

REPORT ON THE VISIT OF JUSTICE MORDECAI BROMBERG TO THE SUPREME COURT OF ISRAEL

1. Over seven days between 21 September and 1 October 2014, I participated in a judicial exchange program organised by the International Association of Supreme Administrative Jurisdictions (**IASAJ**). During that period I was hosted by the Supreme Court of Israel in Jerusalem.

2. From my perspective, the exchange was a very valuable and enjoyable exercise which far exceeded my expectations.

3. The program of activities organised by the Supreme Court was extensive and included the following:
 - a lengthy meeting with President Asher Grunis;
 - separate lengthy meetings with each of five judges of the Supreme Court with particular expertise in administrative law;
 - a specially organised lunch with all of the judges of the Supreme Court;
 - a presentation in relation to recent developments in Australian law presented by me at a seminar attended by all of the judges of the Supreme Court;
 - a dinner hosted by a judge of the Supreme Court;
 - my attendance as an observer at various hearings of the Supreme Court;
 - a reception attended by most of the judges of the Jerusalem District Court, followed by a lengthy meeting with the President of that Court and two judges of the Court's Administrative Law Division;
 - a reception attended by most of the judges of the Tel Aviv District Court, followed by a lengthy meeting with the President of that Court and two judges of the Court's Administrative Law Division;
 - a meeting with former Supreme Court Justices Rivlin and Levin in relation to the activities of the International Organisation of Judicial Training and the Israel Institute of Advanced Judicial Studies;
 - a meeting with the Dean of the Faculty of Law of the Hebrew University and two professors with administrative law expertise;
 - a meeting with, and presentation to, the clerks of the judges of the Supreme Court;
 - a lengthy meeting at the Ministry of Justice in Jerusalem attended by the Director-General of the Ministry of Justice, the Deputy Attorney-General (Counselling), the Deputy Attorney-General (International Law), the Director of Public Law of the Department of Legislation and Legal Counselling, the

Deputy State Attorney (Financial Enforcement) and the Head of the Administrative and Constitutional Law Department;

- tours of each of the Supreme Court, the District Court of Tel Aviv and the Hebrew University;
- private study time directed to important decisions of the Supreme Court identified by various judges of the Court.

4. Each of the meetings I attended involved extensive and informative exchanges in which mainly administrative law issues were discussed and comparisons made between Israeli and Australian approaches. I learnt a great deal and was greatly enriched by the experience. I developed good relations with several judges of the Supreme Court and we intend to remain in contact in order to pursue matters of common interest.
5. I wish to express my sincere thanks to President Grunis and to Justice Uzi Voglman who organised my schedule of activities. My visit was greatly facilitated by the efforts of Natalie Kimhi, the Supreme Court's Director of Public Affairs. The hospitality and facilities provided to me and the effort made by the Supreme Court to provide an extensive and stimulating schedule of activities deserves great praise.
6. Lastly, I am very grateful to the IASAJ for providing me with the opportunity to participate.

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