAW STUDIES 769 (2008)
- *"Class Defense and Restitution,"* 38 MISHPATIM 445 (2009) (with Alon Klement)
- *"Going Private Tender Offer: Appraisal and Controllers' Informational Advantage"* 6/3 CORPORATIONS 56 (2009) (with Hadas Aharoni-Barak)

- CONCENTRATED OWNERSHIP IN ISRAEL: LEGAL IMPLICATIONS (Israel Democracy Institute No. 78, 2009)
- *"The Global Financial Crisis and Israel: Tentative Lessons"* 40 MISHPATIM 309 (2011)
- *"The Kital Decision: Burden of Proof in Going-Private Tender Offers"* 9/4 CORPORATIONS 17 (2012) (with Hadas Aharoni-Barak)
- *"Bond Workouts in Israel"* 20 LAW & BUSINESS 247 (2017) (with Joseph Kalmanovitz)
- *"Entire Fairness 2.0,"* 47 MISHPATIM 761 (2018) (with Sharon Hannes)
- *"Reservation Prices in Shareholders' Response to Freeze-out Tender Offers"* 64 J. INT. FIN. MARKETS, INSTITUTIONS AND MONEY 101160 (2020) (with Benni Lautrebach & Yevgeny Mugerman).
- *"Structural Bias and Derivative Lawsuits in Israel,"* HAMISHPAT 211 (2020) (with Ruth Ronnen)
- *"Diffused Ownership, Control and Director Appointments by Institutional Investors in Israel,"* 26 HAMISHPAT 265 (2020) (with Kobi Kastiel)
- *"Derivative Lawsuits in Israel,"* 24 LAW AND BUSINESS 799 (2021) (with Kobi Kastiel)
- *"Exculpatory Charter Provisions,"* 24 LAW AND BUSINESS 897 (2021) (with Sharon Hannes)
- AI IN THE FINANCIAL SECTOR (Report to Israel's Department of Justice; 2023) (with Ari Achiaz, Dan Amram & Kobi Kastiel)

PUBLIC SERVICE

Chair, Committee on Institutional Investors and Capital Markets, 2006-2007
 MINISTRY OF FINANCE, ISRAEL

Commissioner, July 2008 – August 2009
 ISRAEL SECURITIES AUTHORITY (ISA)

Academic Advisor, Committee on Institutional Investors' Investment in Bonds, 2009- 2010
 MINISTRY OF FINANCE, ISRAEL

Member, Banking Affairs Advisory Committee, 2013- 2014
 BANK OF ISRAEL

Member, Advisory Board, National Economic Council, 2012 - 2016
PRIME MINISTER OFFICE, ISRAEL

Member, Committee on Indirect Fees by Pension Funds, 2020 – 2021
MINISTRY OF FINANCE, ISRAEL

Academic Advisor, Inter-agency Taskforce on AI and Financial Regulation, 2023 – 2024
MINISTRY OF FINANCE, ISRAEL

Member, Committee on Corporate Governance of Government-Owned Hospitals, 2024 – Present
MINISTRY OF HEALTH, ISRAEL

Chair. Committee on Modernizing Securities Disclosure Requirements, 2025-2026
ISRAEL SECURITIES AUTHORITY

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

- Fulbright Fellowship, 1998-2000
- Byse Fellowship, Harvard Law School, 2001
- Alon Fellowship for Young Scientist, Israel, 2005-2007
- Handler Foundation Grant 2008
- Israel Science Foundation Grant for 2008-2010 (with Yishay Yafeh)
- Birk Prize for distinguished research in the field of law, 2009
- Zeltner Prize for Young Legal Scholar, 2010
- Heshin Prize for Young Legal Scholar, 2011
- *Member, I-Core Empirical Legal Studies Research Center, 2013 - 2018*
- Israel Science Foundation Grant for 2013-2015 (with Eugene Kandel & Yishay Yafeh)
- Israel Science Foundation Grant for 2020-2023 (with Tsilly Dagan)

EDUCATION

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, *S.J.D.* 2003, *LL.M.* (waived) 1999

HEBREW UNIVERSITY, JERUSALEM, *LL.B.*, *summa cum laude*, 1995

LEGAL PRACTICE

Corporate and Tax Associate, 2001-2003
GOODWIN PROCTER, LLP, BOSTON, MA

Legal Advisor (Rank: Captain), 1995-1998
MILITARY ADVOCATE GENERAL CORP., IDF