

The Lex:lead Group

Lawyers for Economic Advancement and Development

Lex:lead Membership Application

Lex:lead—an all-volunteer group of (as we style ourselves) international lawyers and friends—welcomes new members to help with our mission of supporting, even in a small way, developing nations, specifically the world’s *least* developed countries (LDCs). We accept applications up to four times a year when we convene a board meeting inter alia to consider new applications.

Lex:leaders fall into four groups:

1 Board of Directors and Officers – The board is the group’s leadership, directors generally heading up a particular function including our internship program, compliance, and outreach. Directors (the only members of the group to have a vote) are asked to attend quarterly meetings conducted via Skype and all directors are asked to fundraise: it is hoped that each director will be able to bring in at least 1-2 of the year’s sponsorships. Officers, similarly, are appointed to particular functions including as group secretary (supporting minutes, communications and record-keeping) and treasurer (overseeing the group’s finances and issuing Section 501(c)(3)-compliant donor letters). Although waivers or reductions are granted where needed, to meet expenses we are a dues-paying group with dues set annually: board and officer dues have typically been US\$100 per annum, payable in February. *Board members and Officers are generally elected from within the group and will typically have been part of the advisory board.*

2 Senior Advisory Board – The group from time to time invites senior members of the legal profession to join its senior advisory board, providing high-level guidance to the group. All Lex:leaders are invited to attend the group’s annual meeting in January each year, in addition to which senior advisory board members are asked to attend the group’s midyear inter alia to advise on the appointment of Lex:lead ambassadors. Dues have not typically been set for senior advisory board members although personal contributions are always welcome. *Senior advisory board member appointments are made by invitation only.*

3 Advisory Board – The advisory board is generally where new members join Lex:lead. While advisory board members have no set duties they are asked to help out as best they can including to assist at least one director with one of the group’s functions in the year; one of the most important roles for the group is the compliance function and each year advisory board members make a valuable contribution checking essays submitted for conformity with competition rules, including the due attribution of credit for any source materials used. As with all Lex:leaders, advisory board members are invited to attend the group’s annual meeting in January, in addition to which they may be invited to attend the group’s midyear. Dues for the advisory board have typically been around US\$50 per annum, payable within 30 days of appointment and reduced pro rata for appointments made after the midyear. *Applications to join the advisory board are welcome by completing this form and submitting it to lexlead@yahoo.com.*

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4 **Lex:lead Ambassadors** – Lex:lead invites the majority of its student winners to be Lex:lead Ambassadors each year, representing the program in their countries with their university, community and other student applicants to the program. The group is generally in contact with its ambassadors throughout the year who are invited to report to Lex:lead on outreach activities undertaken per country at the annual meeting. Lex:lead Ambassadors do not pay dues nor are personal contributions to Lex:lead ever encouraged here; to the contrary, Lex:lead Ambassadors are more likely to be considered for additional opportunities the group has before it. *Lex:lead Ambassador appointments are made by invitation only.*

Additional points and policies regarding any appointments to Lex:lead:

(1) All members are presumed to be familiar with our bylaws (as amended from time to time), a copy of which will be forwarded upon receipt of any application or in extending any invitation to join the group, and agree to act in accordance with its terms at all times;

(2) While in most cases we will not share member email address outside the group, you agree that we may share your personal contact details between ourselves and that you will provide us with an up-to-date email address at all times that you check regularly;

(3) Similarly, you agree that we may post information about you on our website (including photographs) and in communications we send out; we encourage all members to include their affiliation to Lex:lead in their personal email signature blocks with a link to the website; and

(4) **Importantly**, information obtained about the group or its candidates may be sensitive and must be kept **confidential** at all times. As a general rule, group emails are **not to be forwarded**.

We look forward to welcoming you to Lex:lead!

With very best regards,

Patron: Dame Linda Dobbs DBE (UK)
President/Chair: Anne Bodley ([Australia](#))
First Vice-President: Rudolf Ezeani ([Nigeria](#))
Vice-President: Bert Denolf ([Belgium](#))
Vice-President: Yevgenya Muchnik-Beale (USA/Russia)
Vice-President: Lakwame Anyane-Yeboah (USA/Ghana)

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Curriculum vitae: (Please include a copy of your CV showing, at a minimum, your educational and employment history.)



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