

RocaJunyent awards lawyer, professor and writer Philippe Sands the 10th Law and Society Award

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On the same day, the awards of the 10th RocaJunyent's Social Responsibility of Law program (RSA), which distinguishes the outstanding works of secondary school students who address the importance of law as a shaper of relations between people and coexistence in society, were also presented.

*Barcelona, 27 October 2023. This Friday, **RocaJunyent** awarded the 10th Law and Society Prize to the lawyer, professor and writer Philippe Sands. The Jury of the Prize has considered that "Sands' works set a very important standard in recounting and building around the great debates of our History, related to the great international conflicts of our past. Also in the dimension of war as an expression of failure or of controversial and difficult decolonisation processes, Philippe Sands has demonstrated the importance of law and jurists in channelling the consequences of these situations, seeking how to draw from these dramas rules that can ensure greater respect for human rights and peace in the world".*

This award, which is part of the Social Responsibility of Law programme of RocaJunyent, was presented in the auditorium of Rafael del Pino Foundation in Madrid, in a ceremony attended by authorities from the Spanish Government, the Community of Madrid, Madrid City Council, as well as numerous Spanish judges and business leaders. Miquel Roca, honorary chairman of the firm, and Joan Roca Sagarra, executive chairman of RocaJunyent, presided over the ceremony.

The prize-winner's field of activity focuses on international law. Throughout his career, he has participated in major trials at the Court of Justice of the European Union and the International Criminal Court in The Hague, including the Pinochet case, the Yugoslav war, the Rwandan genocide, the invasion of Iraq and Guantanamo Bay. He is also Professor of Law and Head of the Centre for International Courts and Tribunals at University College London. Philippe Sands is also a member of the panel of arbitrators of the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) and the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).

In addition to his work as a lawyer and academic, Philippe Sands is the author of seventeen books. He is the author of Lawless World essays, on the illegality of the Iraq war, and Torture Team, on the Bush administration's use of torture. Sands is also the author of acclaimed novels, such as *East Street West*, *Escape Route*, and the recent *The Last Colony*, all published in Spain by Anagrama.

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10th Social Responsibility of Law Competition for secondary school students

During the event, the awards of the 10th RocaJunyent's Social Responsibility of Law program (RSA) were also presented, recognising the best work of secondary school students on the value of law and the impact that laws have on everyday life. The RSA project at the firm, in which most of the firm's lawyers participate, is developed through a programme of educational sessions in schools, aimed at students in the third and fourth years of ESO (Compulsory High School Education). In the ten editions of the programme, around 9,000 young people have participated in the more than 450 sessions held.

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