

The Lex:lead Group

Lawyers for Economic Advancement and Development

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Happy New Year from the Lex:lead Group!

Lex:lead would like to wish you season's greetings as it enters its **fifth** year, this year's question on: **How can tax law stimulate economic growth and reduce poverty?** In this **bumper issue** we update you on our past and present scholarship winners and their achievements—over page.

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Scholarship winners. The group started the year awarding its **15th scholarship**—starting with just one scholarship in 2010, we raised seven scholarships in 2013 which in January 2014 were awarded to:

- 1 **Ms Galindo Ruhyyah Aliyo**, Uganda Christian Univ., Uganda
- 2 **Mr Christopher Sengoga**, National Univ. Rwanda, Rwanda
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Each student answered the question: **How can the rule of law reduce poverty and foster economic growth?** The awards were a first for three countries: Uganda, Zambia, and Rwanda. The US\$500 awards pay as much as half the student's share of their degree¹ and were sponsored by: 1 **Allen & Overy**, 2 **Claude Moore Charitable Foundation**, 3 **Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr**, 4 **Webber Wentzel**, 5 **Law Council of Australia**, and 6 **DLA Piper** (two awards).

The Lex:lead winners, pages 3-5. ¹Under Ethiopia's cost-sharing program.

Certificates of Honourable Mention. Lex:lead recognises students whose essays place well in the competition even if an award is not available to be made. With our congratulations, in 2014 **Certificates of Honourable Mention** were awarded to:

- 1 **Mr Bereket Alemayehu Hagos**, Addis Ababa Univ., Ethiopia
- 2 **Mr Steven Kaonga**, Univ. Zambia, Zambia
- 3 **Mr Baye Tsegaw Asamro**, Addis Ababa Univ., Ethiopia
- 4 **Mr Chikondi Duke**, Univ. Malawi, Malawi

Lex:lead at the Univ. Dar es Salaam, Tanzania; Addis Ababa Univ., Ethiopia. In April 2014, **Lex:lead President/Founder Anne Bodley** visited the universities of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, and Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, as part of a two-week trip. **Panel presentations** were convened at both universities with scholarship winners co-presenting on Lex:lead. It was a highlight of the trip to meet Lex:lead students from both universities.



Students and winners with Anne Bodley, Univ. Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, April 2014



Anne Bodley with student winners from Addis Ababa Univ., Ethiopia, April 2014

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Afghanistan – Bangladesh
Bhutan – Cambodia
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Somalia – South Sudan
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Scholarship winners published again. The group was again pleased that all seven of this year's winning essays were accepted for publication by the **International Bar Association**. The essays appeared in the **IBA's African Regional Forum News** in April 2014, available at www.lex-lead.org. Moreover, both **DLA Piper** and the **Law Council of Australia** featured their winning students in publications this year. To the scholarship winners, being published is as momentous as winning the competition; it is also a **valuable achievement** for the student with recognition given to student, university, and sponsor.

New Lex:lead Ambassadors. The group invites as many of its winners as possible to be **Lex:lead Ambassadors**, a valuable leadership role representing the program first-hand in their countries. In 2014 we welcomed **Galindo Ruhyyah Aliyo** (Uganda), **Anthony Peter Njau** (Tanzania), **Milan Dipakkumar Desai** (Zambia), **Soreti Berhanu Workneh** (Ethiopia), **Muchinda Muma** (Zambia), and **Gloria Ludigo** (Uganda) as new Lex:lead ambassadors.

Lex:lead at the World Bank. Lex:lead has been an **intellectual partner** to the **World Bank**-supported **Global Forum on Law, Justice and Development** since 2012. In April, the group appointed scholarship winner and advisory board member **Sousena Kebede Tefera** (Ethiopia) as its **liaison** to World Bank meetings in Washington DC. In October, the group's first scholarship winner, **Lemlem Fiseha Minale** (Ethiopia), was appointed the group's delegate to the World Bank's **Law, Justice and Development Week**, in Washington DC.

Other recognition. The group is pleased that its founder, **Anne Bodley**, was a finalist in the **Advance Global Australian Awards** in 2014 in recognition of her establishment of and work with Lex:lead. On this theme, the group would also like to extend particular recognition to Treasurer **Matt Weldon** for his many contributions to Lex:lead's work.

Current Competition. Fundamental to the group's success, Lex:lead was delighted to **raise 12 scholarships** this year for the 2014 competition currently underway. Thank you to our 2014 donors including:

- 1 **Dame Linda Dobbs DBE**, London, UK
- 2 **Allen & Overy LLP**, London, UK
- 3 **Claude Moore Charitable Foundation**, Virginia, USA
- 4 **Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr**, Johannesburg, South Africa
- 5 **Webber Wentzel**, Johannesburg, South Africa
- 6 **Law Council of Australia**, Canberra, Australia
- 7 **Hogan Lovells**, London, UK
- 8 **DLA Piper**, London UK (two awards)
- 9 **Cozen O'Connor**, New York USA (three awards).

Lex:lead also thanks its **outstanding panel of judges**, sitting pro bono (listed left). Answering **How can tax law stimulate economic growth and reduce poverty?**, we opened the competition in September again reaching more countries than before with applications from **Ethiopia, Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda, Gambia, Mali, Liberia, Afghanistan, and Nepal**. Essays are due 31 December; our next winners will be announced by **February 2015**.

Good luck to all applicants, and **Happy New Year!**

Lex:lead winners, over page.

Lex:lead Winners: awards, scholarships, and other opportunities

Lex:lead supports its students wherever possible with recommendations and opportunities it identifies—including for internships, other scholarships, conferences and publications.



Lemlem Fiseha Minale (Ethiopia) – **Winner of 2010 Initial Launch Scholarship: International Bar Association Foundation**
Graduating Addis Ababa University with an LLB (hons) in 2011, Lemlem worked as a legal officer with the **African Child Policy Forum** and assistant lecturer at Addis Abba University. In August 2014 she started her LLM at **American University**, Washington DC, as an **Open Society Fellow (full scholarship)**. Lemlem was **accredited to the World Bank** to represent Lex:lead at Law, Justice and Development Week in October.



Sousena Kebede Tefera (Ethiopia) – **One of two winners from 2011 Scholarship: Sabine Middelhoff (GIZ, Côte d'Ivoire)**
Sousena graduated Addis Ababa University with an LLB (honours) in July 2013 working at the **African Child Policy Forum** before relocating to the United States where she assisted Lex:lead as its **liaison to the World Bank**-supported Global Forum on Law, Justice and Development. She recently **published** in the **American Bar Association's Africa Law Today** (on the Hissène Habré trial in Sénégal) and led the **Africa Model United Nations** initiative.



Edwin J Webiro (Tanzania) – **One of two winners from 2011 Scholarship: International Bar Association Foundation**
Winning a Lex:lead scholarship in 2011 Edwin was selected by the Univ. Dar es Salaam to compete in an international moot court organized by the **ICRC**; performing well his team was selected for the **Jean Pictet Moot Court** in South Africa. With these successes he was sponsored for the Post Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice, his success in which saw him enrolled as an **Advocate of the High Court of Tanzania** and securing a place with **Law Associates Advocates**, Dar es Salaam.



Rediet Zegeye Yigezu (Ethiopia) – **One of five winners from 2012 Scholarship Honoree: John H Morrison OBE**
Rediet had Lex:lead's **highest score** from the 2012 competition. Graduating Addis Ababa University with **highest honours** for her LLB in June 2013, her fluent French made her valuable to the **Ethiopian Broadcasting Corporation** which she joined as a reporter in September 2013. She has volunteered *inter alia* as a French language translator in local courts. In September 2014 she joined the **Diageo Africa Career** program as part of its graduate scheme.



Samrawit Getaneh Damtew (Ethiopia) – **One of five winners from 2012 Scholarship: Allen & Overy**
Also author of one of the **top Lex:lead essays** from 2012, Samrawit graduated Addis Ababa University in July 2013 with **distinction**. Samrawit has been an **AIIESEC leader**, an international non-governmental organisation with UN consultative status that promotes leadership and cross-cultural exchanges for young people. Now completing a year as **AIIESEC president** in Ethiopia, she is preparing to start a master's program in human rights law.



Redeat Kassahun Seifu (Ethiopia) – One of five winners from 2012

Scholarship: Claude Moore Charitable Foundation

Redeat is a fifth-year law student at Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia. **Co-presenting** with Lex:lead scholarship winners in April 2014, among other things Redeat participated in the **Rotary Youth Leaders Awards** in Naivasha, Kenya (2014) and is part of the **Africa Model United Nations 2015** substantive team. She interned with the **Ethiopian Women Lawyers' Association** and is a paralegal at Ethiopia's **Federal High Court**.



Hilina Berhanu Degefa (Ethiopia) – One of five winners from 2012

Scholarship: International Bar Association Foundation

Hilina is **president of Women for Change** (Ethiopia) and an award-winning leader and civic activist. She was selected for the **World Congress** of the Global Partnership of Young Women in Seoul, Korea (2012), was one of the **Top 100** chosen from more than 22,000 applicants for **UNAOC-EF** in New York (2013), for **Recrear Magnify** in New Orleans, USA (2013), and **One Young World** in Dublin, Ireland (2014). In July 2014 she was selected to attend the **Hesselbein Student Leadership Summit**.



Masalu Elias Luhula (Tanzania) – One of five winners from 2012

Scholarship: International Bar Association Foundation

Graduating with honours from the University of Dar es Salaam in November 2013, Masalu was offered a six-month internship with the **International Criminal Court** in The Hague, Netherlands. He deferred the opportunity in order to complete his legal training at the **Law School of Tanzania** and was offered an opportunity with **Rex Attorneys**, Dar es Salaam, a highly regarded Tanzanian law firm.



Galindo Ruhiiyah Aliyo (Uganda) – One of seven winners from 2013

Scholarship: Allen & Overy LLP

Galindo, who had the **highest score** in the 2013 Lex:lead competition, graduated **Uganda Christian University** in July. She passed the pre-entry bar exam in August; a challenging exam typically passed by less than one-third of the approximately 1000 students who sit it annually. Succeeding with this exam she started the nine-month **Diploma in Legal Practice** course in September.



Christopher Sengoga (Rwanda) – One of seven winners from 2013

Scholarship: Claude Moore Charitable Foundation

Our first winner from Rwanda, Christopher was one of the **best three** and a **prizewinner** in the **12th International Humanitarian Law Essay Competition for East African University Students**. In 2014 he was recognised by **International Lawyers of Hope** for a paper on the rule of law. **Consulted** by the National Public Prosecution of Rwanda, he is working with **RR Associates & Co. Advocates** and will continue his law studies at **Makerere University**. He is currently among five Rwandans chosen for a **United Nations/Human Rights Watch** Global Youth Connect Program.



Anthony Peter Njau (Tanzania) – One of seven winners from 2013

Scholarship: Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr

In 2013 Anthony wrote one of Lex:lead's **best essays** to date, a **must-read** synthesizing the rule of law and bringing it home with real impact on real people struggling with poverty in their daily lives—and how the rule of law can help (www.lex-lead.org). After co-presenting on Lex:lead at the University of Dar es Salaam in April, Anthony graduated the university with honours and was awarded a 50% **scholarship** to the **Duisenberg School of Finance** in Amsterdam, Netherlands, for a one-year LLM in finance and law.



Milan Dipakkumar Desai (Zambia) – One of seven winners from 2013

Scholarship: Webber Wentzel

Milan graduated the University of Zambia in November 2014 with a Bachelor of Laws with Merit. He was a member of the Championship Winning Team in the **World Bank**-supported Think Jobs Debate and selected for an international moot court on international criminal justice at the **UK Supreme Court** in London. Milan is pursuing qualification at the Zambia Institute of Advanced Legal Education and joined Lusaka law firm, **Messrs. Solly Patel Hamir & Lawrence** as a Learner Legal Practitioner.



Soreti Berhanu Workneh (Ethiopia) – One of seven winners from 2013

Scholarship: Law Council of Australia

Soreti was our **first winner** from Jijjiga University, expanding the competition within her already-successful country. A fourth-year law student who will graduate next year, she was featured in a **Law Council of Australia** publication that publicized her Lex:lead win and republished her essay—on the **rule of law** and its application to economic development.



Muchinda Muma (Zambia) – One of seven winners from 2013

Scholarship: DLA Piper

Muchinda graduated the University of Zambia in November 2014 with **Merit** and is currently studying for her qualifying examinations at the Zambia Institute of Advanced Legal Education. In March 2014 she won the **World Bank**-supported Think Jobs Debate, going on to win the 2014 Commonwealth Moot Court at the **UK Supreme Court**, London, then attending a Commonwealth Secretariat-supported visit to the **International Criminal Court** and **Special Tribunal for Lebanon** in The Hague. Muchinda's sponsor, DLA Piper, featured her in its publication, **DLA Piper Break into Law**.



Gloria Ludigo (Uganda) – One of seven winners from 2013

Scholarship: DLA Piper

Gloria graduated Uganda Christian University in 2014 passing the pre-entry Bar Exam and embarking on a post-graduate diploma in law at the **Uganda Law Development Centre**, crediting Lex:lead with helping her develop the research skills to succeed in these programs. Her sponsor, DLA Piper, featured her in its online publication, **DLA Piper Break into Law**.