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Goldfarb Seligman



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Goldfarb Seligman & Co., one of Israel's largest law firms, is among the elite group of firms that deliver top-tier legal services at international standards.

The firm, which traces its history back over 80 years, was formed by the merger of two of Israel's most respected and experienced law firms, Goldfarb, Levy, Eran, Meiri, Tzafrir & Co. (established in 1972) and M. Seligman & Co. (established in 1930).

Goldfarb Seligman's professional hallmark is the unrelenting pursuit of the highest professional and ethical standards in the service of the firm's clients. Among the firm's alumni are two of Israel's most prominent Supreme Court Justices, the Honorable Yoel Zusan and the Honorable Alfred Vitkon.

The firm is headed by Adv. Eli Zohar (Chairman) and Adv. Yudi Levy (Managing Partner).



At the heart of Goldfarb Seligman's professional philosophy is the belief that every client is unique, with individual issues and considerations. Based on this philosophy, the firm strives to provide each client with comprehensive legal services that are tailored to its specific needs. The firm's attorneys provide our clientele personalized service, combined with the array of sophisticated legal services and global connections that a large international law firm can offer.

The firm recruits and employs the leading attorneys in each of its various practice areas. The caliber, breadth and depth of the outstanding professionals at Goldfarb Seligman help to make it the firm of choice for the most discerning clients, both in Israel and overseas.

The firm's attorneys possess extensive expertise and experience and provide comprehensive and creative legal services. The diversified experience, together with the firm's multidisciplinary approach, which combines experts from various legal disciplines, enables the firm to provide each client with unique, professional legal services, tailored to its needs.

Goldfarb Seligman employs over **220 attorneys**, including over **80 partners**, who offer clients a wide spectrum of legal services. The firm focuses on three core practice areas: corporate and capital markets in Israel and abroad; litigation of all types; and real estate. The firm also has highly respected practices in taxation; finance; banking and insurance; intellectual property; energy and infrastructure; planning and construction; environmental law; regulation and competition; labor law; tort law; and more.

Goldfarb Seligman has consistently been ranked among the leading law firms in Israel in various practice areas by international and local ratings such as *Chambers Global*, *European Legal 500*, *IFLR1000*, *BDICode*, *Dun's 100* and others.



Practice Areas

Capital Markets and Public Offerings

Goldfarb Seligman has Israel's leading capital markets and public offerings practice. The firm provides ongoing securities law advice to dozens of public companies and represents issuers and underwriters in public offerings in Israel, the U.S. and Europe, particularly on NASDAQ and on the LSE. The firm works closely with foreign underwriters and investment banks, and the firm's attorneys have unparalleled expertise in complex financial transactions and in the representation of clients before various securities authorities, stock exchanges and other regulatory authorities.

The firm's attorneys are expert in various foreign legal disciplines, and they are thus able to provide extensive knowledge and insight regarding the relevant domestic laws which govern public offerings. In addition, the firm's vast experience in U.S. securities law enables the attorneys to suit Israeli law requirements to U.S. law requirements, or those of other foreign legal jurisdictions.

Mergers & Acquisitions

Goldfarb Seligman possesses extensive experience and expertise in M&A transactions involving public and private companies, as well as stock and asset purchase transactions and all areas of corporate and commercial law. In recent years, our firm had the lead role in numerous international M&A transactions worth billions of dollars. The firm represents leading Israeli companies in international transactions, as well as foreign clients in their Israeli acquisitions, while providing integrated advice on taxation, employment, intellectual property and real estate issues.

Corporate Law

The firm has handled the largest and most complex cross-border corporate transactions involving Israeli entities, while maintaining continuous contact with government authorities and handling all regulatory aspects. In handling these cross-border transactions, the firm's attorneys apply knowledge from various disciplines of commercial law, as well as multidisciplinary experience working and studying outside of Israel. The firm's attorneys also regularly counsel companies and directors on the legal aspects of proper corporate governance. Among other significant governance issues, the firm's attorneys have acted as counsel to companies concerning proper approval of major interested party transactions, advised on executive compensation, and acted as outside counsel to independent committees of corporate boards.

Commercial and Corporate Litigation

Goldfarb Seligman handles the most complex commercial and corporate litigation. The firm's litigation department partners are among the leading trial lawyers in Israel, and represent Israeli and international companies, as well as key businesspeople and senior officials from the public sector. Their legal expertise, together with business expertise, enable the firm's legal teams to strive to resolve disputes in the shortest amount of time, while utilizing the most advanced and creative legal tools.

The firm advises on a wide array of legal issues, among them complex commercial litigation; corporate litigation in public companies; class actions; international litigation and arbitration; administrative proceedings; antitrust litigation; internet litigation; real estate litigation and more.

Real Estate

Goldfarb Seligman has one of Israel's leading real estate departments and handles the most significant transactions in the Israeli real estate market. It advises real estate and infrastructure developers on a broad variety of projects and transactions, including commercial, industrial, office, residential, public housing and hotel projects. The firm provides clients with comprehensive legal services in all stages of acquisition, bidding, planning, licensing, development, construction and marketing of projects, including handling the required financing and tax issues. The firm also handles urban renewal projects, agricultural sector expansions, and condominium registration and subdivision.



Tax and Executive Compensation

The firm's Tax and Executive Compensation Department provides clients with ongoing advice and tax planning, represents clients before the Israel Tax Authority, and also advises on a wide variety of activities, including the taxation of domestic and international transactions; land taxation; mergers and acquisitions; tax planning for companies, partnerships and other corporations; holding, financing and operation of Israeli and multinational corporations; public and private offerings; tax planning for high net worth individuals and families, in particular handling trust funds and intergenerational capital transfers; VAT and more. In addition, the department specializes in all aspects of executive compensation, including handling all tax and securities issues and drafting sophisticated stock option plans and bonus plans.

Planning and Construction

Goldfarb Seligman has extensive experience in advancing Israel's largest infrastructure and real estate projects, in the planning and construction field, through the representation of infrastructure entities and private real estate companies. The firm represents clients in all types of administrative and judicial proceedings for the approval of master plans, building permits and licensing, as well as in criminal proceedings in the planning, construction and licensing fields. The firm's wealth of expertise extends to the representation of clients in betterment tax, property tax, and development fee proceedings, as well as in land expropriation proceedings, expropriation compensation claims and claims for loss of value due to administrative action.

Hi-Tech, Venture Capital and Technology

Goldfarb Seligman has special expertise in capital raising and the activities of venture capital funds, and is involved in dozens of domestic and international venture capital transactions every year, representing both investors and companies. The firm advises early stage companies on financing, intellectual property and strategic relationships with corporations and companies; handles exits (IPOs and M&A transactions), and advises venture capital funds with respect to structuring and formation, capital raising, investment management and portfolio realization activities. The firm possesses extensive experience regarding agreements for commercializing technologies, both in the hi-tech and life sciences industries.

Intellectual Property Transactions

The firm possesses extensive experience in all matters relating to the protection of its clients' intellectual property assets. It provides evaluations, drafts licensing agreements, registers trademarks and provides advice on OEM license agreements, distribution agreements and VAR agreements. Our firm works closely with patent, copyright and trademark offices in Israel and abroad.



Project and Infrastructure Financing

The firm handles a significant portion of the infrastructure projects in the Israeli market, particularly in the transportation and energy fields. Our firm advises governmental agencies and private sector entities from the formation stages, through statutory and legislative proceedings, expropriations and tenders, complex financing procedures through domestic and foreign financing entities, and capital raising by means of creating complex financial instruments.

Energy and Natural Resources

Goldfarb Seligman plays a leading role in this market and possesses extensive knowledge regarding its regulation. Our firm represents many of Israel's energy ventures, and has advised on the establishment of power plants and natural gas projects, including the establishment of the largest private power plant in Israel to have reached financial close (of over a billion dollars); advised on the establishment of one of the first natural gas power plants; and represented companies in the photovoltaics field. The firm also provides consulting services to the natural gas energy manufacturers' forum and represents two of the three natural gas distributors in Israel.

Environmental Law

The firm advises clients on the various aspects of environmental law, including licensing, administrative petitions and criminal proceedings relating to environmental law. The firm also advises on statutory proceedings and assists corporations and companies in the development and implementation of internal environmental plans; handles due diligence prior to transactions as well as contractual obligations regarding environmental aspects; represents clients in class actions and tort claims relating to the environmental field; and advises municipalities regarding these issues.



Regulation and Competition

Goldfarb Seligman provides strategic advice in various fields of economic regulation, including in the financial sector: banking, insurance, pension and securities; and in the infrastructure and services sectors: transportation, food, mail, communications and media. The firm provides comprehensive legal services to companies and corporations, from swift solutions of specific issues to setting long term regulatory strategies. The firm also advises on antitrust and competition aspects arising from transactions, including monopolies, restrictive agreements and mergers, and represents clients in these matters.

Insurance

The firm provides comprehensive legal advice to various companies in the insurance field, including both Israeli insurance companies and international insurance companies which operate in Israel. This comprehensive legal advice extends from the preliminary stages of establishing insurance companies and agencies and obtaining operating permits and licenses, through legislative activity and regulatory proceedings, relationships with agents, and representation of insurers in claims filed by insured parties, in class actions and more.

Banking and Finance

Goldfarb Seligman handles a diverse variety of domestic and international financing transactions, and advises on ongoing banking activity as well as activities in the various financial services fields, such as securities, custody and brokerage, credit cards and financial derivatives. The firm is a member of the ISDA organization and it has advised on some of the most complex bank financing transactions in the Israeli market.

Labor Law

The firm's Labor Law Department provides strategic advice for solving complex issues of human resource management. The department provides guidance to organizations and individuals relating to labor law and labor relations during reorganization processes, including employee recruitment and termination; collective bargaining; mergers and acquisitions; due diligence, risk assessment and more. The firm's attorneys represent clients before labor courts, various governmental authorities and disciplinary courts, as well as in alternative dispute resolution, such as arbitration and mediation.

White Collar

Goldfarb Seligman is one of the leaders in the "white collar" defense field. The firm's attorneys, headed by Adv. Eli Zohar, Chairman of the firm, represent senior members of the business and public sectors in criminal cases involving matters such as securities, antitrust, taxation and money laundering, defense and national security offenses and more. The firm also represents clients before governmental and military commissions of inquiry and in national security hearings.



Practice

Torts and Medical Malpractice

Goldfarb Seligman is one of the most experienced firms in tort law and medical malpractice in Israel and handles, among others, aviation accidents and multiple participant road accidents. Over the years, our firm has created many precedents in the torts field. The firm has a long history of representing medical entities, which provides the attorneys with significant advantage in the representation of plaintiffs in this field. The firm has accumulated expertise and an exceptional reputation in managing complex tort claims, including claims which combine the legal demands of dozens of injured individuals.

Intellectual Property Litigation

The firm handles litigation and diverse commercial issues in the field of intellectual property, and represents clients in court proceedings and before the Patent Office in matters concerning copyright, patents, trademarks, trade secrets and unjust enrichment. The firm's litigation teams possess many years of experience in the intellectual property field and advise clients regarding various related matters.

Class Actions

Goldfarb Seligman represents leading Israeli and multinational corporations in class actions regarding securities, antitrust, insurance and banking, and in consumer protection issues. The firm's accumulated experience is the result of representing hundreds of class action corporate defendants, and enables the firm to utilize diverse and creative tools in preventing the certification of claims as class actions and to resolve the disputes through alternative measures, while reducing the exposure of its clients to both financial and reputational damage.

Administrative Law

The firm's litigation teams have extensive expertise in the field of administrative law. The firm represents clients before governmental authorities, administrative law courts and the High Court of Justice, including in matters regarding tenders, communications and education. Some of the firm's attorneys serve as auxiliary consultants in tender committees of some of Israel's largest corporations.

Libel

The firm has extensive expertise in the field of libel. It represents media outlets and advertising agencies and provides ongoing pre-publication advice on investigative journalism and advertising campaigns. The firm also handles libel claims of public figures and the defense of media outlets in libel actions.

Receiverships and Liquidations

Goldfarb Seligman handles liquidations, receiverships, creditors' arrangements and reorganizations under bankruptcy protection. The firm's attorneys have served as, or represented, reorganization trustees, receivers and liquidators in some of the most complex proceedings in Israel. The firm has unique expertise in liquidations and receiverships of hi-tech companies.

Dispute Resolution

Goldfarb Seligman possesses vast expertise in alternative dispute resolution such as mediation and arbitration. The firm's leading attorneys serve as arbitrators and mediators in complex business disputes, as well as in personal disputes of public figures and businesspeople. The firm also maintains a boutique law firm within the firm, specializing in family law mediation.



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