



Yehuda Shaffer

Consultant

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Role

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Summary

Yehuda is today an independent consultant after retiring in april 2018 from 30 years of service in the Israeli Government pursuing a legal career specializing in financial crime issues, combined with extensive international experience in applying of the FATF standards. He was the founder and head of the Israeli FIU (financial intelligence unit) and served as the deputy state attorney (financial crime) in the Israeli prosecution service. Yehuda has participated in several AML/CFT mutual evaluations, and has provided assistance to several jurisdictions on various operational and legal issues, conducting national risk assessments, and training of investigators prosecutors and judges.

Relevant experience

- Founded and headed IMPA the Israeli financial intelligence unit, and offered technical assistance to in the other FIUs regarding management of financial data.
- Served as deputy state attorney (financial crime) in Israel, with oversight and extensive experience in the investigation and prosecution of money laundering terror financing corruption cases, and confiscation of the proceeds of crime.
- Participated in several mutual evaluations of FATF standards as legal and law enforcement evaluator. (Jersey, Isle of man, Greece, Poland, Montenegro, Bosnia)
- Joined in several FATF discussions especially on terror financing, and routinely serves as trainer in FATF evaluator training courses
- Lead the preparation of jurisdictions for mutual evaluations including several mock evaluations in the European and Caribbean region.
- Offered technical assistance on financial crime legislation, including on the application of voluntary tax compliance programs to several eastern European countries.
- Regularly advises financial institutions on various compliance issues, including to and with regard of Fintech companies and crypto currencies.
- Aassisted in the liquidation process of a Latvian bank with regard to AML transaction monitoring and the application of AML CFT standards.
- Participated and assisted several jurisdictions in conducting their national AML/CFT risk assessment including in the formation of the best practices paper for financial centres on assessing their terror financing risk.
- Designed and delivered several financial crime focused training events (including AML/CFT for FIU, investigators, prosecutors, and judges in several European, eastern European and central Asian jurisdictions.

Education and Professional qualifications:

- LLB, LLM in Law Hebrew university
- MPA Harvard university

Areas of expertise:

- Financial Crime (Anti-Money Laundering, Terror financing , Confiscation Sanctions), FIU, Risk Management. NRA, FATF evaluations

Language skills:

- Hebrew(native)
- English (fluent)