

Lex:lead

Lawyers for Economic Advancement and Development

December 2022

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!

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 James Carter (UK)
Mr C King Chanetsa (South Africa)
Ms Carolin Crabbe (USA)
Dr Laura-Stella 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 QC JP (Bermuda)
Mr Stuart Kerr (USA)
Ms Marianna Kosharovskiy (Ukraine/USA)
Justice Susan Lamb (New Zealand)
Professor John Mukum Mbaku (Cameroon)
Hon Justice Iain Morley QC (UK)
Hon Aminatta LR N'gum (Gambia)
Judge Prisca 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 Ssekandi (Uganda)
Mr Phillip Tahmindjis (Australia)
Ms Deniz Tamer (USA)
Dr Guan Tang (China)

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**

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This Year's Winners (continued):



Emenyo 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 Moshia 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!



Lex:lead at 10 (L-R) Pamela Fapohunda (advisory board), Anne Bodley (President/Founder), Stephen Denyer (senior advisory board), Sternford Moyo (IBA President), Pamela Chan (Friend of Lex:lead), Pieter Steyn (senior advisory board) and Anurag Bana (judge), London, September 2022

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 Minala (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 Kifleariam 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)

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)

Allabi Mailosi (Malawi)*

Mathews Chione (Malawi)*

Abel Yemaneab Zeru (Eritrea)

Bertha Seleman Nanyaro (Tanzania)

Melaku Getachew Halemariam (Ethiopia)*

John Chaula (Malawi)

Itael William Kimaro (Tanzania)

Hakiimu Ngobi (Uganda)

Denzel Malikhwa (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 Ruhiiyyah** (Uganda) and **Chitalu Yalobi** (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 Muyunda Matakala** (Zambia), **Tupalishe Mulwafu** (Malawi), **Emenyo Afi 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!



1 Lincoln Majogo (Zimbabwe) interning remotely with Protimos.



2 Advocates for Community Alternatives intern Mowbray Jones-Nelson (Ghana)

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 **Emenyo Afi Nutakor** (Ghana)
- **Dr Violet Odala** (Judge) mentoring **John Senabulya** (Uganda)
- **Martha Yahweh-Nesi (Haile)** (Advisory Board) mentoring **Awoke Mitku Tamrat** (Ethiopia)
- **Harjeet Lall** (Mayer Brown) mentoring **Andrew Gift Umali** (Malawi)
- **Will Normand** (Travers Smith) mentoring **Gutema Kajela Ejeta** (Ethiopia)

2018

Mawusi Eyi Kudu (Ghana)
Kasanga Ngulube (Zambia)
Kiddus Merkorios Gebreamlack (Ethiopia)*
Victor Nsoh Azure (Ghana)
Nana Adwoa Baiden (Ghana)
Chimango Nyasulu (Malawi)
Innocent Zimba (Malawi)
Andrew Kakanda (Zambia)
Stella Amanuel Araya (Eritrea)
Ivy Akuzike Nkhata (Malawi)*
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)
Joel Elifala (Malawi)
Ruth Sandram (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)

2021

Mwendabai Kaitwa (Zambia)
Patrick Zindikirani (Malawi)
Osman Yusuf (Malawi)
John Senabulya (Uganda)
Joseph DG Matimba (Zimbabwe)
Davis Sibande (Malawi)
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Gutema Kajela Ejeta (Ethiopia)
Tupalishe Mulwafu (Malawi)
*Pending

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** **Carolyn 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*).



1 Abdallah Gonzi (Tanzania), University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania



2 Carolyn Crabbe (USA), formerly World Bank and USAID (Moscow, Russia)

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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