



Ayala Procaccia

Israeli Supreme Court Justice

Justice Ayala Procaccia currently serves as one of 12 Israeli Supreme Court Justices. Ayala Procaccia was born in Kibbutz Ashdot Yaacov in Israel. After graduating from High School in Tel Aviv, she served in the Israeli army for two years. She later studied law at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, where she received her law degree (L.L.B.) and subsequently her Masters degree in Law (L.L.M.), both with distinction. She was admitted to the Israeli Bar, and soon after became Legal Assistant to Chief Justice Simon Agranat, President of the Supreme Court of Israel.

Justice Procaccia later studied in the Doctoral program at the University of Pennsylvania Law School, where she received her Doctorate (S.J.D.) in 1972. From 1972 to 1987, she served in various legal positions in the Ministry of Justice of Israel. For one year during that period, she was appointed Legal Advisor to the Securities and Exchange Commission of Israel. In 1987, she was appointed to the Israeli judiciary, beginning her career in the Jerusalem Magistrate Court. She was then elevated to the District Court of Jerusalem in 1993. In 2001, Justice Procaccia was appointed to the Supreme Court of Israel, where she presently serves.

During her tenure on the Court, Justice Procaccia has been influential in shaping Israeli policy through interpretation and adjudication of the Israeli laws and parliamentary rulings. The Supreme Court has set binding legal precedents affecting the peace process, the placement of the security fence, and the treatment of Palestinian residents. Justice Procaccia has been intricately involved in these decisions and looks forward to speaking about the role of the judiciary in Israel.