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A conference co-presented by the IBA Technology Law Committee
and the Israel Bar Association

The Globalisation of Knowledge Based Industries

Legal tools for funding and structuring export driven technology companies

9-11 February 2011
The Hilton, Tel-Aviv, Israel

Topics include:

- Venture capital and private equity financing
- Key legal issues in knowledge based joint venture and licence transactions
- Exports controls, trade regulations and chief scientist issues
- Tax, foreign investment and antitrust issues
- Mergers and acquisitions of life science and technology companies
- Intellectual property protection and privacy strategies

Who should attend?

Corporate counsel and private practitioners with an interest in sciences,
technology, financing and regulation of these sectors.

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Programme

Conference Co-Chairs

Eytan Epstein *Epstein Chomsky Osnat & Co, Tel Aviv; IBA Council Member, Members Organisation*
Harry Rubin *Ropes & Gray LLP, New York; Co-Chair, IBA Technology Committee*

Wednesday 9 February

1930 – 2000 Pre-conference registration

2000 **Welcome reception and buffet dinner**
Hilton, Tel Aviv

Speakers

Yori Geiron *President of the Israel Bar Association, Tel Aviv*
Benjamin Ben-Eliezer *Minister of Industry, Trade and Labour, Jerusalem*

This reception is open to all delegates and registered guests

Thursday 10 February

0815 – 1700 Registration

0845 – 1030 Session one

Venture capital and private equity financing

The panel will analyse the most recent trends in private equity (PE) and venture capital (VC) financing of established and emerging technology companies including prevalent financial terms structures, legal tools and risk allocation. Key negotiation techniques of VC and PE financing for knowledge based companies will be explored in an interactive format. Recent data in North America, Europe and Israel for such deals will be discussed.

Session Chair

Hendrik Haag *Hengeler Mueller, Frankfurt am Main; Chair, IBA Legal Practice Division*

Speakers

Eldar Ben-Ruby *Herzog Fox & Neeman, Tel Aviv*
David Efrat *Efrati Galili & Co, Tel Aviv*
Jeremy Glaser *Mintz Levin, San Diego*
Thomas Heymann *Heymann & Partner Rechtsanwälte, Frankfurt am Main; Outreach Enabling Technology Officer, IBA Technology Law Committee*
Chris Owen *Manches LLP, London*

1030 – 1100 Coffee/tea break

1100 – 1230 Session two

Key legal issues in knowledge based joint venture and licence transactions

Licence and joint venture transactions are essential commercialisation devices for knowledge-based companies. This session will highlight the salient legal and business issues of those arrangements. There will be a mock negotiation of a technology joint venture agreement incorporating complex licence elements.

Session Chair

Harry Rubin

Speakers

Gil Granot *Yeda Technologies – Weizman Institute, Rehovot, Tel Aviv*
Yuval Horn *Horn & Co, Tel Aviv*
Peter Leonard *Gilbert & Tobin, Sydney*
Vagn Thorup *Kromann Reumert, Copenhagen; Co-Chair, IBA Technology Law Committee*
Bart Van Reeken *De Brauw Blackstone, Amsterdam; Membership Officer, IBA Technology Law Committee*
Dr Florian von Baum *M Law Group, Munich*

1230 – 1400 Lunch

Keynote speaker

Ronnie Bar-On *Member of the Knesset, Tel Aviv*

1400 – 1500 Session three

Exports controls, trade regulations and chief scientist issues

This session will highlight the technology export control and other trade regulation regimes of salient jurisdictions including the US, Israel and key European countries as they pertain to the exploitation of technology. The restrictions and implications of companies financed by the Israel Chief Scientist will then be explored in depth, together with techniques available to minimise the commercial impact of any restrictions imposed by the Chief Scientist.

Session Chair

Eytan Epstein

Speakers

Dr Eli Oper *Chief Scientist of Israel, Ministry of Trade & Industry, Jerusalem*
John J Smith *Hogan Lovells LLP, Washington DC*
Hezi Zeig *Head of Israel Investments Center, Ministry of Trade & Industry, Jerusalem*

1500 – 1520 Coffee/tea break

Friday 11 February

1520 – 1650 **Session four**

Tax, foreign investment and antitrust issues

The panel will elucidate the tax implications of technology transactions, including licence, revenues, royalties, M&A and joint venture deals. The important applicable competition law issues of such transactions will be examined under European, US and Israeli law.

Session Chair

Omri Yaniv *PriceWaterhouseCoopers, Kesselman & Kesselman, Tel Aviv*

Speakers

Mark Gidley *White & Case LLP, Washington DC*

Jeroen Janssen *Loyens & Loeff NV, Amsterdam*

Ding Fa 'David' Liu *Jun He Law Offices, Shanghai*

Peter Maher *A&L Goodbody, Dublin*

Mazor Matzkevich *Epstein Chomsky & Osnat Co, Tel Aviv*

1715 **Excursion and conference dinner**

There will be coach transportation provided to take guests to the Yitzhak Rabin Center and Museum. The Center presents the history and development of the State of Israel, Israeli society, and the biography of Yitzhak Rabin. The museum exhibits focus on historical turning points in the country's development, presenting the conflicts, social challenges and dilemmas the country faced at that time. Interwoven with the exhibits' narratives is the story of the life of Yitzhak Rabin, the connecting thread in the country's history. A special welcome to the IBA guests will be presented by Yitzhak Rabin's daughter, Dalia Rabin.

After learning about Rabin's life work in the museum, guests will be taken to the square in Tel Aviv, in which he was murdered in 1995. This will be followed with a guide of Rothschild Avenue; its Bauhaus architecture is what makes Tel Aviv what it is today.

Guests will then be taken to the 'White City', and onto Neve Tzedek – the first Jewish community to be built outside of the walls of the ancient port of Jaffa. The tour will end in old Jaffa where guests are invited to dine at Le Relais Jaffa. A luxurious French restaurant that was opened in 1989, and has since become highly renowned for its unique combination of a rich gourmet menu and elegant atmosphere. The restaurant is located in an impressive building, which dates back to the days of the British Mandate, and features ornate high ceilings and beautiful Moroccan furniture.

Keynote speaker

Shraga Brosh *President, Manufacturers Association of Israel, Tel Aviv*

For rest of the world participants, the excursion and dinner are included in the registration fee. Israeli participants will need to indicate on the registration form if they wish to purchase a ticket.

0830 – 1230 **Registration**

0900 – 1030 **Session five**

Mergers and acquisitions of life science and technology companies

Mergers and Acquisitions have become both a preferred exit path for technology and life science companies, as well as key strategic methods for reaching foreign markets and product development. This session will discuss recent examples and structures of prominent M&A transactions in the life science and technology sectors and highlight key legal and structuring techniques.

Session Chair

Barry Levenfeld *Yigal Arnon & Co, Jerusalem*

Speakers

Frank Miller *Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP, London*

Frederic Ichay *Ichay & Mullenex Advocats, Paris*

Jay Lefton *Ogilvy Renault LLP, Toronto*

Marco Dalla Vedova *Dalla Vedova Studio Legale, Rome;*

Senior Vice-Chair, IBA Technology Law Committee

Gerhard Wegen *Gleiss Lutz, Stuttgart*

1030 – 1100 **Coffee/tea break**

1100 – 1230 **Session six**

Intellectual property protection and privacy strategies

The conference will conclude with an important analysis of the methods available for the protection and consolidation of IP assets. The speakers will develop a comprehensive approach for analysing, protecting and enforcing intellectual property assets of technology and life science companies in a cost effective manner. Current data protection and privacy matters will be elucidated.

Session Chair

Trevor Cook *Bird & Bird LLP, London*

Speakers

Ann Fishmann *General Counsel, 1450 Inc, Palm Beach*

Alexandra Neri *Herbert Smith LLP, Paris; Chair, Licensing Intellectual Property, and International Treaties Subcommittee, of the IBA Intellectual Property and Entertainment Law Committee*

Saar Pliner *Saar Pliner & Co, Tel Aviv*

Ronald Zink *Microsoft, Paris*

Information

Date

9–11 February 2011

Venue

Hilton Tel Aviv
Independence Park
Tel Aviv
Israel 63405
Tel: +972 (3) 520 2222
Fax: +972 (3) 527 2711

Language

All working sessions and conference materials will be in English.

How to register

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Fees

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	on or before 7 January	after 7 January
Israeli participants	US\$150	US\$180
Excursion	US\$40	US\$40
Conference dinner	US\$115	US\$115

Fees include:

- Attendance at all working sessions
- Conference materials, including any available speakers' papers submitted to the IBA before 7 January
- Access to the above conference working materials from the IBA website (www.ibanet.org) approximately seven days prior to the conference
- Lunch on 10 February
- Tea and coffee during breaks
- Welcome reception and buffet dinner on 9 February

Rest of the world participants

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- Excursion and conference dinner on 10 February

Guests

Registration forms and fees received:

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- Welcome reception and buffet dinner on 9 February
- Excursion and conference dinner on 10 February

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A limited number of rooms have been reserved at the Hilton Tel Aviv for the nights of 9-12 February inclusive.

Hilton Tel Aviv
Independence Park
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Social functions

Wednesday 9 November

Welcome reception

I would like to attend the welcome reception

Thursday 10 November – ISRAELI PARTICIPANTS ONLY

Excursion Number of tickets x _____ @ US\$40 US\$

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Technology Law Committee overview

The Technology Law Committee of the International Bar Association brings together lawyers practising aspects of the law particularly relevant to modern technologies. They have in common that they deal with developing bodies of law coming to grips with the new questions posed by new technologies. The mandate of the Technology Law Committee is broad and includes virtually any kind of technology.

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About the Israel Bar Association

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ISRAEL BAR ASSOCIATION

The Israel Bar Association was established in 1961 as an autonomous statutory entity, under the Bar Association Law 1961, with the goal to incorporate the lawyers in Israel and to assure the standards and integrity of the legal profession. The Bar Association is a corporate body, and is subject to inspection by the State Comptroller. Membership is mandatory and is a pre-requisite to practicing law in Israel.

Number of members

In 1996 the Israel Bar had only approximately 17,000 advocates registered as members. As of August 2010, it has 45,833 advocates registered as members. As such, the ratio of lawyers to the general population in Israel is among the highest in the world.

Statutory functions

The functions of the Israel Bar are stipulated by law and include:

- **To register, supervise and hold examinations for legal interns;**

A person is competent to be a lawyer in Israel if he attained a recognised academic degree in law, served the statutory legal internship period (presently one year) and passed the Bar examinations.

- **To license new lawyers and to issue licences to practice law in Israel;**

The Bar has the authority not to admit to its ranks anyone who has been convicted of an offense involving moral turpitude, or if certain facts are revealed while providing a basis to deem the candidate as an unfit lawyer. Such decision is also subject to scrutiny by the Supreme Court.

- **To take disciplinary measures against lawyers and legal interns;**

The Law obligates the Israel Bar to maintain an internal disciplinary system. The disciplinary system is made up of a National Disciplinary Tribunal and five District Disciplinary Tribunals; Complaints against lawyers are brought before the District Ethics Committees (DEC), which then decide whether to submit charges. The Attorney-General and Prosecutor-General are also authorised to submit charges against lawyers. The National Disciplinary Tribunal (NDT) serves as appeals instance for decisions of the DDTs. Appeals of decisions of the National Disciplinary Tribunals may be lodged, in certain cases, with the Supreme Court of the State of Israel. Judges in the disciplinary tribunals are members of the Bar who are elected to these positions, and they serve on a voluntary basis.

- **To provide legal assistance to deprived persons;**

At the end of April 2002, the Central Committee approved a Pro-Bono programme ('Schar Mitzvah') establishing a legal aid system to needy individuals who cannot afford to pay for legal services. The programme's objective is to increase accessibility to the legal system, and to defend the rights of those who do not have the means to hire professional legal services. To this date, the number of volunteering advocates exceeds 2,000.

The ethical duties and rules applicable to lawyers and legal interns are stipulated by the Bar Association Law and the bylaws enacted by the National Council. These ethical duties include the duty to act loyally for the benefit of the clients' interest, attorney-client privilege, the duty to uphold the honour of the profession, the duty to assist the court to carry out justice, the duty to refrain from soliciting clients etc.

- **To express its opinion on draft bills concerning courts and legal proceedings;**

The Israel Bar plays an active role in the legislation process and receives from the Knesset (the Legislative Branch of the State of Israel) all legislative bills. These are examined by special professional committees who then voice an opinion before the professional committees of the Knesset.

The Israel Bar also maintains an in-house professional lobbyist, who voices and promotes the opinions of the Bar to Knesset members.

- **To protect the professional interests of members of the Bar;**

Only a lawyer who is a member of the Israel Bar has the right to perform professional legal services, such as preparing documents of a legal nature for other persons, and providing legal consultation, as well as representing people before State authorities and in the courts (subject to reservations set forth in the Bar Association Law).

The Bar maintains a 'Profession-Defense Committee' (PDC) that examines complaints regarding acts by non-authorised legal or other professionals, or organisations encroaching upon the legal profession.

- **To carry out activities for the benefit of members of the Bar;**

These benefits include reduced annual membership fees; assistance fund (insurance, pension etc), consumer club, social activities and more. The Israel Bar has also created a Job Placement Office that operates within the framework of the Bar.

- **To initiate and participate in activities and operations of legal research, as well as to engage in publishing legal literature;**

- **To serve as arbitrator and to appoint arbitrators.**

The Israel Bar and the Courts

The Israel Bar conducts an ongoing substantive dialogue with the Courts Administration and holds many meetings with judges and lawyers in order to examine any widespread co-operations between lawyers and the Courts Administration.

The Bar and the Supreme Court have a joint team that examines matters pertaining to Supreme Court proceedings. The Bar is involved in all the courts' activities, such as formulating civil procedure rules, planning the courts' future computer system and planning new courts.

The Bar further plays a central role in the process of selecting judges and in strengthening the courts status.

The Israel Bar and the Society

In addition to the Pro-Bono programme mentioned above, the Israel Bar takes unambiguous stands on basic principles of law, such as protecting the Rule of Law – for example, by opposing to initiatives to limit the powers of the Supreme Court; as well as defending basic human rights – for example by operating Detention and Imprisonment Supervision Teams (DST and IST). The Bar also sustains projects to fight violence in society and in schools.

International relations

The International Relations of the Israel Bar are coordinated by specific International Relations teams. Each team is dedicated to a state or an international organisation.

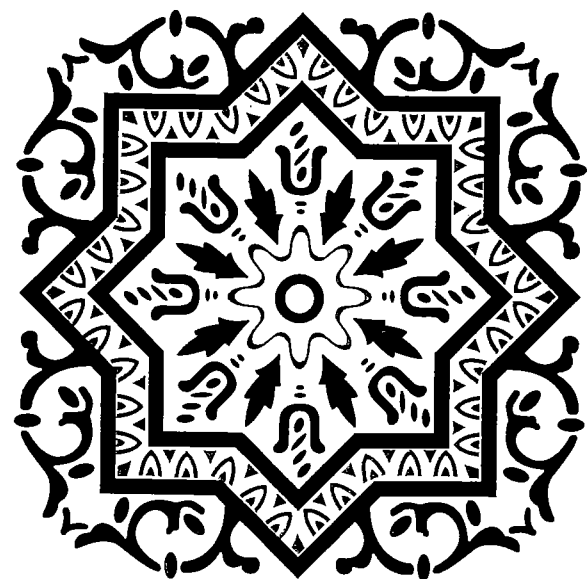
The Israel Bar maintains good relations with the largest international advocates' organisations, as well as with bar associations throughout the world, with some of which it has signed friendship agreements.

The Bar's representatives, including the President of the Bar and the Chair of the International Relations Forum, participate in many conventions of various bar associations and international organisations. Meetings between members of the Bars committees and representatives of foreign and international bodies are held continually.

The peak of these meetings is the Annual Conference in Eilat, incorporating each spring fascinating professional sessions on a wide range of legal and social issues, ceremonial events, and a range of social activities. The Meeting has become an important forum for legal discourse in Israel.

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