

## International legal technology guru Richard Susskind speaks at VQ Forum on the changing legal profession

**VQ Knowledge and Strategy Forum takes place in Stockholm on 4 October 2011 with Professor Richard Susskind as key note speaker. Richard Susskind is the guru of legal technology and visionary predictions for the future of the legal profession worldwide.**

The forum will focus on Richard Susskind's predictions on the changing roles for the legal profession and the need for increased professionalism and efficiency by combining business development with technology. Richard Susskind is the author of numerous books, including "The End of Lawyers?" and has often argued that intelligent use of technology will directly challenge and sometimes even replace the traditional work of lawyers in firms.

Richard Susskind has also predicted the evolution of new legal careers such as the Legal Knowledge Engineer, which is a highly skilled lawyer with the talent to analyze and embody complex legal content and processes into standard working practices and computer systems.

Richard Susskind will provide his views and insights, which will be followed by a discussion forum and speakers, sharing their experiences and thoughts on the topic, such as **Christer Danielsson** (chair of the conference), Partner with Stockholm niche firm Danielsson & Englund, previously Partner of Gernandt & Danielsson for eight years, four of which as Managing Partner, **Anne Ramberg**, Secretary General of the Swedish Bar Association since 2000, following 23 years as a practising lawyer, **Joakim Edoff**, Executive Partner at Setterwalls, who previously held the position as Knowledge Manager for the firm, **Björn Kristiansson**, Partner at Hannes Snellman with special responsibility for the firm's KM activities and vast knowledge management experience from Linklaters and Vinge, and **Rob Ameerun**, Business Development Manager Legal and Founder of Legal IT Professionals.

"Richard Susskind is one of the most influential and visionary legal futurists in the world and a large source of inspiration for us", says Helena Hallgarn, one of the founders of VQ. "We are very excited and proud that he has chosen VQ Forum for his first public speaking engagement in Sweden and that so many other well-reputable and knowledgeable speakers will complete the discussions. We are looking forward to an inspiring, thought-provoking and exciting day with great insights from all the speakers".

For further information about the VQ forum and to register for the event, please see <http://www.vqab.se/our-offering/knowledge-and-strategy-forum-2010.aspx>. For more information about Richard Susskind, please see <http://www.susskind.com/>.

Virtual Intelligence VQ was launched in 2010 by Helena Hallgarn and Ann Björk, former KM executives of Scandinavian law firm Vinge. - "After fifteen years within the law firm market and after ten and eight years respectively at Vinge law firm, we decided to take on new challenges and to start our own venture," explains Helena Hallgarn.

- "VQ operates within a new niche, where we combine the practice of law with IT and knowledge management. We offer services such as strategic advice, project management, business development, implementation of document assembly solutions and other IT solutions, coaching and seminars, and systems development," says Ann Björk. "We even regard ourselves as Legal Knowledge Engineers in the meaning given by Richard Susskind, and have developed the new intelligent legal service - VQ Legal - on basis of his predictions."

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