

Neil S. Hecht

Education

Yeshiva College

B.A., *summa cum laude*, 1954

- Major: Philosophy
- Honors: Highest Ranking Student Award (four years, 4.0 average);
- Scholarship, Ethics & Character Award;
- Philosophy Honors;
- Valedictorian
- Extracurricular Activities: Senior Class President; Varsity Debating; President, International Relations Society; Varsity Fencing; Chairman, Student-Faculty Relations Committee

Yeshiva University, Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary

Rabbinic Ordination, 1956

Yale Law School

J.D., 1959

- Board of Editors, Yale Law Journal

Columbia University School of Law

LL.M., 1964, J.S.D., 1972

- Cardozo Fellow, Ford Foundation, 1963-1964

Experience

New York University

The Caroline and Joseph S. Gruss Professor of Talmudic Civil Law (1985-1986)

Boston University School of Law

Associate Professor of Law (1964-1966)

Professor of Law (1966 to present)

Founding Director, The Institute of Jewish Law (1983 to present)

Co-Director, The Joint Project in Jewish Legal Bioethics, (with School of Medicine-School of Public Health) (1991 to 2007)

John Small & Co., Inc., New York

Vice President and General Counsel (January 1962 to September 1963)

Investment bankers

Associate at Shapiro, Schlissel & Shiff, New York

Associate (January 1961 to January 1962)

General practice with emphasis on real estate

Emile Zola Berman & A. Harold Frost, New York

Associate (July 1959 to December 1960)

Trial and appellate practice

Areas of Specialization

- Evidence
- Property
- Jewish Law

Bar Admissions

- New York State, (December 1959)
- Commonwealth of Massachusetts, (July 1973)
- Federal Bar, admitted to practice in the Southern and Eastern District of New York, (1963)
- District of Massachusetts, (1981)
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 1st Circuit, (1981)

Professional Activities and Public Service

Board of Directors, National Jewish Commission on Law and Public Affairs (COLPA) (1970-1973)

Board of Directors, New England Religious Zionists of America (1972-1978)

Consultant, Maryland Senate Economic Affairs Committee (Insurance Reform Legislation) (1972)

Consultant, National Committee on Urban Crisis (1967)

Consultant, Organization for Social and Technical Innovations (OSTI), Project on Tenant Management Cooperatives (1967-1968)

School Committee Member, Maimonides School, Brookline, Massachusetts (1977-1984)

Member, National Litigation Committee, Advanced Legal Studies Institute (1976-1979)

Consultant, National Conference on Teaching Methods (1980)

Executive Committee (Secretary), Teaching Methods Section of the Association of American Law Schools (1980-1982)

Law School Representative, Association of Law School's House of Representatives (1980-1986)

Academic Council, American Friends of Hebrew University, Jerusalem

American Representative, Academic Committee of Bar-Ilan University, Israel

Board of Directors (Executive Committee), Young Israel Synagogue of Brookline

Board of Directors, International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists, American Section (1984-1988)

Executive Committee, Jewish Law Association

Editorial Board, *The Jewish Law Annual*

Board of Academic Advisors, The Jabotinsky Institute (Tel Aviv, Israel)

Chair, Section on Jewish Law of the Association of American Law Schools (1995-1996)

Board of Directors, ROFEH International

Miscellaneous

Elected to membership in the American Law Institute

Long Term Lease Planning and Drafting, (see book listed in Publications), was selected as a sourcebook by

American Law Institute-American Bar Association Committee on Continuing Education for its Modern Real Estate Transactions seminars.

Controversy and Dialogue in Halakhic Sources, Volumes 1 and 2 (see books listed Publications) were featured at the Jerusalem International Book Fair, June 1994.

Honors and Awards

Centennial Rabbinic Award, 1986 (awarded by Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary on the occasion of Yeshiva University's Centennial Year Convocation)

Bernard Revel Memorial Award, 1991, Yeshiva University (for contributions to Jewish law)

The Ashmolean Museum, Oxford University, has displayed a plaque next to its Greek Metrological Relief in recognition of my published solution to the long-standing riddle surrounding the statue.

Silver Shingle Award, (2002).

The Michael W. Melton Memorial Award for Teaching Excellence, awarded by Boston University School of Law, May 15, 2008.

Publications

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