Celebrating 20 Years

Law in a Changing Society

Faculty of Law

University of Haifa
The 20th anniversary of the Faculty of Law is a special cause for celebration. The Faculty was established 20 years ago with a pioneering agenda to respond to legal issues facing Israeli society in a dynamic global environment. Since then it has remained committed to promoting values of social responsibility, with a diverse student body that studies and works together to advance social justice.

With an interdisciplinary vision and a contemporary agenda, we have built a world-class faculty and developed expertise in cutting-edge research, such as law and technology, law and economics, law and society, and empirical legal studies.

In addition to its highly regarded graduate programs, the Faculty is distinguished by a number of specialty programs offered solely at the University of Haifa. The Global Law Program brings together students from around the world for intense law studies, with an international and regional focus. The Erasmus Mundus Program in Law and Economics is a unique one year master’s program where students spend three trimesters in different universities around Europe and Asia. The International Program in Patent Law combines academic training in intellectual property and business law with intense practical experience. The International Academy for Judges was recently established to support the professional development of an international cadre of judges.

On behalf of the University of Haifa, I am pleased to offer sincere congratulations to our dedicated faculty, our talented alumni, and devoted administrative staff that has made the Faculty — the youngest law school in Israel — a true model for academic excellence and pluralism.

Professor Aaron Ben-Ze’ev
President, University of Haifa
The world is changing at an unprecedented rate and the legal profession is at the nexus of many of these changes. Facebook and privacy concerns, new calls for social justice, tectonic geopolitical shifts and the rise of new players, off-shore drilling and environmental challenges are but a few examples of the issues our students will grapple with upon graduation.

The University of Haifa Faculty of Law, the youngest university law school in the country, is uniquely positioned to respond and prepare our students to function as lawyers in the 21st century. Recognizing that law, the legal system and the rule of law are the backbone of Israeli democracy and fundamental tools for social change, our faculty imparts to our students the knowledge required to apply a broad concept of law required in an age of swift changes in a global interconnected society that offers many opportunities, but also poses serious challenges to social justice and equality.

In this vein we embrace the serious challenges facing Israeli society as learning opportunities for our students. In doing so, we lay the groundwork for a stronger legal profession and a brighter future for Israeli society.

We invite you to join us as we celebrate our 20th anniversary and look forward to having you partner with us in supporting our pioneering educational initiatives.

Professor Niva Elkin-Koren
Dean, Faculty of Law

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Laying the groundwork for a stronger legal profession and ensuring a more just society
Rethinking Law in the Digital Age: Threats to User Privacy, Limits on Freedom of Information, and Securing Intellectual Property

THE HAIFA CENTER OF LAW & TECHNOLOGY (HCLT)

Facebook privacy issues, Wikileaks, eBay disputes, digital piracy — the digital environment is presenting a host of thorny issues for the legal profession. Addressing these new legal issues requires academic leadership and creative approaches to adjudication.

Through the Haifa Center of Law & Technology, the Faculty has become an internationally recognized convener for the legal community engaged in the dynamic intersection of law and technology. The Faculty is noted for its influential position papers on topics such as Fighting Terror Online; Regulation of Technology: Adjusting Copyright Law to the Digital Millennium; and Regulating Spam. In addition to its areas of academic research, the Faculty is a hub for international conferences and workshops for students, lawyers, researchers, and the general public.

This dynamic environment, combined with our outstanding academic faculty, equips our students to meet the challenges they will face in their legal careers.

During the past two decades the Internet has revolutionized economic, communal and political life. This Cyber-revolution is the most significant transformation in the information environment since the invention of the printing press. It has destabilized the foundations of politics, society and the economy of entire industries. The Faculty of Law is at the forefront of researching and addressing high-profile legal issues that are headlining everyday news.

MASTER’S PROGRAM IN PATENT LAW

Israel is becoming an IP powerhouse, ranking among the highest patent-per-capita nations in the world. As the “start-up” nation continues to prosper and produce new technologies, there is a growing need for high-level IP professionals to facilitate innovation and economic growth.

The University of Haifa’s visionary Master’s Program in Patent Law in collaboration with the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) — the only program of its kind in Israel — is setting new standards for this nascent field.

The prestigious program, which attracts students from around the world, combines academic studies in intellectual property, patent law and commercial law with practical training in drafting patents, licensing and business entrepreneurship. The program is well-positioned to prepare the next generation of IP legal professionals in intellectual property law and business entrepreneurship.
Inculcating Social Responsibility in Israel’s Future Attorneys

LEGAL CLINICS

The University of Haifa’s Faculty of Law is home to seven legal clinics, which address issues from public housing to minority rights and the legal protection of disadvantaged and vulnerable populations (from young children to the elderly). The clinics are a research and investigative laboratory of the law and at the same time an active social change agent, promoting change in society at large.

Work at the clinics places our students at the forefront of complex legal issues, including petitions to Israel’s Supreme Court and legal advocacy focused on legislative and policy change. Because of the diverse nature of the University’s student body, the Clinics also provide a unique opportunity for Jewish and Arab students to collaborate and work in multi-ethnic settings.

“When young law students are given the opportunity to learn by doing, through representing real people with very real problems, the experience nurtures a commitment to social sensitivity and justice that shapes their future careers and lives — and makes important and lasting contributions to Israeli society.”

Adv. Ronit Haramati-Alpern, Legal Clinics Director

HUMAN RIGHTS IN SOCIETY LEGAL CLINIC: IN THE NEWS

Our legal clinics have registered a number of impressive legal achievements. Extensive activity on the part of the Human Rights in Society Legal Clinic led to a change in Israel Land Administration policy. Due to our students’ efforts, the government reversed an earlier decision and significantly reduced assessed renovation costs affecting vulnerable population groups in Old Acre. In addition, the Knesset’s Finance Committee discussed the status of Development Authority residents in Old Acre, following a position paper published by the Human Rights in Society Legal Clinic.
THE RELENTLESS PURSUIT OF JUSTICE

The Faculty of Law is dedicated to promoting the academic study of the rule of law, thus ensuring the democratic nature of Israeli society. Its preeminent research centers include the Center for Human Rights and the Rule of Law, the International Center for Health, Law and Ethics and the Forum for Law and Markets. These research centers are tackling some of Israel’s most contentious issues, including freedom of speech on university campuses, prisoners’ rights, housing rights in disputed territories, and bioethics.

In addition to its academic scholarship and teaching, the Faculty enjoys a stellar reputation for hosting international conferences, workshops and events which spotlight current aspects of the rule of law in Israeli society and attract prominent lecturers from around the world.

The University of Haifa Law School is the first non-European Law school, and the only Israeli law school to become a full member of the European program in Law and Economics. The Erasmus Mundus Program in Law and Economics awards a one-year Master’s degree in Law and Economics, in which students spend three trimesters in different universities. With an eye towards the increasing demands of the global society, the Global Law Program was established to promote international training and legal research through student exchanges, visiting professorships, as well as conferences and events.
The Faculty of Law is a pioneering force in the academic training of judges. Its unique LLM program for Israeli judges is a one-of-a-kind program designed exclusively for active judges. More than 65 judges have graduated from the program since its establishment in 2004. The program provides a forum for dialogue between acting judges and academics who study their decisions.

The Faculty recently launched the International Academy for Judges which will be at the forefront of current trends in judicial practice and enhance the intellectual and professional horizons of its Israeli and international participants. The Academy is honored to have Prof. Aharon Barak, former President of the Israeli Supreme Court, Justice Eliezer Rivlin (Ret.), Deputy President of the Israeli Supreme Court, and Prof. Amnon Carmi, former judge and Professor (emeritus) at the Faculty of Law and the first Secretary-General of the International Organization for Judicial Training (IOJT), serve in key academic leadership roles.

The hallmark of the Academy is the Haifa Global Judicial Colloquium held in cooperation with Brandeis University. Judges are invited to participate in a colloquium bringing together domestic and international judges. Judges representing a number of institutions, including the European Court of Human Rights, the International Court of Justice, and the International Criminal Court will be participating in this unique experience.

The close academic collaboration between Israeli judges and judges from abroad will also serve as an important catalyst for strengthening international familiarity with the accomplishments of the Israeli judiciary and will ultimately strengthen the visibility and international standing of the Israeli legal system.

Judging in the 21st century requires a profound and multidisciplinary understanding of law, which goes well beyond legal guidelines and precedents, and recognizes the overall ethical, economic, social and political implications of judicial decisions.
Supporting the Faculty of Law

Your gift to the University of Haifa Faculty of Law will help to attract and retain world-class faculty and exceptional students, offer a rigorous and innovative curriculum, and promote an intellectual environment that encourages collaboration, social responsibility and spirited debate.

Scholarships

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Legal Clinics

The Legal Clinic for Human Rights in Society
The Legal Clinic for Prisoners’ Access to Justice
The Legal Clinic for Law and Feminism
The Legal Clinic for Arab Minority Rights
The Legal Clinic for Labor Courts Mediation
The Legal Clinic for Public Defender’s Office
The Legal Clinic for Law and Technology

Request for support: $50,000 per year per Clinic

Research Centers

The Center for the Study of Crime, Law & Society
The Center for Law and Education Policy
The Haifa Center for Law and Technology

Request for support: $100,000 per year per Center for a number of years

Establishing an endowment fund: $1-3 M

Naming Opportunities

Establishing an Endowed Chair
Naming the Faculty of Law
Naming a new Faculty of Law building

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