

SCIENCE AND LAW COMMISSION

The Science and Law Commission (1), constituted by Fide and the Garrigues Foundation, is composed of a group of experts who carry out their professional activities in the areas of law, economics and science, with the common goal of providing an institutionalized platform that promotes and favors dialogue and comprehension between the worlds of law and the different disciplines of science.

The Commission also pursues the goal of consolidating a permanent communications nexus between these two areas to establish a fluid channel to allow for legislation to be incorporated in the best possible manner to scientific and technological advances that govern the new era of knowledge.

To achieve this, the members will gather periodically to exchange experiences, opinions and interests so that scientific improvements can be incorporated in the best conditions and with the outmost guaranties to the current legislation. In this respect, the Commission will actively promote technical reports on different subjects to favor the opportune legislative changes.

Likewise, the Commission will create specific committees on singular subjects to exchange information between jurists and scientists, in a way that favors mutual knowledge about the respective areas of interest, and contributes to the improvement of the technical scientific training of lawyers and jurists, and to the legal training of scientists. All of this under the frame of an institutionalized structure in constant connection to the scientific and legal instances with the highest rank of representatives.

This is a **collective project** that requires the active participation of all those professionals with knowledge and intellectual curiosity so that we may move forward towards a society in which the Law and its professionals are more prepared for the challenges that scientific research raises, ever more complex. In this regard, the Commission has met in several occasions (3) with highly qualified professionals with the objective of profiling and defining the objectives and immediate tasks in the briefest timeframe possible.

The following subjects have been set, by the Commission, as objectives that need immediate development:

- Determine which are the main challenges that arise before the mutual understanding of scientists and jurists.
- Design frames that lead to changes in legislation and politics which include the latest scientific and technological progress.

- Closely examine and monitor the status of science and law in Spain and abroad.
- Analysis of the laws of regulation and implementation of scientific advances.
- Share the knowledge resulting from this Commission.
- Generate and contribute ideas.
- Give value to the roles of science and law in our society.
- Systematically monitor and evaluate the progress of science and law in this area.
- Disclose information to any entity/organization/government that shows interest in the debates that take place.
- Elaborate quarterly reports that collect the conclusions of the meetings held during the corresponding period of time.
- Create a portal of information accessible to organizations, companies, individuals, NGOs, ... etc.
- Find the appropriate ways and means to communicate to the people the transcendence of these topics, their implications, risks and benefits.

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