

CURRICULUM VITAE

Name: OPHIR, Michael

97753 Jerusalem Israel

Date of Birth: October 5, 1932

Education: High School -- William Ellis School, London (recipient of numerous annual prizes)

Award: Major County Scholarship to University of London, Kings College

1953-1956 First Degree: LL.B. (Hons.) University of London, Kings College

1956-1959 Articles of Clerkship, Higher Legal Studies

1959 _____ Solicitors' Final Examinations
Admitted as Solicitor to the Supreme Court of Judicature and
Member of the British Law Society

1959-1970 In private legal practice, with emphasis on commercial law

1970 Emigrated from the United Kingdom to Israel

1970-1974 Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Laws Faculty

Israel Patent Office (1972-1998):

1972-1974 Senior Researcher and Adviser to the Israel Copyright Law Revision Committee (under the chairmanship of the then Commissioner of Patents, Designs and Trademarks, now Judge Mayer Gabay).

1973 Senior Assistant to the Deputy Commissioner of Patents _____

1974 Admitted to the Israel Bar _____

- 1976-1988 Deputy Commissioner of Patents at Israel Patent Office
- 1984-1985 Research Scholarship and Fellow — The Max-Planck-Institut in Munich (Subject: “The Legal Protection of Computer Software.”)
- 1988-1998 Appointed and served as Israel Commissioner of Patents, Designs and Trademarks (including duties in the areas of copyright and other spheres of intellectual and industrial property).
- 1998- WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center Arbitrator/Mediator Panelist

Principal Duties and Functions of Israel Commissioner of Patents, Designs and Trademarks

1. Head of Patent Office comprising approximately 70 staff members.
2. Judicial Functions: Hearing and rendering reasoned legal decisions on all matters of intellectual property which fall within the statutory jurisdiction and competence of the Commissioner.
3. Promoting national and international relations in the area of intellectual property.
4. (1) Official Representative of the State of Israel at national and international meetings held in Israel and abroad, in conjunction with the Israel Ministry of Justice, the Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Israel Ministry of Industry and Commerce, and other Governmental Authorities.
- (2) Official Representative of the State of Israel at WIPO Meetings of Experts, Governing Bodies, Diplomatic Conferences, Specialized Conferences and other meetings and conferences held abroad.

Additional Duties and Functions of Israel Commissioner of Patents, Designs and Trademarks

1. Chairman of Israel Trademark Law Revision Committee.
2. Chairman of Israel Law Reform Committee on Integrated Circuits and Semi-Conductor Chips.
3. Chairman of TRIPS (WTO) Israel Sub-Committee.
4. Member of the Israel Patent and Copyright Law Revision Committees.
5. Member of Knesset (Parliamentary) Law Reform Committees.

6. Frequent lectures (in both Hebrew and English) to local industrial personnel, students, and trainees both from Israel and from abroad.
7. Publications on intellectual property include:
 - (1) Newspaper articles and reviews
 - (2) Numerous opinions on specialized legal questions concerning intellectual property
 - (3) "The Protection of Authors' Moral Rights in Israel," *Copyright*, WIPO (1976)
 - (4) "Penal Sanctions in Copyright Law -- Quo Vadis?" *IIC*, *Max-Planck-Institut*, Munich, Vol. 15, no. 3/1984, pp. 321-349.
 - (5) "Some Recent Developments in the Israeli Patents, Designs and Trademark Law," *Industrial Property*, Vol. 30, 1991, p. 426.
 - (6) "The Patentability of Computer Software in Israel," *GRUR International* (1996), pp. 357-366.
 - (7) A feature about the Israel Patent Office based on an interview with Michael Ophir; appeared in *The Jerusalem Report*, October 31, 1991, written by Ruth Ebenstein.
 - (8) Morning broadcast on "unusual patents."