



Yeshiva University

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Andrew "Avi" Lauer serves as Yeshiva University's Vice President for Legal Affairs, Secretary and General Counsel. In this capacity, he is responsible for all legal matters pertaining to Yeshiva University and its affiliates within the United States and abroad. As a member of the senior leadership of the University and its affiliates, Avi has responsibility for many business and operational matters, including enterprise risk management, international operations in Israel and Canada, and he serves as Vice President of University affiliates, Yeshiva University High Schools and the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary.

Prior to his appointment at Yeshiva University, Avi was a partner at the international law firm of Thelen Reid Brown Raysman and Steiner LLP, where he maintained a large and diverse practice while also serving as an active leader of Thelen's labor and employment law department. Avi served as relationship partner to numerous clients in various areas of legal specialty, including corporate, real estate, litigation, technology, outsourcing, bankruptcy, patent and trademark, and he often functioned as outside general counsel to many companies. He also established and maintained an extensive Israel Practice at Thelen and worked with many Israeli-owned and/or affiliated companies and regularly traveled to Israel to meet with his Israeli clients and contacts.

Lauer also has prior professional experience as Senior Employment Counsel in the Office of General Counsel of PricewaterhouseCoopers Consulting (PwC Consulting), where he was responsible for all employment-law-related matters affecting the firm and its more than 30,000 employees. In addition, he was responsible for all in-house employment-law-related matters pertaining to the planned IPO and ultimate sale of PwC Consulting to IBM. Before joining PwC, he served as Assistant General Counsel of Deloitte & Touche USA, where he was employment counsel to both Deloitte & Touche LLP and Deloitte Consulting L.P.

Early in his career, serving as an Assistant District Attorney in the Kings County District Attorney's Office in Brooklyn, NY, Lauer conducted numerous trials and investigations and was assigned to several bureaus, including the elite Trial Cadre unit of the Homicide Bureau.

Involved in numerous community causes, Lauer serves and/or has served on the Executive Board of several charitable organizations in the New York area. He is a former president of the Young Israel of Woodmere, former chairman of the Board of Trustees and honorary past-president of the Hebrew Academy of the Five Towns and Rockaway, and a member of the Audit Committee and Long Island Board of Ohel Family and Children's Services. He also served as pro bono counsel to several organizations and not-for-profits, including the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America and Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts.

Avi holds rabbinic ordination and has published numerous articles. He is a frequent public speaker throughout the United States and abroad on topics including law, business, religious law, community leadership and governance, as well as the intersection of such topics.