Launched in 2010, Lex:lead reached 100 awards last year and 117 in February. We again published all our winning essays this year, made new internship placements, continued our mentoring program, and finally celebrated ‘Lex:lead at 10’ even though we’re already 12!

Lex:lead at 117 awards—In February, we made 17 new awards bringing our total to 117 winners (nearly US$60,000 awarded). With essays this year answering: How can laws protecting (or restricting) free speech impact upon economic development?, we congratulate:

- Mwendabai Kaitwa—University of Lusaka, Zambia
  One of our top essays this year and top female award. **Honoree: Hon Dame Linda Dobbs DBE**

- Patrick Zindikirani—University of Malawi, Malawi
  Public/private international law student, experience from the Basel Institute of Governance. **Sponsor: Allen & Overy**

- Osman Yusuf—University of Malawi, Malawi
  Law student and teacher formerly with the Ministry of Education. **Sponsor: Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner**

- John Senabulya—Law Development Centre, Uganda
  Programs assistant supporting the Human Rights Centre Uganda. **Sponsor: Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner**

- Joseph DG Matimba—Univ. of Zimbabwe, Zimbabwe
  Law student volunteering at his university’s legal aid clinic. **Sponsor: Claude Moore Charitable Foundation**

- Davis Sibande—University of Malawi, Malawi
  Law student and Secretary at the University of Malawi Legal Aid Clinic. **Sponsor: DLA Piper**

- Andrew Gift Umali—University of Malawi, Malawi
  Blantyre Legal associate interested in the opportunities of technology. **Sponsor: Mayer Brown International**

- Mowbray Jones-Nelson—Ghana School of Law, Ghana
  Award-winning writer/orator, interested in academia and advocacy. **Sponsor: LEX:Africa Alliance**

- Yerro Bah—University of The Gambia, The Gambia
  Law student volunteering with Busumbala-Farato Upper Basic School. **Sponsor: LEX:Africa Alliance**

- Awoke Mitku Tamrat—Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia
  Corporate lawyer with Mehrteab & Getu Advocates, AAU team coach for the Willem C Vis moot. **Sponsor: Launch Legal**

- Nathan Chola—University of Lusaka, Zambia
  Law student interested in public law opportunities. **Sponsor: Linklaters**

**Judges**

(Sat January 2022—thank you)

- Dr Migai Akech (Kenya)
- Mr Saad Alfarargi (Egypt)
- Mr Anurag Bana (India)
- Ms Paige Berges (USA)
- Ms Susan Brice (UK)
- Dr Petra Butler (Germany)
- Mr King Chanetsa (South Africa)
- Ms Carolin Crabbe (USA)
- Dr Laura Enonchong (Cameroon)
- Ms Helen Fovargue (UK)
- Mr Ganiyou Gassikia (Benin)
- Mag. Stefaan Ghesquiere (Belgium)
- Mr Abdallah Gonzi (Tanzania)
- Ms Bunafsha Gulakova (Tajikistan/Austria)
- Mr Tyler Holmes (USA)
- Ms Dianna Kempe (USA)
- Mr Stuart Kerr (USA)
- Ms Marianna Kosarovskiy (Ukraine/USA)
- Justice Susan Lamb (New Zealand)
- Professor John Mukum Mbaku (Cameroon)
- Hon Justice Iain Morley QC (UK)
- Hon Aminatta LR Ngum (Gambia)
- Judge Priska Nyambe (Zambia)
- Dr Conrad Nyamutata (Zimbabwe)
- Dr Alex Obote-Odora (Uganda/Sweden)
- Dr Violet Odala (Malawi)
- Mr Steve Onwuasoanya (Nigeria)
- Ms Sun-Hee Park (Korea)
- Hon Justice Melissa Perry (Australia)
- Dr Marta Pertegás- Sender (Spain)
- Dr Nicole Pierce (Jamaica)
- Mr Mark Ramsay (Australia)
- Dr Deborah Smith (USA)
- Justice Francis M Seekandi (Uganda)
- Mr Phillip Tahmindjis (Australia)
- Ms Deniz Tamer (USA)
- Dr Guan Tang (China)
This Year’s Winners (continued):

**Emenyi Afi Nutakor**—University of Ghana, Ghana
Delegate to the Ghana International Model United Nations (best position paper awards). **Sponsor: Linklaters**

**Audrey Ofori Armah**—University of Ghana, Ghana
Old Mutual Pensions Trust intern, General Secretary, Victory International Student Association. **Sponsor: Launch Legal**

**Agatha Mutale Mulenga**—University of Zambia, Zambia
Intern at Mosha and Co. and Presenter at Days for Girls International. **Sponsor: Matthew Weldon**

**Kudzai Bushu**—University of Zimbabwe, Zimbabwe
Law student and human rights activist with LGBTQ+ focus. **Sponsor: Claude Moore Charitable Foundation**

**Gutema Kajela Ejeta**—Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia
Law student competing in the 30th Annual Willem C Vis Moot competition. **Sponsor: Travers Smith**

**Tupalishe Mulwafu**—University of Malawi, Malawi
Ministry of Justice intern, interested in public interest law and academia. **Sponsor: Travers Smith**

All winning essays were again published by the International Bar Association (IBA) Foundation and can be read on our website (see 2021 Winners page). 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 who have completed required documentation are invited to join us as Lex:lead Ambassadors, eligible for our internship placements and other opportunities.

**Lex:lead at 10**—In September, Lex:lead celebrated its first 10 years (we’re actually 12!) with a London gathering that hosted IBA President Sternford Moyo, senior advisory board members Stephen Denyer (UK) and Pieter Steyn (South Africa), Lex:lead judges Anurag Bana (India), Simone Scott-Sawyer (UK/Sierra Leone), Sun-Hee Park (Korea) and Helen Fovargue (UK), with long-standing contributors Pamela Fapohunda (UK/Nigeria) and Pamela Chan (Singapore), the event arranged by Lex:lead President/Founder Anne Bodley. Lex:lead’s international reach means it’s hard to get everyone in the same room, but Lex:leaders far and wide were there in spirit!

New senior advisory board member—Lex:lead had one addition to its group this year, welcoming the immediate past chair of the American Bar Association (ABA) International Law Section Nancy Kaymar Stafford (USA) to its senior advisory board. Our senior advisory board comprises many of our donors and is an invaluable resource to the group.
Honorary Ambassador
Graciela 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 Dantew (Ethiopia)
Redeat Kassahun Seifu (Ethiopia)
Hilina Berhanu Degefa (Ethiopia)
Masalu Elias Luhula (Tanzania)
2013
Galindo Ruhiyiah Aliyo (Uganda)
Christopher Sengoga (Rwanda)
Anthony Peter Njau (Tanzania)
Milan Depakumar Desai (Ethiopia)
Soreti Berhanu Workneh (Ethiopia)
Muchinda Muma (Zambia)
Gloria Ludigo (Uganda)
2014
Lubahri Afeworki Araya (Eritrea)
Baye Tsagaw Asamro (Eritrea)
Beroket Alemayehu Hagos (Ethiopia)
Nahas Abraham Wielkabir (Eritrea)
Pius Ntazinda (Rwanda)
Haftu Amare Girmay (Ethiopia)
Lumela Lumela (Zambia)
Walter Mandela (Uganda)
Mary Musoni (Rwanda)
Dieudonné Nsialahwarayo (Rwanda)
2015
Sara Kiflemariam Abraham (Eritrea)
Moses Baguma (Uganda)
Tsickenu (Paul) Moono (Zambia)
Ivan Allan Ojakol (Uganda)
Nsorowa Putsi (Zambia)
Ptesthu Tewolde (Eritrea)
Negasse Tujuba Erba (Zambia)
Binita Tupalishe Mulwafu (Malawi)
Bina Pandey (Nepal)
Tsebaot Getahun Kiflu (Ethiopia)
Marga Fekdu Angerasa (Ethiopia)
2016
Mateo Fatani Chitha (Malawi)
Rahel Alemayehu Ayana (Ethiopia)
Chileke Sekala (Zambia)
Martha Abukubui Ghide (Eritrea)
Eliya Zawanda (Malawi)
Mawunya Etsa Kudu (Ghana)
Henry Chizimba (Malawi)
Roberta Haile Hamda (Ethiopia)
M Collins Banda (Malawi)
Amanda (Mandy) Sindila (Zambia)
2017
Nkandu Kunda Chota (Zambia)
Frederick Abu-Bonsrah (Ghana)
Chitau Talyozi (Zambia)
Allabi Malosi (Malawi)*
Mathews Chiione (Malawi)*
Abel Yemaneab Zeru (Eritrea)
Berta Selman Nanyaro (Tanzania)
Maliku Galadach Ayem紙rrin (Ethiopia)*
John Chauua (Malawi)
Itael William Kimaro (Tanzania)
Hakilimu Ngobi (Uganda)
Denzel Mahlakwa (Zimbabwe)

Publications—In addition to this year’s winning essays again being published by the IBA Foundation (see 2021 Winners page), 1 In August, the 2021 American Bar Association (ABA) Year in Review was published with Lex:leaders again contributing to the Africa section including award-winners Lincoln Majogo (Zimbabwe), Galindo Aliyo Ruhiyyah (Uganda) and Chitalu Yalobzi (Zambia) along with President/Founder Anne Bodley and Lex:lead judge Tyler Holmes (ABA Africa Committee co-Chair and its Year in Review Editor). 2 Lex:leaders then contributed to the 2022 Year in Review (Africa section) that will come out next year including award-winners Yerro Bah (Gambia), Mowbray Jones-Nelson (Ghana), Andrew Muyunyanda Matakala (Zambia), Tupalishe Mulwafu (Malawi), Emeyno Afu Nutakor (Ghana) and Andrew Gift Umali (Malawi). 3 In October, award-winner Moses Baguma (Uganda) worked with President/Founder Anne Bodley to co-author a report on UNCITRAL Working Group I’s 38th Session on access to credit for micro, small and medium-sized enterprises. Well done all!

Two more internships—Lex:lead made placements again this year with NGO Protimos and with Advocates for Community Alternatives.

1 In September/October, 2020 winner Lincoln Majogo (Zimbabwe) was selected for a month-long internship with human rights NGO Protimos. 2 In October, West Africa-based Advocates for Community Alternatives selected 2021 winner Mowbray Jones-Nelson (Ghana) to work with them on local advocacy matters over a one-month internship. Both internships were funded by the Friends of Lex:lead. Congratulations Linc and Mowbray!

Mentoring—We continued our mentoring program this year, matching our judges, donors, board and advisory board members with most students meeting monthly through the end of the year to help them identify opportunities and achieve them. Thank you to every mentor including donors Mayer Brown and Travers Smith who volunteered their time this way:

- Rudy Ezeani (Director) mentoring Mwendabai Kaitwa (Zambia)
- Lakwame Anyane-yebo (Director) mentoring Audrey Ofori Armah (Ghana)
- Dr Dina Mansour-Ille (Director) mentoring Mowbray Jones-Nelson (Ghana)
- Nancy Kaymar Stafford (Senior Advisory Board) mentoring Tupalishe Mulwafu (Malawi)
- Catherine Maunder (Advisory Board) mentoring Agatha Mutale Mulenda (Zambia)
- Pamela Chan (Friend of Lex:lead) mentoring Emeyno Afu Nutakor (Ghana)
- Dr Violet Odula (Judge) mentoring John Senabulya (Uganda)
- Martha Yahweh-Nesi (Haile) (Advisory Board) mentoring Awoke Mitiku Tamrat (Ethiopia)
- Harjeet Lall (Mayer Brown) mentoring Andrew Gift Umali (Malawi)
- Will Normand (Travers Smith) mentoring Gutema Kajela Ejeta (Ethiopia)
Meet the judges—To recognise their efforts, we interviewed two more of our long-standing Lex:lead judges this year: 1 University of Dar es Salaam law lecturer Abdallah Gonzi (Tanzania) and 2 Carolin Crabbe (USA) (formerly World Bank and USAID). Both have been long-standing supporters of Lex:lead, Abdallah’s efforts leading to our first winners from Tanzania. Read their interviews on our website (see Internships).

Inspirational Women in Law Awards—In November, Lex:lead Advisory Board member Catherine Maunder (UK) was a finalist in the Next 100 Years’ Inspirational Women in Law Awards (law student category), an award President/Founder Anne Bodley (Australia) won in 2020 (in-house counsel category) and for which Lex:lead judge Dr Nicole Pierce (Jamaica) was a finalist in 2021 (academia category). Like most in our group, Catherine contributes each year to the compliance committee work and to individually mentoring students, her efforts worthy of the recognition received. Congratulations Catherine!

Next Competition Underway, New Winners in February 2023—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 15 awards raised in 2022:

1 Allen & Overy, London UK (one new award)
2 Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner, London UK (one new award)
3 Hon. Dame Linda Dobbs DBE, London UK (one new award)
4 DLA Piper, London UK (one carry-over award reserved for Asia)
5 Jérôme Poitou, New York (one carry-over award reserved for Haiti)
6 Launch Legal, Denver USA (two new awards)
7 LEX:Africa Alliance, Johannesburg, South Africa (two new awards)
8 Linklaters, London UK (two new awards)
9 Mayer Brown International, London UK (one new award)
10 Travers Smith, London UK (two new awards)

One award will be made in honor of the late Leigh Middleditch Jr, a long-standing trustee of the Claude Moore Charitable Foundation which, through him, was one of our most generous sponsors over the years. We thank Leigh for his support.

Our 2022 competition underway has students writing on How can developments in Fintech impact upon economic development and how should it be regulated? With about 365 registrations again to date, we look forward to announcing our next winners in February 2023!

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