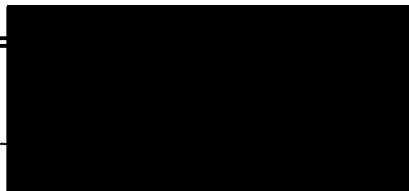


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2016 – Columnist, Forbes.com  
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2008-2016 Editor, Journal of Legal Studies  
2007-2008 Chair, Section on Contracts, Association of American Law Schools  
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2002-2003 Chair, Section on Law and Economics, Association of American Law Schools  
2001-2002 Founding President, Israeli Law and Economics Association  
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1997-1999 Judicial Panel Member, Israel Antitrust Court  
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2012	Organizer, <i>European Contract Law: a Law-and-Economics Perspective</i> , Common Market Law Review
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1998	Organizer, <i>The Economics of Contract Law</i> (Tel-Aviv, 1998)

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