Launched in 2010, Lex:lead made its 100th award this year. Celebrating this milestone, we again published all our winning essays, made new internship placements, expanded our mentoring program, and told our story as part of donor firm A&O’s Alumni Week.

Lex:lead reaches its 100th winner—In February we made 17 new awards bringing our total to 100 (US$50,000 awarded). With all students answering: How can laws promoting gender and disability rights support economic development, we congratulate our winners:

**Gloria Korankyewaa Nyarko**—Univ. of Ghana, Ghana
Lead the way with one of our top essays this year. **Sponsor:** Hon Dame Linda Dobbs DBE

**Divine Selase Agborli**—University of Ghana, Ghana
Award winner and editor; researcher for the Africa Human Rights Moot Court competition. **Sponsor:** Allen & Overy

**Musenge Kapandula**—University of Zambia, Zambia
UNZALAW Sports and Recreation Secretary and events fundraiser. **Sponsor:** Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner

**John Siame**—University of Zambia, Zambia
Geologist and radio show organiser focusing on poverty, environment, climate change. **Sponsor:** Clifford Chance

**Jemimah Chisomo Banda**—Univ. of Zambia, Zambia
Law student interested in gender, societal change and international human rights. **Sponsor:** Launch Legal

**Josephine Ngulube**—Cavendish University Zambia, Zambia
Winning essay published by Mayer Brown as well as the IBA Foundation. **Sponsor:** Mayer Brown International

**Getachew Bezu Gayzibayo**—Addis Ababa Univ., Ethiopia
Master’s student and lecturer in trade law and other areas, university gold medalist 2019. **Sponsor:** Travers Smith

**Busiku Simoonga**—University of Zambia, Zambia
Former primary school teacher and metal worker studying law. **Sponsor:** Lex:Africa Alliance

**Tina-Fiona Mloza**—University of Malawi, Malawi
High Court intern with First Capital Bank experience and leadership roles. **Sponsor:** Lex:Africa Alliance

**Hillary Mushota**—University of Zambia, Zambia
JN Makaya Practitioners Intern with DLA Piper certificate. **Sponsor:** Society of English and American Lawyers

**Bwalya Milunga**—University of Zambia, Zambia
Legal writer with an award in the role of standardisation in Africa’s creative economy. **Sponsor:** Linklaters
This Year’s Winners (cont’d)

Angellah Mwafulirwa—University of Malawi, Malawi
Member of the Chancellor College Child Rights Clinic with experience from Kawelo Lawyers. Sponsor: Linklaters

Clive Sianskanga—University of Zambia, Zambia
Teacher requalifying in law with accounting certification. Sponsor: Claude Moore Charitable Foundation

Lincoln Majogo—University of Zimbabwe, Zimbabwe
Award-winning essayist and associate with Mhishi Nikomo Legal. Sponsor: Claude Moore Charitable Foundation

Faith Sumani—University of Malawi, Malawi
Law student interested in cross-border transactions and environmental law. Honoree: Matthew Weldon

Natasha Kapuka—University of Zambia, Zambia
Musyani Mwamba intern interested in cyber law, human rights. Sponsor: International Bar Association Foundation

Muleta Korne Negasa—Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia
Candidate public prosecutor at the FDRE Ministry of Justice. Sponsor: International Bar Association Foundation

Nine awards this year went to Zambia following high participation rates—a result we would point to in encouraging other countries to apply! 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.

Restructuring at 10 years—Reaching its 10th year in 2020, Lex:lead this year welcomed long-standing donors to its senior advisory board to give sponsors a greater role. Joining Stephen Denyer (formerly A&O), Günter Fischer (formerly UNCTAD) and Stuart Kerr (International Law Institute), new members include Ariel White-Tsimikalis (Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner), Pieter Steyn (Worksman/Lex:Africa Alliance), Chris Edwards (Travers Smith) and Matt Sparkes (Linklaters), along with co-founder Yev Muchnik (Launch Legal).

Four more internships and a World Bank selection—Lex:lead broke new ground with new internships at NGO Protimos, supported a six-month internship with the African Commission on Human and People’s Rights, and made a new placement with GIZ.

1 In March, 2019 winner Panashe Gombiro (Zimbabwe) was selected for a one-month internship with human rights NGO Protimos, followed by

2 a two-month internship in August and September for 2014 winner Lulbahri Afeworki Araya (Eritrea) with Protimos working from Geneva, Switzerland, where she has been studying for her master’s degree.

1 2019 Winner Panashe Gombiro (Zimbabwe) interning with Protimos.
2 2014 Scholarship Winner Lulbahri Afeworki Araya (Eritrea) with Protimos.
Internships (cont’d)

3 Commencing in February, Lex:lead also supported 2018 winner Momodou Manneh (Gambia) with a six-month internship at the African Commission on Human and People’s Rights. 4 In August, Lex:lead arranged a short-term placement with German development aid agency GIZ for 2019 winner Martha Laura Luhanga (Zambia).

4 2019 Scholarship Winner Martha Laura Luhanga (Zambia) worked with GIZ.

3 2018 Winner Momodou Manneh (Gambia) at the ACHPR, Banjul.

5 Lex:lead also circulates opportunities to its group and congratulates 2014 winner Nahom Abraham Weldeabzgi (Eritrea) who was selected for a World Bank internship this year. Congratulations all!

Lex:lead publications—1 In June, the International Bar Association Foundation again published all of this year’s winning essays, which brought us back to having all winning essays to date in print—posted to our website with our 2020 winners. 2 In August, the 2020 American Bar Association (ABA) Year in Review was published with Lex:leaders again contributing to the Africa chapter, including award-winners Momodou Manneh (Gambia), Mary Musoni (Rwanda), Yaa Boatemaa Ohene-Bonsu (Ghana) and Ivan Allan Ojakol (Uganda), along with directors/officers Anne Bodley (President/Founder) and Mankah Bi Fombang (Senior Group Secretary). Well done all!

Lex:lead featured in A&O’s Alumni Week—In November, Lex:lead co-founders Anne Bodley (Australia), Rudy Ezeani (Nigeria) and Yev Muchnik (USA/Russia) with director Lakwame Anyane-Yeboa (USA/Ghana) told the story of Lex:lead as part of donor firm Allen & Overy’s Alumni Week, including some of the highlights along the way. The recording is available on our website, and thank you to A&O!

Mentoring—We expanded our mentoring program this year, matching our judges, directors and advisory board members with most students working monthly through the second part of the year to help them identify opportunities and achieve them. Thank you to every mentor who volunteered their time and resources this way:

- Anne Bodley (President)/Inès Chibani (Advisory Board) co-mentoring Augustin Kinhouegbe (Benin) and Fitsum Sibhatu (Eritrea)
- Rudy Ezeani (Director) mentoring John Siame (Zambia)
- Chioma Ayogu (Director) mentoring Gloria K Nyarko (Ghana)
- Tola Ariyo (Director) mentoring Divine Selase Agborli (Ghana)
- Lakwame Anyane-Yeboa (Director) and Clive Siankanga (Zambia)
- Dr Dina Mansour-Ille (Director) and Nahom Abraham Weldeabzgi (Eritrea)
Meet the judges! — To recognise their efforts, we interviewed two more of our long-standing Lex:lead judges this year: 1 Professor John Mukum Mbaku (Cameroon) (Webber State University, USA) and 2 Sun-Hee Park (Korea) (formerly with the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development). The interviews are on our website (Internships page).

Next Competition Underway: Next Winners in February 2022 —
As we draft this newsletter each year, our next competition is underway with essays again coming in ahead of the 31 December deadline. We had another successful year fundraising for our current competition, with sincere thanks to our sponsors for the 17 awards raised this year:

1. Allen & Overy, London UK (new award)
2. Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner, London UK (two new awards)
3. Claude Moore Charitable Foundation, Virginia USA (two new awards)
4. Clifford Chance, London UK (one new award—pending)
5. DLA Piper, London UK (carryover award reserved for Asia)
6. Jérôme Poitou, China (carryover award reserved for Haiti)
7. Launch Legal, Denver USA (two new awards)
8. LEX:Africa Alliance, Johannesburg, South Africa (two new awards)
9. Linklaters, London UK (two new awards)
11. Travers Smith, London UK (two new awards)

With the students this year answering: How can laws protecting (or restricting) free speech impact upon economic development? We look forward to announcing our next winners in February 2022!

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www.lex-lead.org (Donations).

Mentoring (continued)
• Mankah Fombang (Senior Secretary) and Faith Sumani (Malawi)
• Fatima Paras (Advisory Board) and Jemimah Banda (Zambia)
• Ari Rentsen (Advisory Board) and Josephine Ngulube (Zambia)
• Anita Kyaruzi (Advisory Board) and Hillary Mushota (Zambia)
• Pamela Fapohunda (Advisory Board) and Bwalya Milunga (Zambia)
• Francis Sinsai (Advisory Board) and Lincoln Majogo (Zimbabwe)
• Olukayode Mejeukodunni (Advisory Board) and Muleta Korme-Negasa (Ethiopia)
• Catherine Mauder (Advisory Board) and Natasha Kapuka (Zambia)
• Pamela Chan (Friend of Lex:lead) and Musenge Kapandula (Zambia)
• Dr Violet Odala (Judge) and Gloria Ludigo (Uganda)
• Martha Yahweh-Nesi (Haile) (Advisory Board) and Joel Elifala (Malawi)
• Mayee Warren (Judge) and Tina-Fiona Mloza (Malawi)