

Dov Weissglas



Dov Weissglas is an Israeli lawyer and business man who has been closely linked with the Middle Peace process, particularly under Prime Minister Ariel Sharon.

Dov was born in Tel Aviv in 1946 and grew up in Ramat Gan. He served in the Israel Defense Forces after which he studied law at Hebrew University. After graduating with an LLB and interning at the Tel Aviv District Court, he received a law license in 1971 and began working in the Tel Aviv law firm Moritz & Margolis where he became partner in 1978. In 1984, he acquired the firm with Amir Almagor, becoming a senior partner and changing the name to Moritz, Weissglas, Almagor & Co.

As a lawyer, Weissglas has represented numerous Israeli public figures including Yitzhak Rabin, Ariel Sharon, Ehud Olmert, Yisrael Meir Lau, Avigdor Lieberman, and Effie Eitam. He represented two Shin Bet officers tasked with monitoring Jewish extremists before the Shamgar Commission, two Mossad agents captured in Jordan during a failed operation to assassinate Khalid Mashal, the locomotive driver in the HaBonim disaster, the chairman of the organizing committee of the Maccabiah Games in the aftermath of the Maccabiah bridge collapse, and Rafi Eitan before the US authorities in the Jonathan Pollard affair. He served his military reserve duty in the Office of the Legal Advisor of the Ministry of Defense, where he assisted in collecting material for the Kahan Commission. He also served as the licensed manager of the Hessna insurance company in 1991.

In 2002, Weissglas was appointed Director-General of the Prime Minister's Office under Ariel Sharon, serving until August 2004. In this role, he served as a diplomatic delegate for negotiating with U.S. National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice and U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell and was one of the key architects of the Israeli disengagement from Gaza. After his term finished in 2004, he continued to act as a special adviser to the Prime Minister for the rest of Sharon's term, and he remained in this role under Prime Minister Ehud Olmert after Sharon's stroke until his resignation in June 2006, when he was appointed Chairman of the Board of Directors of Bezeq.

In 2015, Weissglas retired from practice. He now serves as a consultant for individuals and companies around the world providing advice on a wide range of topics, particularly on issues pertaining to regulation and governance. He is married to Dr. Louise Weissglas, PhD. They have three daughters and 10 grandchildren.