

## MAYER GABAY

Mayer Gabay, national of Israel, was born in Jerusalem (1933) to a family of Spanish descent. He graduated with distinction from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem Law School, and later received a Master's degree in Comparative Law from Columbia University, New York. He did a major study on International Transactions at the London School of Economics.

After working for seven years in the United Nations Secretariat on Legal Aspects of International Economic Relations and Intellectual Property issues, he returned to Israel where he was appointed to various senior positions, including Commissioner of Patents, Trademarks and Copyright, and Deputy Attorney General (which included judicial powers and responsibilities).

From February 1976 to May 1987, Mr. Gabay was the Director General of the Ministry of Justice. He is the elected President of the United Nations Association of Israel, Chairman of the Council of The International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists, and has been a senior lecturer on Intellectual Property and International Trade Law at the Universities of Jerusalem and Tel Aviv.

He took part in many international conferences and fora dealing with human rights, international law, international trade and intellectual property law.

He was a member of the Israeli team negotiating the autonomy plan with Egypt under the Camp David Accords. He was designated a member of the World Bank Pool of Arbitrators under the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes, he was engaged in negotiating the Free Trade Agreement between the United States and Israel, and, since mid 1987, he has been the Chairman of the Patent and Copyright Laws Revision Committees in Israel. He has been designated as a potential panelist for dispute resolution under TRIPS (Trade Related Issues of Intellectual Property) in the World Trade Organization (WTO) and a member of the Consultative Commission on Arbitration and Conciliation in the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).

From May 1987 to January 1994, Mr. Gabay was the Commissioner of the Civil Service of Israel.

In November 1993, Mr. Gabay was elected to serve as a Judge on the United Nations Administrative Tribunal by the U.N. General Assembly. In 1997 he was elected Vice President of the Tribunal. He is also a member of the Law Offices of Abraham Neeman in Tel Aviv.

He is fluent in Hebrew, English and Spanish, and has a fair knowledge of French and Arabic.