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hereby confers upon

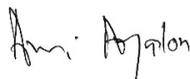
Salim Joubran

the degree of

Doctor of Philosophy, Honoris Causa

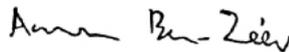
in recognition of his many years of legal activity, beginning in the Haifa Magistrate Court and leading up to the highest ranking judicial position of Supreme Court Justice; for consistently honoring the protection of individual rights and defense of weaker members of society in his legal decisions; his widespread social efforts in narrowing the gap between Jews and Arabs and creating a better, more just country and society; for his friendship over many years with the University of Haifa, both as a member of the Executive Committee of the Jewish-Arab Center and as a member of the Board of Governors; and for his vast contribution to the University's growth.

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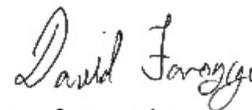
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JUSTICE SALIM JOUBRAN

Israel Supreme Court Justice

Justice Salim Joubran, from a Christian-Arab family, was born in 1947 in the German Colony in Haifa. He completed his high school studies in the Franciscan Terra Santa School in Acre. In 1968, Justice Joubran earned his bachelor's degree in Law from Hebrew University in Jerusalem. From 1970-1982, he practiced law in the private sector specializing in civil law.

In 1982 Justice Joubran began his judicial career, when he was appointed to the position of judge in Haifa's Magistrate Court. In 1993, he was selected to serve as a judge in the District Court of Haifa and in 2003 he was appointed temporarily to the Supreme Court. In May 2004, Joubran was appointed as a permanent judge on the Supreme Court – the first Arab judge to receive such an appointment. In his decisions, Justice Joubran conveys the importance of universal legal principles, the defense of human rights and protection of the weaker members of society. He is known as an attentive judge and it is not surprising that he sees the judge's mission in this way: "Judgment is sacred work, mission and purpose, and the judge should be a human being, to listen and have a proper judicial temperament".

In addition to his judicial work, Justice Joubran was active for many years in the public sector, mainly in promoting co-existence between Jews and Arabs. He was one of the founders of "Beit Kedem": The Arab-Jewish Cultural Center; a member of the public management of the non-profit organization "Beit Hagefen": The Arab-Jewish Center in Haifa; and served on the Executive Committee of the Jewish-Arab Center here at the University of Haifa. In light of these activities, Justice Joubran received the Lord Marcus Sieff Prize for his initiatives to improve Jewish-Arab relations in Israel. He served as Governor of Rotary International, District 249 Israel; served as Chairman of the Zeltner Foundation for Legal Research, of Rotary International, District 249 Israel and Tel Aviv University. He represented District 249 Israel in the legislative council of Rotary International which took place in India in 1998.