

Attorney Sharon Nahari Appointed Chairman of the Israel Bar Association's Extradition and International Crimes Committee

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Attorney Sharon Nahar, a senior Israeli defense lawyer from the private sector, has been appointed by Israel Bar Association Chairman Attorney Avi Himi to serve as chairman of the Israel Bar Association's Extradition and International Crimes Committee.

Attorney Sharon Nahari, who specializes in criminal law and white-collar crime, also specializes in a special niche – extradition and international crimes. His office operates branches in Europe, the US and Asia, and collaborates with various law firms around the world. Attorney Nahari recently attended a special conference held by the Defense Extradition Lawyers' Forum (DELF) in London, and was appointed Israel's representative. The forum discussed the cancellation of Interpol arrest warrants, Red Notice alerts, the connection between politics and international extradition and other issues.

An Increase in the Importance of the Field in Israeli Law

The Extradition and International Crimes Committee was established at the initiative of Attorney Sharon Nahari, who proposed the committee to Israel Bar Association Chairman Attorney Avi Himi and initiated its establishment. Like the work of other Bar Association committees, the committee's work is performed on a voluntary basis, and is the prominent point of contact between the Bar Association's elected officials and senior executives and rank and file attorneys who deal with the issue in practice.

According to Attorney Nahari, "The establishment of the committee at this time indicates the growing importance of international criminal law and extradition law in Israeli law in recent years. The many economic, technological and trade collaborations between countries around the world have expanded to economic enforcement collaborations."

Extradition laws are based on international treaties which the State of Israel is party to, such as the Convention on Organized Crime (Palermo Convention), the UN Convention Against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (Vienna Convention), money laundering, cyber-crimes, computer crimes, taxation, international crime and of course Interpol, which is a UN police intelligence organization that includes most UN member states, including Israel. In addition, the State of Israel has signed bilateral treaties for specific collaborations for fighting crime with various countries including the US, Canada, Australia, Thailand and others.

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