

Lex:lead

Lawyers for Economic Advancement and Development

December 2021

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.

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(Sat January 2021—thank you)

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(Gambia)

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(UK)

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:**



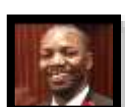
Gloria Korankyewaa Nyarko—Univ. of Ghana, Ghana
Leading the way with one of our top essays this year.
Sponsor: Hon Dame Linda Dobbs DBE



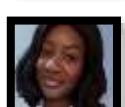
Divine Selase Agborli—University of Ghana, Ghana
Award-winner and editor; researcher for the Africa Human Rights Moot Court competition. **Sponsor: Allen & Overy**



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**



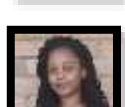
Josephine Ngulube—Cavendish University Zambia, Zambia
Winning essay published by Mayer Brown as well as the IBA Foundation. **Sponsor: Mayer Brown International**



Getachew Bezu Gayzibayso—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**

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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 Siankanga—*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 Nkomo
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 Korme 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**.

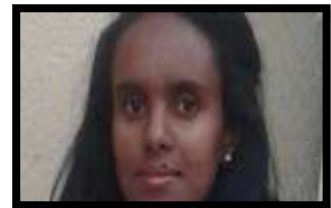
Restructuring at 10 years—Reaching its 10th year in 2020, Lex:lead this year welcomed long-standing donors to its senior advisory board to give sponsors a greater role. Joining **Stephen Denyer** (formerly A&O), **Günter Fischer** (formerly UNCTAD) and **Stuart Kerr** (International Law Institute), new members include **Ariel White-Tsimikalis** (Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner), **Pieter Steyn** (Werksmans/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.

Honorary Ambassador

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

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).



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



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

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-Yebo** (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!**



Online with Lex:lead as part of A&O's Alumni Week, in which Anne (main photo), Rudy, Lakwame, and Yev told Lex:lead's story, November 2021

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-Yebo** (Director) and **Clive Siankanga** (Zambia)
- **Dr Dina Mansour-Ille** (Director) and **Nahom Abraham Weldeabzgi** (Eritrea)

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)
Fortunate Atuheire (Uganda)
Peter Sambani (Malawi)
Brima-Fullah Kebbie (Sierra Leone)
Sylvester Tolokosi (Malawi)
Chawezi Phiri (Malawi)
George Ocen (Uganda)
Andrew Muyunda-Matakala (Zambia)
Panashe Gombiro (Zimbabwe)

2020

Gloria Korankyewaa Nyarko (Ghana)
Divine Selase Agborli (Ghana)
Musenge Kapandula (Zambia)
John Siame (Zambia)
Jemimah Chisomo Banda (Zambia)
Josephine Ngulube (Zambia)
Getachew Bezu Gayzibayso (Ethiopia)
Busiku Simoonga (Zambia)
Tina-Fiona Mloza (Malawi)*
Hillary Mushota (Zambia)
Bwalya Milunga (Zambia)
Angellah Mwafulirwa (Malawi)
Clive Siankanga (Zambia)
Lincoln Majogo (Zimbabwe)
Faith Sumani (Malawi)
Natasha Kapuka (Zambia)
Muleta Korme-Negasa (Ethiopia)

*Pending

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 Mejekodunmi** (Advisory Board) and **Muleta Korme Negasa** (Ethiopia)
- **Catherine Maunder** (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)

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) (Weber State University) and **2 Sun-Hee Park** (Korea) (formerly with the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development). The interviews are on our website (*Internships* page).



1 Professor John Mukum Mbaku (Cameroon), Weber State University, USA



2 Sun-Hee Park (Korea), formerly of the EBRD, London UK

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*)
- 10 Mayer Brown International**, London UK (*one new award*)
- 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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