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### **Public Lecture**

# Prof. Dr. Richard Susskind

Professor Dr. Richard Susskind OBE KC (Hon) President, Society for Computers and Law Author, Tomorrow's Lawyers

# «The Future of Legal Services»

Wednesday, 15 May 2024 18.30 - 19.45 h University of Zurich, Rämistrasse 71 Room KOL-G-201

Free entrance. No registration required. Limited seating. Further information: www.eiz.uzh.ch

## Speaker



Professor Richard Susskind OBE KC (Hon) is the President of the Society for Computers and Law and, from 1998 to 2023, was Technology Adviser to the Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales. He has written ten books, including Tomorrow's Lawyers (2013, 2017, 2023) and Online Courts and the Future of Justice (2015, 2021). He has contributed more than 150 columns to The Times of London and his work has been translated into 18 languages. He has been invited to speak in more than 60 countries. He is the world's most cited author on the future of legal services. He wrote his PhD on Al and the law at Oxford in the early/mid 1980s and co-developed the world's first commercial Al system for lawyers.

### Content of the lecture

For Richard Susskind, the future of legal service is neither Grisham nor Rumpole. Instead, he predicts a world of online courts, Al-based global legal businesses, liberalized markets, commoditization and alternative sourcing, disruptive start-ups, legal training in virtual reality, and a new range of law jobs.

Based on his experience as independent adviser to major professional firms and to national governments he will reflect on how the greatest technological advance that humanity has ever witnessed affects the way legal services are provided in the future. He will also touch on the unaffordability and inaccessibility of legal service, for businesses and citizens alike. Richard Susskind will not only identify new opportunities for lawyers, new ways of helping clients and the community, but also invite the next generation of lawyers to harness the power of technology in improving and even overhauling the way in which legal and court service is currently provided. He argues that it is both a privilege and an obligation for tomorrow's lawyers to embrace and bring about change.

