

## **A Talk by Stephan Rapp: “Is Justice Possible for Genocide and Crimes Against Humanity?”**

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Stephen J. Rapp has been the Chief Prosecutor at the Special Court for Sierra Leone since December 2006, when he succeeded Desmond de Silva to become the third Chief Prosecutor of the Special Court for Sierra Leone. He is currently prosecuting Liberia’s former President Charles Taylor for crimes against humanity.

From 1993 to 2001, Rapp was the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Iowa. During his tenure, his office filed the first cases in the nation under the Brady Handgun Control Act and the Violence Against Women Act. He also served as a Staff Director and Counsel at the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee and as an elected member of the Iowa Legislature.

In 2005, he became the Chief of Prosecutions at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, where he assisted Chief Prosecutor Hassan Bubacar Jallow in investigating violations of international criminal law in Rwanda. Prior to this appointment, Rapp was the Senior Trial Attorney who headed the prosecution of what has been called the "Media Trial": the case against the principals of RTLM radio and the editor of the Kangura newspaper for allegedly inciting persecution and genocide. In December 2003, the Trial Chamber found each of the defendants guilty of Genocide, Direct and Public Incitement to Commit Genocide, Conspiracy to Commit Genocide, Extermination as a Crime against Humanity and Persecution as a Crime against Humanity.

Rapp is a native of Cedar Falls, Iowa. He attended local public schools and graduated from Cedar Falls High School. Rapp received his B.A. degree with honors from Harvard University in government and international relations. He attended Columbia Law School and received his J.D. degree with honors from Drake University.

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