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Biography:

Prof. Joseph Gross is considered to be one of Israel's leading lawyers in the fields of Companies Law, Securities Law, capital markets and Taxation and Tax Planning. He is presently serving as active Chairman of GKH. Prof. Gross acts as a consultant to numerous leading Israeli companies in all matters relating to their investment activities and securities matters both locally and overseas. Likewise, he handles numerous large Israeli firms in their endeavors to raise capital on the U.S. capital markets and represents many firms in merger and acquisition transactions. He is currently active in the privatization of major Israeli companies and has acted on behalf of the Israeli government in all matters relating to the "floating shares" of the two leading banks in Israel: Bank Hapoalim and Bank Leumi. In addition to his practice of law, Professor Gross serves as a Full Professor of Law at the Faculties of Law and The Business School of Tel-Aviv University, and the Law School of Bar-Ilan University. He served for four years as vice-dean of the Faculty of Law of Tel-Aviv University. He is the Chairman of the Tax Club and the Capital Market Club of Tel Aviv University. Prior to establishing his own firm in 1979, Prof. Gross was the legal counsel of Discount Investment Bank from 1964-1979. From 1975 to 1978 he served as chairman of the Scientific Committee of the Israel branch of the International Fiscal Association. For 15 years he served as a member and later as Chairman of the Advisory Committee to the Government on Government Companies. Professor Gross has served on several government appointed committees including, as an active member in the committee that redrafted the Israel Law of Corporations (headed by Prof. Barak, the President of the Supreme Court); chairman of the committee that redrafted the Law of Mergers and Antitrust Law; and recently acted as a member of the Tax Reform Committee (the Rabinowitz Committee). He serves on the Board of Directors and Chairman of many public companies. He is the Chairman of the Publishing House of the Israeli Bar. Professor Gross served until recently as member of the Court of Appeals on monopolies; served on the Board of Governors of Israel's T.V. Channel Two, member of the Board of the Tel-Aviv Stock Exchange, of the Dead Sea Works, the Israel Electricity Corporation and other large institutions. He has published extensively, including 12 books and over 170 various professional articles. His most recent publication includes a book on Directors and Officers, a book on the New Israeli Companies Law (two editions) and a book on the Israeli Tax Reform. Professor Gross is recommended by "Chambers Global - The World's Leading Lawyers" as a leader in his field.

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