

Aharon Barak



Aharon Barak was born in Kaunas, Lithuania and immigrated to Israel in 1947. He was for many years a faculty member at the law School of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, in which he served as its Dean (1974-75). From 1975 he served as Attorney General of the State of Israel. In 1978 he was appointed Justice of the Supreme Court of Israel, where he served in the capacity as President from August 1995 until his retirement in September 2006. Since 2007 academic year, Prof. Barak is a faculty member at the Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya. Prof. Barak is a visiting professor at Yale Law School. Prof. Barak published many books and articles. His books in English are: Judicial Discretion (1987); The Role of a Judge in a Democracy (2003) Purposive Interpretation in Law (2005); Proportionality: Constitutional Rights and their Limitations (2012); Human Dignity: The Constitutional Value and the Constitutional Right (2015).

Barak is a member of the Israeli National Academy of Science and the Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei in Italy, and was chosen as a foreign honorary member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and he received the Israel Prize for Law. He also received honorary doctorates from many institutions of higher education including honorary doctorates from Yale, Columbia, Bologna, Oxford and Michigan.