

This Year's News from Lex:lead

First launched in 2010, all-volunteer **Lex:lead reached its 10th year this year**. Celebrating this milestone, Lex:lead has **forged new partnerships**, made **new internship placements**, and set a **target of making its 100th award** in the essay competition underway. More planned for next year!

Judges

(Sat January 2020—thank you)

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Hon Sir David Baragwanath KNZM
(New Zealand)

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Mr Günter Fischer (Germany)

Dr Abdallah Gonzi (Tanzania)

Mr Stefaan Ghesquiere
(Belgium)

Ms Nankunda Katangaza
(Canada)

Mr Stuart Kerr (USA)

Ms Marianna Kosharovskiy
(Ukraine/USA)

Ms Susan Lamb
(New Zealand)

Ms Alice Namuli Blazevic
(Uganda)

Ms Muluka Miti-Drummond
(Zambia)

Dr Dina Mansour-Ille
(Germany/UK)

Prof John Mukum Mbaku
(Cameroon)

Hon Justice Iain Morley QC
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(New Zealand)

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(Gambia)

Dr Violet Odala (Malawi)

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Justice Francis M Ssekandi
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Ms Maria (Mayee) Warren
(Philippines)

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Hon Dame Linda Dobbs DBE
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First, this Year's Winners! In February we made **15** new awards bringing our total to 83 (with internships nearly **US\$50,000** awarded). All answering: *How can access to justice reduce poverty and support economic development?*, **we congratulate our latest winners:**



Maame Yaa Boatemaa Ohene-Bonsu—*Ghana School of Law, Ghana*
Leading the way with **one of our top essays** this year.

Sponsor: Hon. Dame Linda Dobbs DBE



Colman Ntungwerisho—*Law Development Centre, Uganda*
World Bank Law, Justice and Development student proposal winner 2018. **Sponsor: Allen & Overy**



Martha Laura Luhanga—*University of Zambia, Zambia*
Legal research and writing certificate from **DLA Piper** and **UNESCO Ambassador**. **Sponsor: Launch Legal**



Nsatusile Mgone—*University of Zambia, Zambia*
Legal/tax consultant at EY aspiring to a career with the **United Nations**. **Sponsor: DLA Piper**



Phola Liyena—*University of Zambia, Zambia*
Legal research and writing certificate from **DLA Piper** (New Perimeter Group) and public speaker. **Sponsor: DLA Piper**



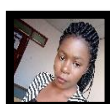
Fortunate Atuheire—*Uganda Christian University, Uganda*
Law student at Uganda Christian University, Kampala. **Sponsor: Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner**



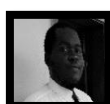
Peter Sambani—*University of Malawi, Malawi*
High Court of Malawi intern with an interest in human rights. **Sponsor: Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner**



Joel Elifala—*University of Malawi, Malawi*
Law student with an engineering background, interested in **economic disparities** between countries. **Sponsor: Linklaters**



Ruth Sandram—*University of Malawi, Malawi*
Law student at the University of Malawi. **Sponsor: Linklaters**



Brima-Fullah Kebbie—*University of London, Sierra Leone*
Our **first winner** from Sierra Leone, distance learning with the University of London. **Sponsor: LEX: Africa Alliance**

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This Year's Winners (cont'd)



Sylvester Tolokosi—*University of Malawi, Malawi*
Law graduate with experience from the **Chikanda Legal Clinic**. Sponsor: **LEX:Africa Alliance**



Chawezi Phiri—*University of Malawi, Malawi*
Law student interested in commercial law and human rights. Sponsor: **International Bar Association Foundation**



George Ocen—*Law Development Centre, Uganda*
Refugee law project intern (Makerere Univ.) and writer. Sponsor: **International Bar Association Foundation**



Andrew Muyunda-Matakala—*University of Zambia, Zambia*
University of Zambia Students' Union **Judiciary Chairperson**. Sponsor: **Claude Moore Charitable Foundation**



Panashe Gombiro—*University of Zimbabwe, Zimbabwe*
Magistrates' court judicial clerk and current legal intern. Sponsor: **Claude Moore Charitable Foundation**

Having carried over awards reserved for **Asia** and for **Haiti**, we are hopeful of making these awards this year. The **US\$500 awards** pay up to half the student's share of their degree (e.g., under Ethiopia's cost-sharing program); half a year or semester elsewhere. Winners are invited to join us as **Lex:lead Ambassadors** as a resource for new applicants.

Two more internships, with more underway—With two internships underway at the start of the year, we made **two more placements**:

1 In January, 2017 winner **Bertha Selemán Nanyaro** (Tanzania) joined **Moses Baguma** (Uganda) on a **World Bank** research project, her stipend paid by the **Friends of Lex:lead**. **2** In July and August, **Itael Kimaro** (Tanzania) interned with **Landesa**, a US NGO that works for land and human rights worldwide.



1 2017 Winner Bertha Selemán Nanyaro (Tanzania) with the World Bank.



2 2017 Scholarship Winner Itael Kimaro (Tanzania) with Landesa, Tanzania

Placed last year, **Moses Baguma** (Uganda) continued to support the World Bank this year and **Kasanga Ngulube** (Zambia) completed a six-month internship with German development aid agency *Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)*, Zambia.

New partnerships: In addition to the connection made to **Landesa**, Lex:lead established ties to UK NGO **Protimos** with at least one further internship placement underway. Watch this space!

Publications—**1** In July, the **American Bar Association (ABA) Year in Review** (2019) was published with Lex:leaders again contributing to the *Africa* chapter, including award-winners **Stella Amanuel Araya** (Eritrea), **Victor Nsoh Azure** (Ghana) and **Chileke Sakala** (Zambia); Lex:lead judge

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Graciela (Guetty) Da Cruz
(Timor-Leste)

Lex:lead Ambassadors

2010
Lemlem Fiseha Minale (Ethiopia)

2011
Edwin Webiro (Tanzania)
Sousena Kebede Tefera (Ethiopia)

2012
Rediet Zegeye Yigezu (Ethiopia)
Samrawit Getaneh Damtew (Ethiopia)
Redeat Kassahun Seifu (Ethiopia)
Hilina Berhanu Degefa (Ethiopia)
Masalu Elias Luhula (Tanzania)

2013
Galindo Ruhiiyyah Aliyo (Uganda)
Christopher Sengoga (Rwanda)
Anthony Peter Njau (Tanzania)
Milan Depakkumar Desai (Zambia)
Soreti Berhanu Workneh (Ethiopia)
Muchinda Muma (Zambia)
Gloria Ludigo (Uganda)

2014
Lulbahri Afeworki Araya (Eritrea)
Baye Tsegaw Asamro (Ethiopia)
Bereket Alemayehu Hagos (Ethiopia)
Nahom Abraham Weldeabzgi (Eritrea)
Pius Ntazinda (Rwanda)
Haftu Amare Girmay (Ethiopia)
Lumela Lumela (Zambia)
Walter Mandela (Uganda)
Mary Musoni (Rwanda)
Dieudonné Nzafashwanayo (Rwanda)

2015
Sara Kiflemariam Abraham (Eritrea)
Moses Baguma (Uganda)
Tsidkenu (Paul) Moono (Zambia)
Ivan Allan Ojakol (Uganda)
Nsoftwa Puta (Zambia)
Ftsum Sbhatu Tewolde (Eritrea)
Negese Tujuba Erba (Ethiopia)
Binita Pandey (Nepal)
Tsebaot Getahun Kiflu (Ethiopia)
Marga Fekdu Angerasa (Ethiopia)

2016
Mateo Fatsani Chitha (Malawi)
Rahel Alemayehu Ayana (Ethiopia)
Chileke Sakala (Zambia)
Martha Okubai Ghide (Eritrea)
Eliya Zawanda (Malawi)
Mawunya Etsa Kudu (Ghana)

Publications (cont'd)—**Professor John Mukum Mbaku** (Cameroon); and President/Founder **Anne Bodley** (Australia). **Special congratulations** to Lex:lead winner **Momodou Manneh** (Gambia) whose contribution on Gambia's Truth, Reparations and Reconciliation Commission was independently published in the International Criminal Law section. Lex:leaders this year contributed to the 2020 Year in Review (published next year) including award-winners **Maame Yaa Boatemaa Ohene-Bonsu** (Ghana), **Momodou Manneh** (Gambia), **Mary Musoni** (Rwanda), and **Ivan Ojakol** (Uganda), along with Senior Secretary **Mankah Fombang** (Cameroon) and President/Founder **Anne Bodley** (Australia). **2** The ABA also called for submissions to a **Special Covid-19 edition** with contributions from Lex:lead winners **Maame Yaa Boatemaa Ohene-Bonsu** (Ghana), **Sylvester Tolokosi** (Malawi), **Kasanga Ngulube** (Zambia), **Phola Liyena** (Zambia), **Ivan Ojakol** (Uganda), **Victor Nsoh Azure** (Ghana) and Senior Secretary **Mankah Bi Fombang** (Cameroon). Both **Ivan** and **Victor** were invited to address the ABA Africa Committee on their submissions in September and November respectively. **3** In October, the **International Bar Association Foundation** again published this year's winning essays, again bringing us to a full complement of winning essays published. **All on the website!**

First 100 Years' Award, and thank you—In October, we won another award when President/Founder **Anne Bodley** was presented with **In-House Lawyer of the Year** by the **First 100 Years' Inspirational Women in Law Awards** for her work with Lex:lead. Anne thanked Lex:lead's donors particularly the contributions of Lex:lead's patron the **Hon Dame Linda Dobbs DBE** for personally funding the group's top female winner over several years.



Lex:lead President/Founder Anne Bodley accepting the First 100 Years' Award, October 2020



Lex:lead patron the Hon Dame Linda Dobbs DBE who has personally sponsored our top female candidate several times

Mentoring—We continued our **mentoring program** this year, matching our judges, directors and advisory board members with our students to help them identify opportunities and achieve them. A **special thanks to donor firm Travers Smith** who mentored two of our students this year.

- **Lakwame Anyane-Yebo** (Director) with **Mawunya Kudu** (Ghana)
- **Tola Ariyo** (Director) with **Phola Liyena** (Zambia)
- **Chioma Ayogu** (Director) with **Maame Yaa Boatemaa Ohene-Bonsu** (Ghana)
- **Marianna Kosharovskiy** (Judge) with **Mandy Sindila** (Zambia)
- **Will Normand** (Travers Smith) with **Colman Ntungwerisho** (Uganda)
- **Andrew Benson** (Travers Smith) with **Sylvester Tolokosi** (Malawi)
- **Inès Chibani** (Advisory Board) with **Nsatusile Mgode** (Zambia)
- **Pamela Fapohunda** (Advisory Board) with **Panashe Gombiro** (Zimbabwe)
- **Rudolf Ezeani** (Director) with **Peter Sambani** (Malawi)
- **Pamela CK Chan** (Friend of Lex:lead) with **Andrew Muyunda-Matakala** (Zambia).

Our mentors work 1-to-1 monthly through the second part of the year with students to help them identify opportunities and to achieve them.

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Henry Chizimba (Malawi)
Robera Haile Hamda (Ethiopia)
M Collins Banda (Malawi)
Amanda (Mandy) Sindila (Zambia)

2017

Nkandu Kunda Chota (Zambia)
Frederick Abu-Bonsrah (Ghana)
Chitalu Yalobi (Zambia)
Abel Yemaneab Zeru (Eritrea)
Bertha Seleman Nanyaro
(Tanzania)
John Chaula (Malawi)
Itael William Kimaro (Tanzania)
Hakiimu Ngobi (Uganda)
Denzel Kumbirai Malikhwa
(Zimbabwe)

2018

Mawusi Eyi Kudu (Ghana)
Kasanga Ngulube (Zambia)
Victor Nsoh Azure (Ghana)
Nana Adwoa Baiden (Ghana)
Chimango Nyasulu (Malawi)
Innocent Zimba (Malawi)
Andrew Kakanda (Zambia)
Stella Amanuel Araya (Eritrea)
Momodou Manneh (Gambia)

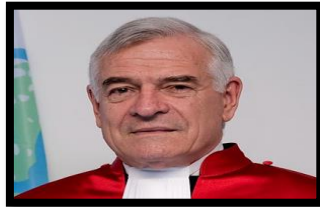
2019

Maame Yaa Boatemaa Ohene-
Bonsu (Ghana)
Colman Ntungwerisho (Uganda)
Martha Laura Luhanga (Zambia)
Nsatusile Mgode (Zambia)
Phola Liyena (Zambia)
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Meet the judges!—To recognise their efforts, we interviewed two more of our long-standing Lex:lead judges this year: **1 HE Sir David Baragwanath** (New Zealand) (Special Tribunal for Lebanon) and **2 Hon Aminatta LR N'gum** (Gambia) (UN Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunals). The interviews are on our website (*Internships* page). Many of our judges volunteer their time and expertise **each year** for which we are deeply grateful—we couldn't do this without them. Watch this space as more of our judges will be featured soon!



1 Hon Sir David Baragwanath (New Zealand), whose contributions to Lex:lead are much appreciated



2 Hon Aminatta LR N'gum (Gambia), who has also supported Lex:lead over multiple years

For a full list of this year's judges (who will be thanked in next year's newsletter), please see our website at www.lex-lead.org. This year's judges will sit in January 2021 for awards in February 2021.

10 Years of Lex:lead—Founded in 2010, **Lex:lead reached its 10th year** this year. The group hopes to make its 100th award in the competition currently underway and to hold a **conference next year** looking back over stories and milestones from our first 10 years, setting out our agenda for the next 10. We have **new plans** for the group and its program, which we hope to launch next year.

New Competition Underway: Next Winners in February 2021!

With the aim of achieving **100 Awards by Year 10 this year**, we were out fundraising to offer **17 awards** for our 2020 competition now underway. Despite the challenges of Covid-19, we **exceeded** that goal and **thank the following sponsors** of our next awards:

- 1 Allen & Overy**, London UK (*new award*)
- 2 Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner**, London UK (*new award*)
- 3 Claude Moore Charitable Foundation**, Virginia USA (*two new awards*)
- 4 Clifford Chance**, London UK (*new sponsor, one award--pending*)
- 5 DLA Piper**, London UK (*carryover award, reserved for Asia*)
- 6 Hon Dame Linda Dobbs DBE QC**, London UK (*new award*)
- 7 International Bar Association Foundation** (*two carryover awards*)
- 8 Jérôme Poitou**, China (*carryover award, reserved for Haiti*)
- 9 Launch Legal**, Denver USA (*new award*)
- 10 LEX: Africa Alliance**, Johannesburg South Africa (*two new awards*)
- 11 Linklaters**, London UK (*two new awards*)
- 12 Mayer Brown International**, London UK (*new sponsor, one award*)
- 13 Society of English and American Lawyers**, UK (*new sponsor, one award*)
- 14 Travers Smith**, London UK (*new award*)

Current Competition: As we're writing this newsletter essays are already coming in on the next competition. Answering: *How can laws promoting gender and disability rights support economic development*, in September we opened our latest competition across **Africa, Asia** and the **Americas**. Our next essays are **due 31 December 2020** with our **new winners announced February 2021!**

Good luck to all applicants!