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## **CURRENT POSITIONS**

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### **HARVARD LAW SCHOOL** (May 2016-present)

- ❖ Research Director, The Project on Controlling Shareholders, Harvard Law School Program on Corporate Governance
- ❖ Co-editor, Harvard Law School Forum on Corporate Governance and Financial Regulation (2012-present)

### **TEL-AVIV UNIVERSITY, FACULTY OF LAW** (starting 2018)

- ❖ Assistant Professor of Law

## **EDUCATION**

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### **HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, S.J.D. CANDIDATE** (2012-Present)

- ❖ Dissertation: *Reexamining Controlling Shareholder Theory* (Supervisors: Professor Lucian Bebchuk (principal supervisor) & Professor Jesse Fried).

### **HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, LL.M.** (2008)

- ❖ Thesis Supervisor: Prof. Duncan Kennedy (grade: A+).

### **TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY, Faculty of Law, LL.B., *magna cum laude*** (2005)

### **TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY, School of Economics, B.A.** (2005)

## **FORMER POSITIONS**

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### **HARVARD LAW SCHOOL**

- ❖ Academic Fellow, the Program on Corporate Governance (2012 - 2016).
- ❖ Instructor, Graduate Program Legal Writing Workshop (2012 - 2016).
- ❖ Instructor, The Shareholder Rights Project, a clinical program directed by Professor Lucian Bebchuk (2012-2014).

### **PAUL, WEISS, RIFKIND, WHARTON & GARRISON LLP** (a top New York law firm) (2008 - 2012)

- ❖ Mergers & Acquisitions Associate, Corporate Group (2010-2012).
- ❖ Associate, Corporate Group (rotating between Mergers & Acquisitions, Financing and Capital Market Groups) (2008-2010).

### **ISRAEL SUPREME COURT** (Jerusalem, Israel) (2005-2007)

- ❖ Law Clerk to Hon. Justice Asher D. Grunis (formerly the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court).
- ❖ Senior Law Clerk to Hon. Justice Salim Joubran.

## CONSULTING

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- ❖ Have provided research services in connection with matters involving corporate governance, corporate ownership structures, corporate transactions and reorganizations, including at controlled, pyramidal and dual-class companies.

## PUBLICATIONS

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- ❖ *The Untenable Case for Perpetual Dual-class Stock*, VIRGINIA LAW REVIEW (2017), *Forthcoming* (with Lucian A. Bebchuk).
- ❖ *“Captured Boards”: The Rise of “Super Directors” and the Case for a Board Suite*, WISCONSIN LAW REVIEW (2017), *Forthcoming* (with Yaron Nili); Won the best paper award, Weinberg Center’s 2017 Corporate Governance Symposium.
- ❖ *Calculating Expectation Damages in Risk-Intensive Ventures*, HEBREW UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW (2017), *Forthcoming* (with Yotam Kaplan).
- ❖ *In Search of the “Absent Shareholders”: A New Solution to Retail Investors’ Apathy*, 41 DELAWARE JOURNAL OF CORPORATE LAW 55 (2016) (with Yaron Nili).
- ❖ *Against All Odds: Hedge Fund Activism in Controlled Companies*, 16 COLUMBIA BUSINESS LAW REVIEW 60 (2016); Won the HLS 2015 Victor Brudney Prize for an outstanding paper in the area of corporate law.
- ❖ *Executive Compensation in Controlled Companies*, 90 INDIANA LAW JOURNAL 1,131 (2015); Won the HLS 2014 John M. Olin Prize for an outstanding paper in the area of law & economics.

## CONFERENCES & PRESENTATIONS

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- ❖ *“Captured Boards”: The Rise of “Super Directors” and the Case for a Board Suite* (with Yaron Nili)
  - The Annual Conference of the American Law and Economics Association (ALEA) (Yale Law School, May 2017)
  - 2017 Corporate Governance Symposium (Weinberg Center for Corporate Governance, University of Delaware, March 2017).
  - The National Business Law Scholars Conference (Chicago Law School, June 2016).
- ❖ *The Untenable Case for Perpetual Dual-class Stock* (with Lucian Bebchuk)
  - The Annual Conference of the American Law and Economics Association (ALEA) (Harvard Law School, May 2016);
  - The Harvard Law School Corporate Lunch (September 2015).
- ❖ *In Search of the “Absent Shareholders”: A New Solution to Retail Investors’ Apathy* (with Yaron Nili)
  - The National Business Law Scholars Conference (Chicago Law School, June 2016).
- ❖ *Against All Odds: Hedge Fund Activism in Controlled Companies*
  - Harvard Law School SJD Colloquium (March 2016).
  - Faculty workshop at Bar Ilan University (December 2015);
  - Faculty workshop at Hebrew University (December 2015);
  - Faculty workshop at Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya (December 2015);
  - Faculty workshop at Tel Aviv University (December 2015);
  - Harvard Law School Law and Economics Workshop (Harvard Law School, April 2015);
  - The Annual Conference of the American Law and Economics Association (ALEA) (Columbia Law School, May 2015).

❖ *Executive Compensation in Controlled Companies*

- The Annual Conference on Empirical Legal Studies (UC Berkeley, November 2014).
- Harvard Law School SJD Colloquium (Harvard Law School, October 2014).
- Annual Meeting of the Canadian Law and Economics Association (Toronto University, September 2014).
- Annual Meeting of the Israeli Law and Economics Association (Tel Aviv University, December 2013).
- Harvard Law School Law and Economics Workshop (Harvard Law School, April 2013).

## **SELECTED AWARDS AND HONORS**

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- Best Paper Award, Weinberg Center's 2017 Corporate Governance Symposium (2017)
- The Victor Brudney Prize for an outstanding paper in the area of corporate law (2015)
- The John M. Olin Prize for an outstanding paper in the area of law & economics (2014)
- John M. Olin Fellowship in Law and Economics (2012, 2013, 2014, 2015)
- Harvard Law School Graduate Program Fellowship (2012, 2013, 2014, 2015)
- HLS Summer Academic Fellowship (2013, 2015)
- TAU Legal Writing Award, best paper in the area of Local Government Law (2004)
- *Tel Aviv University Law Review*: Member of the Editorial Board (2003-2004)

## **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

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### **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

- ❖ Member, New York Bar (2009 – present).
- ❖ Member, Israel Bar (2006 – present).
- ❖ Co-chair, 8200 Alumni Leadership Committee, Boston Area (2014 – 2016).
- ❖ Co-chair, Tel Aviv University Alumni Young Leadership Committee, New York (2010 – 2012).

### **ISRAELI DEFENSE FORCES**

- ❖ Elite Intelligence Unit (1996-2000)