

Balter, Guth, Aloni & Co.



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Law Firm

Established 1974



Founded in 1974 by Moshe Balter and Ehud Guth, Balter, Guth, Aloni & Co. (BGA) is among Israel's leading law firms. Dr. Meir Rosenne, who served as the ambassador both to France and the U.S.A., one of the authors of the 1979 Peace Treaty with Egypt, joined the firm in 1994. BGA is comprised of 90 attorneys, including 20 partners, and 25 trainees. The firm specializes in most areas of civil and commercial law. Since 2004 closely linked to Hertzfeld & Rubin P.C., a leading Wall Street law firm.



Expertise

BGA has 19 departments providing a wide range of legal services in a variety of fields including commercial law, litigation and arbitration, corporate and M&A, capital markets, banking and finance, planning and zoning, real estate, taxes, insurance and torts, intellectual property, labor law, antitrust, securities law and high-tech, cooperative association, water and agriculture, international commerce, environmental and energy law, religious orders, bankruptcy and receivership and trusts and estates.

The firm handles capital raising, mergers and acquisitions, securities tax planning, and international activities for clients in the US, Canada, Europe, and Japan. BGA is a member of Consulegis, an international association of lawyers with more than 150 member offices in most countries of the world. BGA also handles the privatization of industrial, service and infrastructure enterprises in Israel and Eastern Europe.

BGA is affiliated with Wall Street law firm Herzfeld & Rubin P.C. (H&R), which also has offices in New Jersey, Miami, Los Angeles, and Bucharest, Romania. One of BGA Israeli attorneys is permanently based in H&R offices in New York in order to meet the needs of clients seeking legal counsel in both Israel and the US.

Clients

BGA represents large and medium-sized public and private Israeli and foreign commercial clients, including Fortune 500 corporations, banks, leading manufacturing plants and commercial, pharmaceutical, Internet and real estate companies. The firm represents international companies operating in Israel in fields of infrastructure, pharmaceutical, biotechnology and high-tech, handling all matters from incorporation and licenses, through negotiations and tax planning. BGA also represents public entities, local authorities, collective settlements (kibbutzim), cooperative settlements (moshavim) and private clients in all aspects of civil law.

Work Method

BGA assigns each client to a partner who is the intermediary responsible for handling the client's legal affairs. The partner delegates each matter to the firm's relevant department, thereby ensuring personal treatment and immediate professional service handling all aspects of the client's affairs. BGA can provide service in Hebrew, English, French, German, Russian, Romanian, Arabic and Yiddish.

BGA's litigation department handles several of the largest cases in Israel, primarily in the areas of commerce, company law, class actions, water and agriculture.

The mergers, acquisitions, and capital markets department handles IPOs, primarily on the London stock exchange.

Founding Partners

Moshe Balter was admitted to the Israel Bar in 1971 and the New York Bar in 1988. His areas of practice are civil and appellate litigation, arbitration in Israel and abroad, commercial law, insurance law, real estate, tourism and development, contract law, governmental contract law, environmental law, administrative law, corporate law, and investments.

Ehud Guth was admitted to the Israel Bar in 1974 and the New York Bar in 1988. His areas of practice are civil and appellate litigation, arbitration in Israel and abroad, commercial law, real estate, planning and zoning law, governmental contract law, corporate law, water law, insurance and torts.

Partners are Moshe Balter, Ehud Guth, Dr. Meir Rosenne, Ishai Levit, Jacob Liraz, Yohanan Weiner, Avi Gera, Limor Sobol, Avner Tzur, Dr. Sara Presenti, Ze'ev Slilat, Hanan Doron, Ravid Paz, Lilach Resnik, Tali Inbar, Amit Cohen, David Botesazan, Shlomo Shteiner, Eyal Bar-Eliezer and Wasim Abu Hatum.





Management Profile



Moshe Balter

Lawyer, Senior Partner – Manager of the main branch of the firm in Tel-Aviv; Head of the Litigation department

Education: The Hebrew University, Jerusalem (LL.B) 1969.

Professional background: Member of the Israel Bar Association, 1971; Member of the New-York Bar Association, 1988. Chairman of the Reassignment Committee, the Israel Bar Association; Member of managing committees of several non-profit organizations; Former judge of the Disciplinary Tribunal, the Israel Bar Association.

Expertise: Civil-Commercial Law, Litigation, Banking Law, Investments, Insurance Law and Religious Orders. Representing, for more than 30 years, leading companies in all court instances, as well as in arbitration and mediation proceedings. Adv. Balter acts as legal counsel for Israeli legal entities as well as for international companies in Israel and abroad.



Ehud Guth

Lawyer, Senior Partner

Education: The Hebrew University, Jerusalem (LL.B) 1972; Economics & Statistics (B.A), 1968.

Professional background: Member of the Israel Bar Association, 1974; Member of the New-York Bar Association, 1988; Chairman of the board of Directors, The Pension Fund for lawyers in Israel; Chairman of the Executive Committee, The Interdisciplinary Arena; judge of the Disciplinary Tribunal, the Israel Bar Association; A Correspondent for Economic issues, "Maariv" 1970-1974.

Expertise: Commercial Law, Civil Litigation, Planning & Zoning, Real Estate, Co-operative Associations, Agriculture & Water, Insurance Law, Tort and Religious Orders. Has been representing, for more than 30 years, leading companies in all court instances, as well as in arbitration and mediation proceedings. Represents clients in Real Estate transactions, part of which involve planning and rezoning. Represents clients, both governmental authorities and private, in cases of expropriation of land.



Dr. Meir Rosenne

Lawyer, Senior Partner

Education: The Sorbonne, University of Paris, Ph.D. (with honors) in International Law; Graduate of the Institute for Political Sciences (M.A.) and Graduate of the Institute of Higher International Studies - Law Faculty Paris.

Professional background: Member of the Israel Bar Association, 1968. Consul of Israel in New York (1961-1967); Coordinator and in charge of International Relations of the Israel Atomic Energy Commission (1969-1971); The Legal Advisor to the Foreign Office (1971-1979); Ambassador to France (1979-1983); Ambassador to the USA (1983-1987); President & C.E.O. of the State of Israel Bonds, passed the NASD exams and raised

more than five billion dollars for investment in Israel; Member of the Board of Trustees, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Bar Ilan University and Ben Gourion University. Doctorate Honoris Causa of Yeshiva University - New York; Commandeur of the Legion of Honor of France; Senior Lecturer in International Law at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and the Tel-Aviv and Haifa Universities.

Awards: Recipient of the Harold Weil Award of New York University for his contribution to International Law and the Elie Wiesel Award for his struggle for the liberation of Soviet Jewry.

Expertise: Public International Law, International Trade Law, European Community Law, Extradition Law, And Comparative Law.

Languages: Hebrew, English, French, Yiddish and Rumanian.