

What Next for the “Torture Team”?

Philippe Sands in Interview with Jon Snow



Venue:

Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer,
Tudor St, London, EC4Y 0AY

Time & Date:

1pm – 2pm Monday 22nd June 2009

CPD Accreditation:

1 Hour

In the week leading up to the United Nations Day in Support of Victims of Torture on 26 June 2009, HRLA invite you to a lunchtime discussion between Professor Philippe Sands QC, author of “Torture Team” and the broadcaster Jon Snow.

On its publication in 2008, “Torture Team,” with its careful detailing of the interrogation techniques used against Mohammed al-Qahtani in Guantanamo Bay, rocked the world. The book exposed the role played by key lawyers in the Bush Administration in fostering a regime that sanctioned prohibited ill treatment amounting to torture and their attempts to legalise it.

The book has set off a chain reaction that continues to this day. And whilst the world, and the US in particular, has had to respond to its shocking revelations, lawyers have been forced to acknowledge the role our profession had in facilitating, if not encouraging, such conduct.

In conversation with Jon Snow, Philippe Sands will discuss the events that have taken place since the book’s publication, including giving evidence before the same US House Judiciary Committee that exposed the Watergate scandal. He will also reflect upon what the future holds for the lawyers who are now indelibly linked with one of America’s most shameful episodes.

The discussion will be broad and wide-ranging with plenty of opportunities for questions.

We very much hope that you can join us. Signed copies of “Torture Team” will be available to purchase.

The event is free to members of HRLA. For non-members the fee is £5.00.

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