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#### Line of Business

Law Firm

**Established 1938**

**GORNITZKY & CO.**  
Advocates and Notaries

**Established in 1938, Gornitzky & Co. is recognized amongst Israel's legal and business community as one of the country's leading, most respected and most prestigious law Firms. During its history, Gornitzky & Co. has been actively involved in many of the largest and most complex transactions in the Israeli economy and has had a substantial role in Israel's legal economic and commercial development.**



The Firm has consistently received the highest rankings and recommendations in leading international legal guides, including Legal 500, European Legal Yearbook, Chambers & Partners and PLC, in each of the legal disciplines in which it is active. Gornitzky & Co. is known for its excellent professional reputation and extensive experience in all areas of corporate and commercial law as well as the multi-disciplinary approach of its legal team, which is based upon its "one-stop-shop" approach at the highest level. The various legal disciplines in which the Firm operates include banking & finance, mergers & acquisitions, taxation, capital markets & securities, real-estate, litigation & dispute resolution, bankruptcy & reorganization, energy & infrastructure, private equity, hi-tech & telecommunications, trusts & estates, and white collar crime.

**Cientele** – Gornitzky & Co. represents the most respected business organizations in Israel including Israel's leading conglomerates and corporations as well as international businesses operating in Israel. The Firm clients include close to one-half of what are considered to be Israel's most influential business concerns in various areas, including the most complex financial transactions and matters.

**Legal Professionals** – Gornitzky & Co.'s legal professionals have a great deal of experience ranging across many disciplines, due in part to their involvement in many of the largest and most complex projects undertaken in Israel during recent years. The Chairman of the Firm, Mr. Pinhas Rubin, is considered to be Israel's leading tax and corporate experts and has been ranked by "Forbes" for the 7th consecutive year, to be among Israel's economy's "100 Most Influential People" and was ranked #15 in "Globes" magazine's "Person of The Year"; Mr. Moriel Matalon, the Firm's managing partner serves as a director of Bank Hapoalim Swiss; Senior Partner Mr. Ariel Zelichov, serves as legal advisor to one of Israel's largest real-estate development groups; and Mr. Zvi Ephrat serves as a director of Bank Mizrahi-Tefahot.

**Ethical Code** – Each new employee adopts the "Gornitzky Code" which expresses the values and norms he or she expected to respect, following decades of the Firm's tradition. These values include providing clients with professional service in a reliable, efficient and discreet manner, with the objective of assisting and advancing client's interests, within the parameters of the law.

**Serving the Community** – Community service and social involvement are a substantial part of the Gornitzky & Co. practice. The Firm

undertakes pro bono work, representing needy citizens, and donates to charity organizations and other social organizations which help weak sectors in the Israeli society.

#### Areas of Practice

**Corporate and Commercial; Mergers & Acquisitions** – Gornitzky & Co. is regularly involved in a large portion of Israel's largest and most complex transactions. The Firm's legal staff includes some of Israel's most respected legal professionals, who have the professional ability to advise clients in all areas of corporate and commercial law.

**Taxation** – Gornitzky & Co. is one of the country's most highly regarded taxation firms. It has been consistently ranked by international and local legal guides as one of the leading taxation law firms, which handles a variety of tax matters for private and commercial clients.

**Real Estate** – Gornitzky & Co.'s real estate group has gained vast experience in all areas of property law, including land taxation, complex construction contracts, and zoning issues. The Firm's clients include two of the largest construction groups in Israel.

**Banking & Finance** – Being one of Israel's top banking and finance law firms, Gornitzky & Co. represents and advises on a wide range of transactions in all fields of banking and finance. Furthermore, the Firm represents and negotiates for investors and lenders in many financial institutions, and provides legal counseling for local and international and insurance companies.

**Capital Markets and Securities** – Gornitzky & Co.'s legal team has gained a great deal of experience being involved in a long list of public and private offerings both in Israel and abroad. The Firm regularly represents issuers, underwriters, rating agencies, and other securities professionals in complex securities transactions, including in front of securities authorities and stock markets.

**Litigation** – Gornitzky & Co. has the reputation of being a leading Firm in Israeli litigation and dispute resolution. The Firm regularly represents individuals and corporations in front of all types of tribunals, including the courts in Israel and international arbitration tribunals. In addition to commercial litigation, the Firm also represents clients in defense of class actions and white collar criminal matters.

**Energy and Infrastructure** – Gornitzky & Co. is consistently ranked by the international legal guides as one of Israel's leading energy and infrastructure law firms with extensive and unique experience and expertise in these areas of the law. The Firm's team has been involved in major projects in the areas of natural gas, oil, electricity, energy, desalination, telecommunications, roads and railways.

**Trusts and Estates** – Gornitzky & Co. regularly advises its clients in all areas of trusts and estates, including structuring, establishing and managing trusts and estates, and related tax planning.