Justice Dorit Beinisch was the first woman and the first Israeli-born justice to preside over the Supreme Court of Israel. During her service in a series of senior positions, she has contributed significantly to the Israeli legal arena, building the ethical core that is vital to Israeli society.

Dorit Beinisch was born in Tel Aviv. Her parents, Chava and Aharon Werba, a teacher and public servant, respectively, were pioneers who contributed greatly to the State of Israel. The principles she imbibed in her home shaped her character and subsequently her civic and professional future. She received a bachelor's degree in law from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, where she also earned a master's degree in law summum cum laude.

Dorit Beinisch began her career in public service as a prosecutor in the Jerusalem District Attorney's Office, advancing to the main bureau of the State Attorney's Office. Following her appointment as director of the Department of Constitutional and Administrative Law in the State Attorney's Office, she represented the state on pivotal issues, including settlements and expulsions at the end of the 1970s. In 1982, she was appointed deputy state attorney. With this appointment, she headed the team that collected evidence for the Kahan Commission that investigated the Sabra and Shatila events, represented the state in issues related to the Intifada, and served as the prosecutor for the Gush Emunim underground trial, in which she played a central role in the investigation of the Bus 300 affair.

In 1989, Dorit Beinisch was appointed state attorney, becoming the first woman to serve in this position. In this capacity, she represented the state in numerous criminal cases, provided legal advice to governmental authorities, and rendered decisive opinions on fundamental legal issues. In 1995, Dorit Beinisch was appointed to serve as a justice on the Supreme Court of Israel, where she was responsible for major decisions of great significance to the state. In 2006, she was appointed president of the Supreme Court of Israel.

Dorit Beinisch has devoted her professional life, over 40 years, to public service and to the advancement and protection of the principles of government rule. Out of loyalty to these principles, Dorit Beinisch stood firm on more than one occasion before the powerful and influential, making decisions which drew criticism from various political and ideological bodies.