

An interview with Mr Justice Iain Morley QC

Iain - please describe your general background and 1-2 highlights of your career:

I am Dublin born, 1965, Oxford educated, was at the Bar for 28 years [and am] now a High Court Judge in the paradise islands of the Caribbean. Two career highlights were prosecuting the Rwanda genocide for four years in the foothills of Mt Kilimanjaro [with the UN International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda], and being the best-selling author worldwide of the advocacy skills book, *'The Devil's Advocate'*, which has led to my travelling the globe teaching, when not in practice at the Bar or as a Judge [presiding over predominantly] homicide [cases].

What in your life has led you to an interest in development and how do you think law can shape positive development trends? What do you think are the most important law and development trends currently?

My experience in Tanzania showed the positive role law can have in improving communities, particularly for women and children, creating a sense of empowerment and accountability. I think the most important trends are the march globally of the rule of law, replacing government whim, and the rise of equal rights for women, enforced by the courts, and now universally taught in schools and universities.

When were you first introduced to Lex:lead and what are your thoughts on the initiative?

Anne Bodley, who founded Lex Lead, is an excellent friend I met in Tanzania [at the UN International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda], and I have been helping for I think now eight years. The initiative brings to prominence young lawyers in African [and other] countries, helping them to travel and learn more widely, who in time will be leaders, and as such is a likely profound contribution to development.

