

# DAFNA LANG

Sports Governance & Cycling Executive



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## Profession & Education

### Board Directors Training Program

The Israel Olympic Committee  
2022

### Attorney at Law

Member of the Bar of Israel,  
Owner of an independent Law office  
specializing in real estate and  
commercial law.  
1998 - Present

## Skills & Languages

- Litigation & Legal Advocacy
- Sports Governance
- Team Leadership
- Advanced Negotiation
- Organizational Development
  
- Hebrew - Native
- English - Fluent
- French - Basic

## Professional Summary

Experienced sports management executive and legal advisor with a proven track record in strategic development, policy advocacy, and organizational leadership in cycling and sports governance. Expert in litigation, sponsorship acquisition, structural management, and promoting gender equality in sports. An active cyclist, 2024 Israel Masters Enduro Vice Champion.

## Key Achievements

- Expanding cycling in diverse communities: Established a cycling excellence class for the Arab sector in collaboration with the Olympic Committee.
- Increasing accessibility for at-risk youth: Founded competitive cycling leagues in youth villages and the Bedouin community.
- Secured major sponsorships and donations, doubling the budget of the Israel Cycling Federation.
- Developed a new organizational structure, expanding the team and improving operational efficiency.
- Successfully litigated cases representing women's sports organizations in the Supreme Court of Israel, securing a landmark ruling on equal public funding allocation.
- Co-initiator of Israel's leading platform for advancing girls and women in sports, recognized by the Ministry of Sport. This initiative has been the central driver of gender equality in Israeli sports for over a decade.

## Professional Experience

**President** 2022 - Present

### Israel Cycling Federation

- Led the federation to historic competitive achievements, including Israel's first World and European Championship medals.
- Successfully hosted the 2022 UCI Junior Track World Championships.
- Initiated the award-winning "Riding Forward" project, supporting 3,000 displaced children during wartime, awarded by the President of Israel.

### Board Member

2022 - Present

### Israel Olympic Committee

Member of the Finance and Gender Equality Committees.

### Interim President

2019 - 2021

### Israel National Council for Sport

Provided strategic advisory and policy recommendations to the Minister of Sport.

### Ministerial Advisory Committee Member

2006 - 2020

### Ministry for Sport

Provided strategic guidance leading to policy changes in women's sports development, sports infrastructure, and funding criteria for sports federations and clubs.

### Litigation Representative

2002 - 2009

### Supreme Court of Israel

- Represented women's football and basketball organizations in landmark Supreme Court cases.
- Secured precedent-setting ruling ensuring equal allocation of public resources for women's sports teams.