

Joseph H. Shapira

State Comptroller and Ombudsman of Israel

Judge (ret.) Joseph Shapira was born in Jerusalem in 1945. He has played an active role in the Israeli legal system since 1968. He was founder and partner in the Jerusalem law firm Kramer-Shapira-Schneider for many years, during which time he also served as President of the West Bank Court-Martial and was elected Chairman of the Jerusalem district branch of the Israel Bar Association. Judge Shapira has been active in academic, military and public activities, as well as undertaking many voluntary positions. He has published a number of articles and taught law students and judges for several years. Judge Shapira has been married for 39 years and is the proud father and grandfather of three children and two grandchildren. He took his oath of office at the Knesset in July 2012.

EDUCATION

- 2003 -2007 Advanced Judicial Studies in the framework of the Institute for Advanced Judicial Studies
- 2001 Computer Legislation, Bar Ilan University, Tel Aviv (Diploma)
- 2001 - Course in Mediation, Ono Academic College, Kiryat Ono
- 1999 - MSc. Criminology, University of Leicester, England
- 1971 LLB(Hons), Hebrew University, Jerusalem

EXPERIENCE

Judiciary

- 2003 - 2012 Jerusalem District Court Judge
2003 - 2007 Court-Martial Appeal Court Judge (Reserves)
(Col.)
2001- 2003 Public Representative in Antitrust Tribunal, adj. to
Jerusalem District Court
2000 - 2003 Deputy Chairman of National Disciplinary Court, Israel
Bar Association
1995 - 2003 Member of Disciplinary Court, Israel Police Force
1995 - 1999 Chairman of Disciplinary Court, Israel Bar Association,
Jerusalem District
1985 - 1990 Court-Martial Judge and President of West Bank Court-
Martial (Col.)

Attorney at Law

- 1976 - 2003 Attorney, Kramer-Shapira-Schneider Law
Firm, Jerusalem
1978 - 1985 Court-Martial Prosecutor, West Bank (Reserves)
1974 - 1976 Attorney and partner with Adv. Kramer -
management of Haman Shelah Law Office
1972 - 1974 Attorney in Arad-Rubin Law Firm, Jerusalem

Teaching

- From 2011 External lecturer in Medical Negligence, Hebrew
University, Jerusalem
2009 - 2011 External-staff lecturer in Medical Negligence, Sha'arei
Mishpat College, Hod Hasharon
From 2005 Lectures in the framework of the Institute for Advanced
Judicial Studies; in the framework of the Institute for
Advanced Attorney Studies of the Israel Bar Association;
additional lectures
1994 - 1996 Guest lecturer in Property, Contract and Arbitration Law,
Technion - External Studies Branch, Jerusalem

PUBLICATIONS

- "Special Considerations in Court Appointment of Expert Witnesses", *Journal of Medicine and Law*, Vol. 38, June 2008
- "Surrogacy – A Decade of Medical Legislation", *Journal of Medicine and Law*, Vol.36, 2007
- "Financial Assistance during Recovery Process – Disclosure and Trust in Banking Conduct, *Banking Quarterly*, Vol.40, 2007
- "Jerusalem, 1948" , *Ministry of Defence*, 1981 (Book)

PUBLIC ACTIVITIES

- 2011 - 2012 Staff member of *Journal of Law and Bioethics*, Ono Academic College
- 2006 - 2012 Staff member of *Law and Medical Journal*
- 1998 - 2003 Head of Public Council, Jerusalem Theater Group
- 2001 - 2003 Chairman of "Notzar" Fringe Theater, Tel Aviv
- 1999 - 1995 Chairman of Jerusalem District Committee and member of National Council – Israel Bar Association
- 1995 - 1999 Chairman of "Ha'Lishka", Journal of Israel Bar Association, Jerusalem District