

Old-Age Pension and Israel's National Labour Court

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The old-age pension is one of the corner stones of Israel's national social insurance. It is intended to prevent poverty in old-age and insure minimal existence with dignity. Despite the importance of old-age pensions, and various descriptive writings in the field, very few empirical studies have been conducted regarding their impact in general, or their legal implications specifically. This study attempts to add to existing knowledge by studying the ways by which old-age pensions are discussed and ruled upon in Israel's National Labour Court decisions. The study qualitatively and quantitatively analyses a sample of one-hundred and four court rulings. In general, the findings indicate that the overall number of cases concerning old-age pensions which are dealt with in the National Labour Court is low. Key legal issues which are discussed concern aspects of: residency, time limitation, the inter-relation between old-age pension and supplemental income, and the issue of persons with disabilities who enter old-age. In general, the National Labour Court refrains from intervening in the existing statutory balance that shapes Israel's old-age pension scheme.

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