

## Efraim Barak



### CURRICULUM

Efraim Barak was born in Argentina (1957) but lives most of his life (since 1964) in Israel, where he grew and was educated. He completed his law degree in the Tel Aviv University in 1987. On same year he became member of the Israeli BAR. Efraim is also an Honorary Member of the BAR of Buenos Aires.

Until 31/12/2017 he was the Senior Partner at D. Mirkin & Co. and was the founder & the head of the Sport law department in that firm. On 1/1/2108 he established his own firm; [EFRAIM BARAK – Sport Law & Consultancy](#) to deal exclusively with Sport Law and Sport institutional consultancy with a special focus on International Sport Law.

He is involved as a practicing lawyer in Sport law for more than 25 years. Within the scope of his activities as an International Sport lawyer he was involved and gained substantial practical experience in advising and representing athletes, clubs and sport organizations in national and international level, and for the last 12 years he is also involved in a large number of academic and educational activities and is often invited as a speaker in congresses and seminars on Sport law worldwide.

Efraim Barak is a CAS Arbitrator since 2005 and was appointed (until the end of 2022) to deal with more than 380 Sport related arbitrations (including as president of the Panels and as Sole Arbitrator). Within his activity as CAS Arbitrator he was a member and president of panels in well-known cases, including cases with high public profile and importance, and dealt with a large variety of different topics and fields of the sport activity and sport law such as; Governance and Regulatory matters, commercial & employment disputes, Media Rights disputes, Disciplinary matters including Doping cases and Match Fixing cases and others, actually covering in his activity all the range of matters related to sport and sport law. Efraim Barak was also a member of the CAS Ad Hock Division to the Olympic Games in London 2012 and the CAS Anti-Doping Ad Hoc Division to the Olympic Games in Rio 2016.

Since 2015 he is member of the Legal Committee of UEFA and was promoted in 2019 to the position of 2<sup>nd</sup>. And in 2022 to the position of 1<sup>st</sup>. Vice Chairmen of the Committee.

He is one of the founders, a member and a member of the Board and treasurer of the RexSport Association.

Within his activities at RexSport he was one of the founders of the "RexSport Academy", which is the educational department of the organization and is one of the heads of the academic and educational activities of RexSport which includes, except of establishing Sport Law programs, also the organization of Conferences, Seminars and workshops on Sport Law matters.

Efraim Barak is the Academic Director and one of the founders of the **SSBM (Geneva)** program in Sport Law and legal aspects of Sport management. He was one of the founders and the Academic Director and professor for over 12 years of the two **ISDE** Master programs in International Sports Law in Madrid, and he regularly also lectures in several other LLM & Master of Sport Law programs and a **professor of Sport Law in various universities** and organizations worldwide (NY, Zurich, Shanghai, Madrid, CEU in Valencia, the **FIFA Diploma in Football Law**, the **FIFA program in Sport Arbitration**, the **UEFA Football Law Program**, **MESGO**, The "**LaLiga**" program in football & sport law, the **Real Madrid program on Sport law** in collaboration with the European University in Madrid & others).

Amongst his students over the years, one will find many of them holding that held and are high legal positions in both International as well as national sport organizations, and I to mention only a few of the positions that these ex-students occupied it is worth mentioning the Head of the Player Status Department and the Head of the Disciplinary Department in FIFA, the General Counsel of the AFC, the General Counsel of ECA (and other high legal officers at this organization), the General Counsel of EPFL, Legal officials et the RFEF and La Liga, Legal Counsel at FIBA, High officials, including Chairmen of National Football Associations, General Counsels of Football Clubs in different countries and many others.

For many years Efraim Barak is involved and promoted the development of the Sport Law education in China.

In 2019 he was appointed General Counsel of the International Taekwon-Do Federation (ITF).

He is also very much involved in various public activities related to Sport Law in his Country, Israel, and amongst other activities he was a member and then the Head of the Advising Committee on Statutes and By Laws of the Israeli Football Association, he was a judge in the Supreme Court of the Israel Basketball Association, he was an independent advisor to the committee in the Israeli Parliament (The "Knesset") which dealt with measures against violence in Sport and a member of the drafting committee of the Israeli Law for the prevention of violence in Sport, and a member of the Committee on Sport law of the Israel BAR.

In between August 2014 and November 2017, he took upon himself the position of the General Counsel and Head of Legal of the Israel Football Association (IFA). Recently, in 2022, he served as a member of an independent expert's committee appointed by IFA to explore, re-think and suggest updated measures (both legal and operational) with respect to the fighting against violence in football matches.

Under his specialized law firm, Efraim provides services exclusively on the field of international Sport Law. While continuing his activities as a CAS Arbitrator, as well as the educational and academic activities he uses his knowledge and long experience in this field in providing mainly legal, however also general and institutional consultancy to athletes, clubs and sport organizations worldwide.

Efraim is fluent in Hebrew, English and Spanish.