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Career Highlights

Yael Spak is a litigation attorney licensed in Texas and Israel with more than 20 years of experience handling complex civil, commercial, criminal, and administrative matters. She brings a broad range of legal experience, a keen understanding of judicial decision-making, and a cross-border perspective to her practice.

Throughout her career, Yael has held positions at leading law firms and senior roles within the Israeli judiciary. She previously served as Senior Advisor to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Israel, where she gained extensive experience conducting high-level legal research, analyzing complex legal issues, and drafting judicial opinions. Her experience on both sides of the judicial process gives her a unique perspective on developing thoughtful, effective strategies for resolving complex legal challenges.

Education

- Master of Laws (LL.M.). Dean's Merit Scholar. GPA: 3.77/4.00
  - University of Houston Law Center, Houston, Texas (August 2024-August 2025)
- Master of Arts in Public Policy (M.P.P.), summa cum laude
  - Tel Aviv University Faculty of Social Sciences, Tel-Aviv, Israel (October 2005-June 2007)
- Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) and Additional studies for B.A. in Political Science, magna cum laude
  - Tel Aviv University Faculty of Law and Faculty of Social Sciences, Tel Aviv, Israel (February 1999-February 2004)
- Certified Mediator of the Israeli Courts (September 2006)

Admissions

- State Bar of Texas (April 2026)
- Israel Bar Association (June 2004)

Community Engagement

- Shiur Acher (“A Different Lesson”). An Israeli non-profit organization
  - Volunteering Project Manager (2006-2016)
  - Developed and managed a volunteer legal education program for a non-profit organization promoting leadership, equality, and civic involvement through teaching legal courses in underprivileged schools.
  - Prepared students for a mock trial and conducted it in an actual courtroom.
- Center of Citizenship and Democracy Studies, Ministry of Education, Jerusalem, Israel
  - Authorized Instructor (2004-2005)
  - Led education program in national landmarks.
  - Delivered seminars on citizenship and democracy.

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