

LexisNexis Rule of Law Foundation

Annual Report 2023

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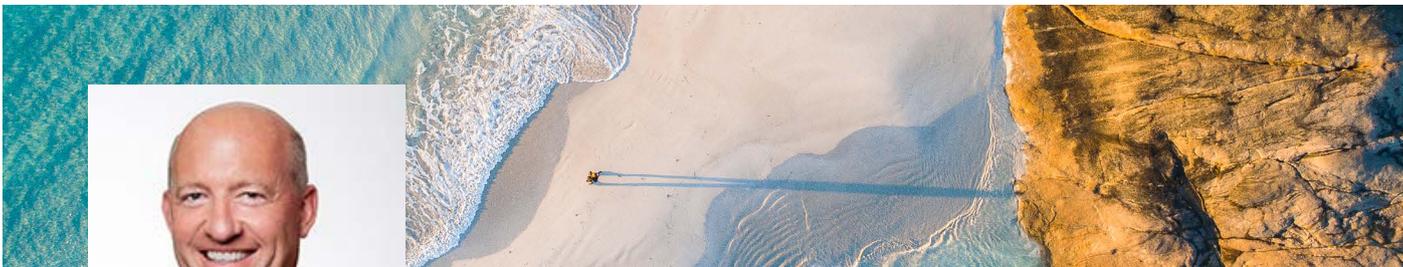
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Michael Walsh
CEO

A Message from LexisNexis Legal and Professional CEO

LexisNexis Rule of Law Foundation was created in 2019. It was our intention to create a focal point for advancing the Rule of Law around the world. Since its launch the Foundation has gone from strength to strength, increasing the number and range of projects it supports.

The mission of advancing the Rule of Law requires a clear message and a clear strategy. I am pleased to say that both LexisNexis and the LexisNexis Rule of Law Foundation are aligned in that message and strategy. We define the Rule of Law as;

- Equality under the Law;
- Transparency of Law;
- Independent Judiciary;
- Accessible Legal Remedy.

The power of this definition comes from its universality, its history, its global applicability and its simplicity. We combine this with a practical approach through a strategy of;

- Delivering projects utilizing the core skills of the vast array of talent at LexisNexis; and
- Working with partners who bring additional skills but, just as importantly, share our passion for advancing the Rule of Law.

The world needs this work to be more successful than ever as we deal with serious crises in many parts of the world. However, a glance through this annual report will show the inventiveness and dedication that will advance the Rule of law and, as a result, contribute to making the world a better place for all.

We believe, as we continue the important work of advancing the Rule of Law, that our efforts will have a significant multiplying effect around the world. I encourage you to review of the totality of the work of LexisNexis Rule of Law Foundation in 2023 as summarized in this annual report. There is much to review! There is still much to be done. The LexisNexis Rule of Law Foundation is proud to be leading the way.



Ian McDougall
President

A message from our President

Since our inception at the beginning of 2019, we have had a bold and audacious aim. The United Nations has stated that around 5 billion people live outside the protection of the Rule of Law. We want to bring all those 5 billion under its influence. That is no easy task. It will require the dedication of many, and the contributions of many more. It will require persistence, even in the face of many setbacks that will confront us on this journey.

Indeed, since our launch we have seen a Global Pandemic (and the varying restrictions this placed on the lives of people). We have seen a War in Ukraine. We have seen the resurgence of the Israel/Gaza conflict. There have been threats to the Rule of Law from both democratic and non-democratic governments. Challenges to the post second world war international settlement of a Rules based, Human Rights based, Rule of Law based system have increased. So you might be forgiven for thinking that it is a dark time.

But, as the saying goes, the night is always darkest just before the dawn. The momentum we have begun to make with the Foundation is clear and is generating support all around the world. In 2023 we initiated or continued over 25 different Rule of Law projects globally.

You will see them proudly discussed in more detail in this report, but I highlight some key examples just to illustrate the diversity of projects;

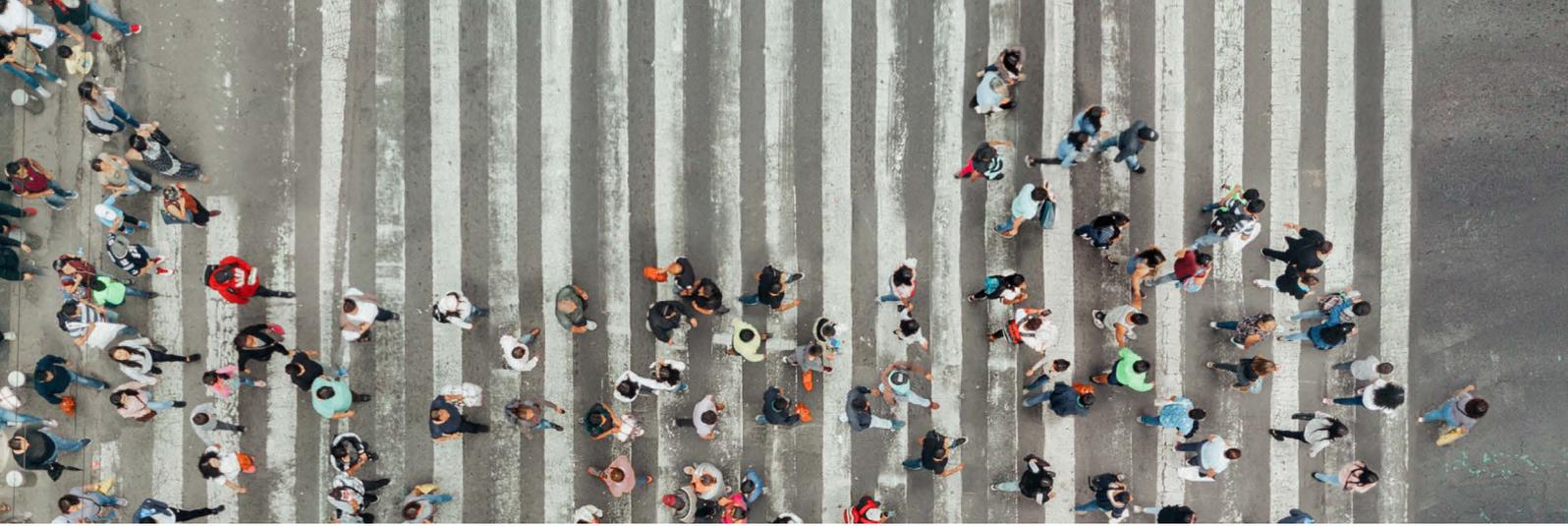
- Uganda Model Anti-Human Sacrifice Law Guidelines
- Rule of Law coloring and activity books - Kenya, Liberia and Uganda
- Bangladesh workers rights app
- Rule of Law monitor report – Global Reaction to Russia and Ukraine

These are just some of the wide range of projects you will see detailed in this Annual Report. Some are micro-projects, others have impact far beyond the initial project.

But it is important to remember how we approach these issues. We want to have a direct impact, not hand over responsibility to others. This is the true meaning of “deploying core skills”; a close and personal contact with the project and the people they impact. We want to work with likeminded partners who can bring something to the project, even if that is just a helping hand of enthusiasm.

But the work doesn’t stop there. We have great and even bolder ambitions for the Foundation. We want to work with partners to deliver major nation-building Rule of Law projects that leave a lasting impact on the people and the country. As we see from the occasional setbacks that history has to offer us, the road is not an easy or consistent one to tread. We must work on convincing people that the Rule of Law is both good intrinsically and good from a self-interested perspective.

Even though the darkness before the dawn can be daunting, history shows us that with perseverance, a clear message, and the willing help of many, over time we will take two steps forward and only one back. With that ratio, we will ultimately achieve our aim. Even if we can only hope to plant a tree that we will never see the shade of, we do so knowing that justice and history are on our side and we will succeed, especially for the 5 billion people that so desperately need us to succeed.



Our Mission

LexisNexis Rule of Law Foundation creates and implements projects globally which serve to advance one or more of the four key elements of the Rule of Law: transparency of the law, access to legal remedy, equal treatment under the law, and independent judiciaries.

Our Vision

There are currently 5.2 billion people outside of the umbrella protections of the Rule of Law. We aspire, through our efforts, to bring people back to these crucial protections.

Our Values

Rule of Law Equation

The Rule of Law is the foundation for the development of *peaceful, equitable and prosperous societies*. We believe there are four key areas that form the umbrella protection of the Rule of Law.

Equality Under
the Law

+

Transparency of
Law

+

Independent
Judiciary

+

Accessible Legal
Remedy

= The Rule of Law

The strategy of implementation is deploying the core skills of LexisNexis and working with partners who can bring talents and enthusiasm to advancing the Rule of Law.

Who we are



Ian McDougall

President of LexisNexis Rule of Law Foundation and
EVP and General Counsel for LexisNexis Legal & Professional

Ian McDougall is President, LexisNexis Rule of Law Foundation and Executive Vice President and General Counsel for LexisNexis Legal & Professional, a division of RELX Group PLC.

Mr. McDougall joined LexisNexis in 2004 as Vice President and Legal Director for LexisNexis International (LNI), where he oversaw the legal function for the group, including Regulatory Compliance, Commercial Agreements, IT, Intellectual Property and Litigation. He was also involved in business strategy, acquisitions and general business planning. At LexisNexis, Mr. McDougall has stepped into varying roles, including CEO (interim) LexisNexis AsiaPacific, Interim HR Director for LNI and Interim Managing Director for LexisNexis New Zealand. In addition, he led the LexisNexis implementation of the UK Bribery Act compliance and created the organization's first broad regulatory compliance review program.

In his personal commitment to advance the Rule of Law, Mr. McDougall travels the world to educate groups on the elements of the Rule of Law and the importance of a strong Rule of Law for economic growth and development, stable society, and other outcomes, such as enhanced life expectancy. In the past year, he has spoken on the Rule of Law, business and human rights, and related topics

at various events and programs for ABA Section of International Law, Commonwealth Lawyers Association, International Bar Association, Union Internationale des Avocats, International Institute of Law Association Chief Executives, to the Brazilian judiciary; to law school students at Harvard and Stetson (among others), and internally at LexisNexis business units across the globe.

Mr. McDougall is the recipient of the American Bar Association Section of International Law 2018 "International Corporate Counsel Award." In 2017, Mr. McDougall's Global Legal Team received the Financial Times Innovative Lawyers Award, in recognition of their work to advance the Rule of Law and access to justice around the world.

Mr. McDougall was a member of the United Nations Rule of Law Steering Committee and the UN General Counsel Advisory Board. Until his move to New York, he was a board director and trustee for UK charity Peaceful Place which is dedicated to providing support to sufferers of early onset dementia. He was also appointed as judge in the Barrister's Disciplinary Tribunal and was a broadcast cricket commentator in association with the Royal National Institute for the Blind. Mr. McDougall is based in London.

Who we are



Terry Jennings

Vice President and Treasurer of LexisNexis Rule of Law Foundation and Head of Rule of Law Development

Terry Jennings is vice president & treasurer, LexisNexis Rule of Law Foundation and head of Rule of Law Development for LexisNexis Legal & Professional, a division of RELX Group. She is responsible for cultivating relationships with diverse groups, including funding and governmental bodies, to create, develop and advance Rule of Law projects around the world. Ms. Jennings speaks at venues highlighting the importance of the Rule of Law, including the United Nations, the Wilson Center, the U.S. Institute of Peace, and the CEELI Institute.

Until 2020, Ms. Jennings served as a Steering Committee member of the UN Global Alliance for Reporting Progress on Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies. She received an American Bar Association Presidential appointment to serve on the ABA Advisory Council on Vietnam Lawyers Exchange and Training Program. Ms. Jennings was honored as a UN Global Compact 2017 SDG Pioneer for the Rule of Law for her efforts to leverage business core skills to advance the Rule of Law and achieve the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals which are enhanced by peaceful, just and inclusive societies.

The LexisNexis Global Legal Team, of which Ms. Jennings is a member, received the inaugural Financial Times Innovative Lawyers Award in 2017 in recognition of the team's work to advance the Rule of Law and access to justice around the world.

Since 2019, she has supported or managed donor funded projects in Indonesia, Bangladesh, and Uganda.

Prior to her current role, Ms. Jennings served as head, Public Policy, U.S. at RELX Group where she was responsible for public policy development and communication on key policy issues at the state and federal levels. In a previous role, she built and ran the state advocacy program for RELX Group and its divisions. Before her roles within RELX Group, Ms. Jennings was director, State Government Affairs at the American Express Company in New York.

Ms. Jennings has a B.A. in Government & Politics from the University of Maryland. She earned JD from George Washington University School of Law, and her LLM in Rule of Law for Development from Loyola University Chicago. In 2023, Ms. Jennings was elected to serve on the Advisory Board of the PROLAW Institute, an affiliate of Loyola University, Chicago School of Law. Ms. Jennings is based in Washington, D.C.

Who we are



Nigel H. Roberts

Vice President & Secretary LexisNexis Rule of Law Foundation
and Vice President Global Associations, LexisNexis Legal & Professional

Nigel H. Roberts is vice president and secretary, LexisNexis Rule of Law Foundation and vice president, GlobalAssociations at LexisNexis Legal & Professional, a division of RELX Group PLC. Mr. Roberts manages the LexisNexis relationships with international legal associations and leading industry groups, including the International Bar Association, (IBA), the Commonwealth Lawyers Association, the Union Internationale des Avocats, the Inter-American Bar Association, International Institute of Law Association Chief Executive, and Lex Mundi. He has previously managed key industry relationships with state, local and national bar associations across the U.S.

Since 2008, his role has included partnering with global associations on various CSR and Rule of Law projects, including programs and initiatives to help combat human trafficking and to engage the business community in advancing the Rule of Law. Mr. Roberts is co-vice chair of the IBA Pro Bono Committee, and is a liaison to the American Bar Association (ABA) Center for Human Rights. He has served as co-chair of the ABA Section of International Law Corporate Counsel Committee and vice-chair to the Section's Corporate Social Responsibility Committee, International Corporate Counsel Committee and United Nations and International Organizations Committee.

Mr. Roberts joined LexisNexis in 1984. Prior to his relocation to the U.S. in June 1993, Mr. Roberts had a successful career as an area manager for Butterworths in the UK with responsibility for sales of legal and tax information.

Mr. Roberts holds a B.A. in Legal Studies and was admitted as a Fellow of the Institute of Legal Executives in the UK where he spent 10 years working in private practice and with a local government legal department, prior to joining Butterworths. Until his move to Massachusetts, Mr. Roberts had volunteered for more than five years as a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) in New Hampshire, representing the voice of neglected and abused children in the court system.

Who we are



Kermit Lowery

LexisNexis Rule of Law Foundation Director

Kermit Lowery joined the LexisNexis Rule of Law Foundation board in 2021. In a career with LexisNexis spanning 33 years, Mr. Lowery most recently served as Vice President & Head of Legal - North America. Prior to joining LexisNexis, Mr. Lowery served as an Assistant Judge Advocate in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps. Mr. Lowery retired in 2012 as a Colonel in the U.S. Army JAG Corps., and he retired from LexisNexis in June 2021. Kermit is a distinguished member of the Dayton Ohio community where he resides with his wife.

Mr. Lowery has spent his time and talent for several years as a committed advocate for the advancement of the Rule of Law generally and, more particularly, as a champion for the mission and vision of LexisNexis and LexisNexis Rule of Law Foundation. Mr. Lowery received numerous awards for his work and service, including the 2014 American Bar Association's Pro Bono Publico Award and the John and Ginny Elam Pro Bono Award from the Ohio State Bar Association.

Kermit also served as a Staff Judge Advocate at United States Southern Command when the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate received the ABA Hodson Award for legal work performed in support of Operation Unified Response following the 2010 earthquake in Haiti.

Who we are



Carmen Pombo

LexisNexis Rule of Law Foundation Director

Carmen Pombo joined the LexisNexis Rule of Law Foundation Board of Directors in 2023.

Ms. Pombo was the first Chief Executive Officer of the Fernando Pombo Foundation. This is one of the most pioneering and innovative Charitable Foundation working in the field of promoting and supporting the rights of vulnerable people through initiatives in the legal world. Carmen led the Foundation from 2010 to 2021 and she is now part of its board.

The Foundation was the first pro bono clearing house in Spain. It has worked to change the culture and attitudes towards pro-bono in Spain which was largely hostile. The Foundation leads the way in seeking to advance and protect the rights of the most vulnerable. Its educational work is key to its success. The Foundation advocates around the world for the global legal profession to be a force for social justice.

Ms. Pombo is a public interest lawyer, with a specific focus on gender-based violence victims, forced migrants, vulnerable patients and the homeless.

Ms. Pombo works and campaigns tirelessly for “responsible lawyering”, of which the promotion of a Pro Bono culture is a key element. Carmen is a global and leading Rule of Law campaigner as well as a highly respected researcher in the field of Business and human rights for the legal profession.

Ms. Pombo was the Co-Chair of the International Bar Association Rule of Law Forum and a member of the IBA’s Advisory Board Section on Public and Professional Interest. Carmen was also a member of the Advisory Board of the IBA Poverty and Social Development Committee.

In 2006 Ms. Pombo had the unique distinction of creating the International Bar Association Young Lawyers Committee and was responsible for the introduction of the “Young Lawyers” Annual award.

Ms. Pombo is on the board of the Vipeika Foundation in Spain, dedicated to nutrition and education in extremely poor and remote areas in Kenya.

It is a career dedicated to helping the vulnerable and continues to be pioneering across a range of activities, campaigns and legislative achievements.

What they say about us



Carrie Bowker,
Director, eyeWitness



LexisNexis Rule of Law Foundation utilizes its world-class data hosting capabilities to provide a secure repository for the information collected with the eyeWitness app, [which enables documenters to capture verifiable photo, video and audio footage of human rights violations]. Over 65,000 photos, videos, and audio files have been captured with the eyeWitness app since 2015.

Katrina Crossley,
Chief Executive,
International Law Book Facility (ILBF)



The partnership between the ILBF and LexisNexis Rule of Law Foundation has had a fantastic impact on the success of our mission to support the Rule of Law and access to justice through sharing legal knowledge. The generous donation of books... will enhance the library of the University of Córdoba for a long time to come, providing invaluable resources for students, teaching staff and researchers.

Silvia Florez,
Chief Executive,
Vipeika Foundation



To own something is a new feeling for Turkana children. The big coloring book was something extraordinary in their lives... I see the LexisNexis Rule of Law Foundation as colorful fireworks without gunpowder that give away smiles, in places where children live in black and white.

Sarah Stevenson,
Director of Development,
Freedom House



The work that LexisNexis volunteers contributed to digitize our historic reports allowed us to examine and report on five decades of freedom and democracy data in this year's 50th edition of Freedom in the World.

Caroline Brodeur,
Senior Advisor, Advocacy
and Campaigns, Oxfam



With the help of LexisNexis Rule of Law Foundation, Oxfam has been able to revise the community-based human rights impact assessments tool, integrating gender and intersectional considerations throughout the process, offering all the guidance needed for the teams to ensure that women and gender diverse people's voices are meaningfully integrated.

This robust, easy to use and accessible tool, once in the hands of local organizations, will help rebalancing powers between communities and multinational companies.

Monty Mukhier,
The International Federation
of Anti-Leprosy Associations



[Research by LexisNexis Rule of Law Foundation volunteers] unveiled discriminatory laws that were previously concealed, providing us with the critical knowledge needed to target these injustices through advocacy. This partnership underscores the transformative impact that collective action can have, as we unite to eliminate leprosy-related discrimination and champion equality.

CONTINUATION

Sara Carnegie,
Director, Legal Projects,
International Bar Association



LexisNexis Rule of Law Foundation support and commitment to our 50:50 by 2030 Gender Project has assisted in turning a challenging concept into a reality... This long-term collaboration is a great opportunity for both organizations to use their combined strengths and make a positive contribution to Gender Equality.

Obed Byamugisha,
Executive Director,
Buikwe Hope for All
Development Ministries



LexisNexis Rule of Law Foundation came as a savior to address the gaps in the legal regime [that allows child sacrifice in Uganda]. Contributing to formulation of regulations to laws that will be used to prosecute cases is both preventive and response to such inhuman behavior.

Sonnie Lawrence,
Executive Director, Agents
of Positive Change, Liberia



LexisNexis Rule of Law Foundation is incorporating children in learning the Rule of Law through the ABCs of the Rule of Law coloring book.

The container donation helped establish a school that was never in existence. Now we have over 70 students who are currently registered and are in school.

Sara Hossain,
Honorary Executive Director,
Bangladesh Legal Aid and
Services Trust (BLAST)



BLAST and LexisNexis Rule of Law Foundation worked together under the Empowering Workers for Justice project [to adapt an existing app and allow] construction and tannery workers to register their problems and easily seek relevant legal information and services, including wage information, wage calculation, service provision, and a live Q&A feature.

The app makes legal remedies significantly faster and easier to access.

Jennifer Smith,
Executive Director,
The International
Legal Foundation (ILF)



The ILF/ LexisNexis Rule of Law Foundation joint access to justice project helped build the capacity of legal aid providers to defend marginalized people being detained and arrested on discriminatory laws.

LexisNexis Rule of Law Foundation resources allowed lawyers to build stronger cases that incorporate international precedents and commentaries.





Projects executed in 2023

Transparency

- Rule of Law promotion and awareness raising – speeches - Global
- Discriminatory Leprosy laws - Global
- Tax Transparency Laws - Ethiopia and Rwanda
- Rule of Law awards in global associations - Global
- Translation for the Protection of a Former Child
- Trafficking Victim - Spain
- Expungement and Sealing of Records - USA
- Legal books donation - Bolivia, Papua New Guinea, Rwanda, Spain and Uganda

Publications

- Ubuntu in the age of human rights - African Union
- 50:50 by 2030 – A Longitudinal Study into Gender Disparity in Law - Chile, Nigeria, The Netherlands
- Rule of Law monitor report – Global Reaction to Russia and Ukraine - Global
- Rule of Law Colouring and activity books - Kenya, Liberia and Uganda
- Uganda Model Anti-Human Sacrifice Law Guidelines - Uganda
- Rule of Law monitor report – Public Trust in the courts - USA

Training

- Rule of Law programming - Liberia
- Simplified laws and legal information for disadvantaged South Africans - South Africa
- Training South African judges - South Africa
- Training children on the Rule of Law - USA
- Eliminating Systemic Racism in the Legal System - USA
- Training teenagers on Rule of Law - USA

Technology

- Workers' rights app - Bangladesh
- EyeWitness for atrocities - Global
- Supporting investigative journalism to enhance the Rule of Law
- Judgement writing tool - Uganda
- U.S. Voting Laws and Legislation Center - USA

Awards received in 2023



SDG Digital Acceleration Agenda



Knowledge Partner
BCG

SDG Digital Acceleration Agenda Supporter
IDB



SDG digital solution

Out of 300+ nominated solutions and initiatives, [eyeWitness to Atrocities](#), was chosen as a game-changing digital solution that can significantly contribute to advancing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 16: peace, justice, and strong institutions, and is featured in the SDG Digital Acceleration Agenda.

The SDG Digital Acceleration Agenda acknowledges the contribution of the International Bar Association and LexisNexis Rule of Law Foundation to eyeWitness. eyeWitness was initiated by the International Bar Association in 2015, and the organization's secure server is hosted and protected by LexisNexis.

Legal Week Leaders in Tech Law Awards - Justice Technology:

LexisNexis was acknowledged for their efforts when awarded as the winner of the ALM [2023 Legalweek Leaders in the Tech Awards](#) within Justice Technology.

LexisNexis launched the [U.S. Voting Laws & Legislation Center](#), a free website, offering public access to over 40,000 federal and state election and voting laws, including changes to laws over time, as part of an ongoing effort to advance transparency of the law, in line with the mission of their non-profit LexisNexis Rule of Law Foundation.

2023 Highlights

In addition to the **US Voting Laws and Legislation Center** and **eyeWitness for Atrocities** which received awards in 2023, we would like to highlight the following projects within the vast number of activities executed this year. We would like to especially recognize these projects for their impact in the advancement of the Rule of Law and for our significant contribution during this year to their achievement:



Uganda Model Anti-Human Sacrifice Law Guidelines



Rule of Law Coloring and Activity Books - Kenya, Liberia and Uganda



Bangladesh workers' rights app



Rule of Law monitor report – Global Reaction to Russia and Ukraine



| What we do



Transparency
of Law



Equality Under
the Law



Independent
Judiciary



Accessible Legal
Remedy



Location:

Bolivia, Uganda, Rwanda, Papua New Guinea, & Spain



Budget:

£10,000 and Conducted with Volunteer Time



Partner:

International Law Book Facility

Donation of Legal Publications



Transparency of Law



Equality Under the Law



Independent Judiciary



Accessible Legal Remedy



Project Description:

Grant to enable shipments and book donation



Beneficiary:

Bolivian Senate, University of Cordoba, Spain, Attorney General's Chambers of Uganda and Christian Lawyers Fraternity, Rwanda



Project Manager and Team:

Nigel Roberts, Ian McDougall, James Harper, Andy Hopwood, Cécile Chapeland Ponzio, Robert Burel, and Clara Eschenbrenner

This project has two different approaches, one including a grant, and another directed at donating law books.

First, a grant from LexisNexis Rule of Law Foundation to International Law Book Facility in the amount of £10,000 was provided to the International Legal Book Facility (ILBF), a charitable organization based in the UK whose goal it is to donate law books to improve access to legal information / access to justice where there is a need. The grant was made to increase staffing resources and enable more shipments to take place around the world.

From the proceeds of this donation, ILBF made several shipments. One shipment was to the Bolivian Senate containing 111 boxes holding approximately 1,000 books.





Another shipment of 100 boxes holding Chambers of Uganda. A next shipment was sent to the Christian Lawyers Fraternity, Rwanda. This shipment contained 40 boxes, including 14 boxes of books donated by LexisNexis, a total approximately of 350 books. A final shipment related to the grant went to the Centre for Judicial Excellence in Papua New Guinea with 12 boxes holding approximately 100 books.

The second phase of these efforts related to a book donation after the 2023 IBA annual conference. Following the 2023 International Bar Association Annual Conference in Paris, LexisNexis Rule of Law Foundation donated several boxes of legal publications to the University of Cordoba, Spain, in collaboration with IBLF.

Pictured above are Nigel Roberts, VP Global Associations LexisNexis Legal & Professional and VP LexisNexis Rule of Law Foundation; Mark Stevens CBE, Trustee of the International Law Book Facility; and Ian P. McDougall, EVP and General Counsel, LexisNexis Legal & Professional and President, LexisNexis Rule of Law Foundation. Professor Eduardo Jiménez Pineda PhD, Associate Professor, Law Faculty, University of Córdoba commented “Many thanks for this great initiative of the International Law Book Facility.

It is an enormous honour for the University of Córdoba to receive these amazing books from LexisNexis and LexisNexis Rule of Law Foundation in our Law Faculty, that will be extremely helpful for our students and, specifically, for our researchers.”

“The partnership between the ILBF and LexisNexis, which goes back to the foundation of the ILBF in 2005, has had a fantastic impact on the success of our mission to support the Rule of Law and access to justice through sharing legal knowledge. The generous donation of books from LexisNexis and LexisNexis Rule of Law Foundation will enhance the library of the University of Córdoba for a long time to come, providing invaluable resources for students, teaching staff and researchers.”

- **Katrina Crossley**, Chief Executive, International Law Book Facility (ILBF).



Location:
Ethiopia and Rwanda

Funder:
US \$40,000 donated by RELX and Conducted with Volunteer Time

Partner:
RELX Tax Department

Tax Transparency in Ethiopia and Rwanda



Transparency of Law



Equality Under the Law



Independent Judiciary



Accessible Legal Remedy



Project Description:

Compile the tax laws and regulations in African countries and provide them for free to the world starting with Ethiopia.



Beneficiary:

Ethiopian citizens; Rwandan citizens, investors and other African countries



Project Manager and Team:

Mai Trinh, Ian Glencross, Michelle Guy, and Terry Jennings

The RELX Tax Department has embraced the foundation’s mission to advance the Rule of Law, and it has put its unique spin on the objective by efforts to advance the Rule of Law through tax transparency. While some civil society groups have given a negative focus on the private sector, RELX and the foundation were intrigued by what positives the private sector could add to the equation.

By establishing relationships to collaborate with the Tax and Revenue Authority and the Ministry of Finance in Ethiopia, these government authorities became aware of the two-fold benefits of the transparency of the tax laws.

First, the tax laws have relevance, first, to the individuals within a country who must pay their fair share of the tax. When the tax laws are clear, the individual cannot use the excuse of ignorance

to pay less than the taxes owed. At the same time, transparent tax laws make it more difficult for government entities to require more than is allowed.

Thus, tax transparency can be a catalyst to the elimination of low-level corruption or bribes. The foundation worked with RELX Tax and LexisNexis South Africa to put agreements in place and begin the transfer of laws and regulations to the team synthesizing the material and placing it into format. A second country—Rwanda—has been approached for the same transparent posting, and other countries are in a priority list to start building a net of tax information which provides insights across the continent. Such initiatives aim to build a comprehensive network of tax information across the continent, enhancing understanding and compliance, and reinforcing the principles of the Rule of Law.



Location:

Global



Budget:

Conducted with
Volunteer Time



Partner:

International Bar Association
and International Federation
of Anti-Leprosy Associations

Review of Discriminatory Leprosy Laws



**Transparency
of Law**



**Equality Under
the Law**



**Independent
Judiciary**



**Accessible Legal
Remedy**



**Project
Description:**

Determine the status of laws which may discriminate against people with leprosy



Beneficiary:

~140,500 leprosy cases across the world



**Project Manager
and Team:**

Nigel Roberts, members of the RELX Global Legal Team and its divisions

Ten years ago, the International Bar Association was involved in a campaign to try to remove laws that exist around the world, which discriminate against those who have suffered from leprosy. The UN became involved and for the past six years, a UN Special Rapporteur has focused on encouraging member countries to address all the needs of those affected by this terrible disease. The campaign has had some successes, for example in changing some of the legislation in India. Sadly, the disease and the associated stigma continue to affect many hundreds

of thousands of people, and it remains widespread, with new cases in 106 countries last year. Countries impacted include Bahamas, Barbados, Dominica, Egypt, Jamaica, Mali, Malta, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Niger, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Senegal, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand, UAE, and USA. However, one of the challenges, and the purpose of the project, was to identify other such laws around the world. I thought we may be able to assist, at least in a number of other jurisdictions.

WHAT WE DO: TRANSPARENCY

This year, LexisNexis Rule of Law Foundation took a key role in a project coordinated across all of the divisions of RELX to serve the International Federation of Anti-Leprosy Associations (ILEP), and its members. Fourteen lawyers from across RELX, Legal, Risk, and RX teams donated their time to help identify the leprosy laws from around the world which discriminate against those who have suffered leprosy. The work unveiled discriminatory laws that were previously concealed, providing ILEP with the critical knowledge needed to target these injustices through advocacy.

“ILEP extends its deepest appreciation to LexisNexis Rule of Law Foundation for their remarkable volunteer research efforts. Their dedication has unveiled discriminatory laws that were previously concealed, providing us with the critical knowledge needed to target these injustices through advocacy. This partnership underscores the transformative impact that collective action can have, as we unite to eliminate leprosy-related discrimination and champion equality. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to LexisNexis Rule of Law Foundation for their instrumental role in advancing ILEP’s overarching goal of Zero Discrimination.”

- **Monty Mukhier**, The International Federation of Anti-Leprosy Associations





Location:

Global



Partners:

International Bar Association, Union Internationale des Avocats, Commonwealth Lawyers Association, and European Law Students Association



Rule of Law Awards in Global Legal Associations



Transparency of Law



Equality Under the Law



Independent Judiciary



Accessible Legal Remedy



Project Description:

The awards recognize the dedication, commitment and outstanding work of lawyers/entities to advance the Rule of Law, in collaboration with global legal associations



Beneficiary:

Those who would not otherwise have received legal assistance or those who live outside the umbrella of the protection of the Rule of Law, in the hope these awards inspire others to give back as the honorees have done!



Project Manager:

Nigel Roberts

LexisNexis partnered with these industry leading associations to jointly create / support the awards, to help further our fundamental purpose as a company, that is to advance the Rule of Law around the world. The awards recognize the dedication, commitment and outstanding work of lawyers /entities to ensure access to justice, equality etc., and to advance the Rule of Law. We hope the awards help draw international attention to the honorees' incredibly important

and valuable work. According to the World Justice Project 2022 Rule of Law Index, which evaluates 140 countries and jurisdictions around the world, for the fifth year in a row, the Rule of Law has declined in most countries. As with each of the illustrious previous winners over the years, the 2023 honorees all have that passion and courage to make a difference, advance the Rule of Law and change the world for the better.

Rule of Law Awardees



International Bar Association Outstanding Young Lawyer of the Year Award
Philippines lawyer Raphael Pangalangan, recipient of the 2023 award



International Bar Association Pro Bono Award
Argentina lawyer Fernanda Mierez, recipient of the 2023 award



Union Internationale des Avocats /LexisNexis Rule of Law Award
French lawyer Céline Bardet, recipient of the 2023 award



Commonwealth Law Conference/LexisNexis Rule of Law Award
Guyana lawyer Melinda Janki, recipient of the 2023 award



European Law Students Association/LexisNexis Rule of Law Essay
German law student Miel Niemann, recipient of the 2023 award

**Location:**

Global

**Partner:**

European Law Students Association, American Bar Association - International Law Section, International Association of Young Lawyers - Human Rights Committee, Inter-American Bar Association, Union Internationale des Avocats - Institute for the Rule of Law, African ancestry network, Commonwealth Lawyers Association, International Institute of Law Association Chief Executives and LexisNexis.

Rule of Law promotion and awareness raising - speeches



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Project Description:

Speeches throughout the world to inspire the legal profession on the relevance and importance of the Rule of Law



Beneficiary:

Members of the Legal Profession across the Globe



Project Manager and Team:

Nigel Roberts, Afsoon McClellan, Veronica Rios, Ian McDougall Terry Jennings, and Kermit Lowery

LexisNexis is working to change the world for the better through specific projects, each of which enhance key elements of the Rule of Law. To promote and raise awareness of the Rule of Law is an essential part of our mission, and to spread the message we participate in conferences to inspire the legal profession by giving speeches on the Rule of Law. This project is an ongoing one that we have taken very seriously since our establishment. We will continue to do so as our words are how we begin to change people and bring the Rule of Law to more people who need it. We travel the world to raise our voice for the Rule of Law.

- “The Business Case for Strengthening the Rule of Law Across the Commonwealth” at the Commonwealth Law Conference (Goa, India)
- “UN Sustainable Development Goals and equality of opportunity – a legal response” at the Commonwealth Law Conference (Goa, India)
- “Introduction to AI and Ethics for Lawyers” Commonwealth Lawyers Association Conference (Virtual)
- Summit for Democracy - working groups from civil society and private sector which informed the larger meeting. (virtual)

WHAT WE DO: TRANSPARENCY

- “LexisNexis Rule of Law video” at ELSA International Council Meeting (virtual)
- “2023 Rule of Law Webathon” on IABA hosted seminar with the American Bar Association International Law Section; International Association of Young Lawyers, Human Rights Committee; Inter-American Bar Association; UIA –IROL, International Association of Lawyers, Institute for the Rule of Law (virtual)
- “Business for the Rule of Law Café” hosted by RELX UK (virtual)
- “Evolution of Corporate Values and Goals: What It Means and Why It Matters to In-House and External Counsel” at ABA (New York, USA)
- “Defending Democracy, Human Rights, and the Rule of Law” at IABA (virtual)
- “The Law of Armed Conflict” (virtual)
- “A Look Ahead at Generative AI in Legal Practice and a Look Back at the Decline in the Rule of Law” at UIA (Budapest, Hungary)
- “ESG Unwrapped: Understanding, researching and staying current” at American Association of Law Librarians conference (Boston, USA)
- “Equity in the law Summit” at the African Ancestry Network (Miami, USA)
- “LexisNexis and AI as well as advancing the Rule of Law” hosted by LexisNexis/RELX (London, United Kingdom)
- “A Lawyer’s Duty to Respect and Advise on Human Rights: To what extent are lawyers bound under their rules of professional conduct? hosted by the American Bar Association (Paris, France)
- “A Look Ahead at Generative AI in Legal Practice and a Look Back at the Decline in the Rule of Law” at IABA (Brazil)
- “Rule of Law 2023” at ILLACE conference, (Hobart, Tasmania)
- “Welcome remarks to the Law and National Security conference” at American Bar Association (Washington D.C., USA)
- “Profession ethics, and other, obligations to advise clients on Human Rights issues” at the American Bar Association – International Section (Paris, France)



**Location:**

Spain

**Budget:**

US \$20,000

**Partner:**

Ms. Parosha Chandran,
Anti-human trafficking Barrister
and Professor of Practice in
Modern Slavery Law in The King's
College London, United Kingdom

Translation for the Protection of a Former Child Trafficking Victim

**Transparency
of Law****Equality Under
the Law****Independent
Judiciary****Accessible Legal
Remedy****Project
Description:**

Providing translation of a vast number of documents needed in trial during strategic litigation to protect a former child trafficking victim.

**Beneficiary:**

A former child trafficking victim in Spain, and potentially many other child trafficking victims

**Project
Manager:**

Terry Jennings

LexisNexis Rule of Law Foundation was contacted by Parosha Chandran, a renowned human rights lawyer based in the UK. Parosha was working on a case, the first of its kind in Spain, where the practices by the Spanish government in protecting the rights of a former child trafficking victim under the European Convention on Human Rights was being litigated in the European Court of Human Rights. The attorneys of TV (the initials selected by the court), the former victim, allege that dropping the prosecution of TV's trafficker violated TV's human rights as a child. The outcome of the trial will have a deep impact on how the rights of other child victims across Spain are treated.

When the government of Spain responded to the inquiry into its practices by providing hundreds of pages of legal documentation as evidence. These documents

were written in Spanish and Catalan, languages which TV's lawyers were unable to read. Parosha reached out to LexisNexis Rule of Law Foundation as requested its help. The foundation was able to secure funding of almost \$20,000 from its budget to start the immediate translation of all the documents.

The founding Board members of LexisNexis Rule of Law Foundation all worked on establishing and growing the scope and impact of the Model Act on the Prevention and Remedies for Human Trafficking from the Uniform Law Commission almost ten years ago. To help shape the rights of human trafficking victims in a European country for the first time was a meaningful opportunity which the foundation did not wish to miss.

WHAT WE DO: TRANSPARENCY

The translated materials are proving to be essential reading for the case as the litigants work to obtain crucial insights concerning the complex domestic proceedings that enable them to provide effective legal representation in TV's case. The case remains pending before the ECtHR. It is hoped that a judgment will be handed down by the Court next year in 2024.

“It would have been impossible for us to gain those insights without the translations provided, and we are indebted to LexisNexis Rule of Law Foundation for its exceptional, generous pro bono support in a case of great significance.”

- Parosha Chadran





Location:

USA



Budget:

US \$15,000 and Conducted with Volunteer Time



Partner:

LexisNexis African Ancestry Network, James B. Moran Center for Youth Advocacy

Criminal

Expungement and Sealing of Records



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Project Description:

Supporting the Moran Center to expunge and seal records



Beneficiary:

Individuals seeking expungement and record sealing assistance in Cook County, Illinois

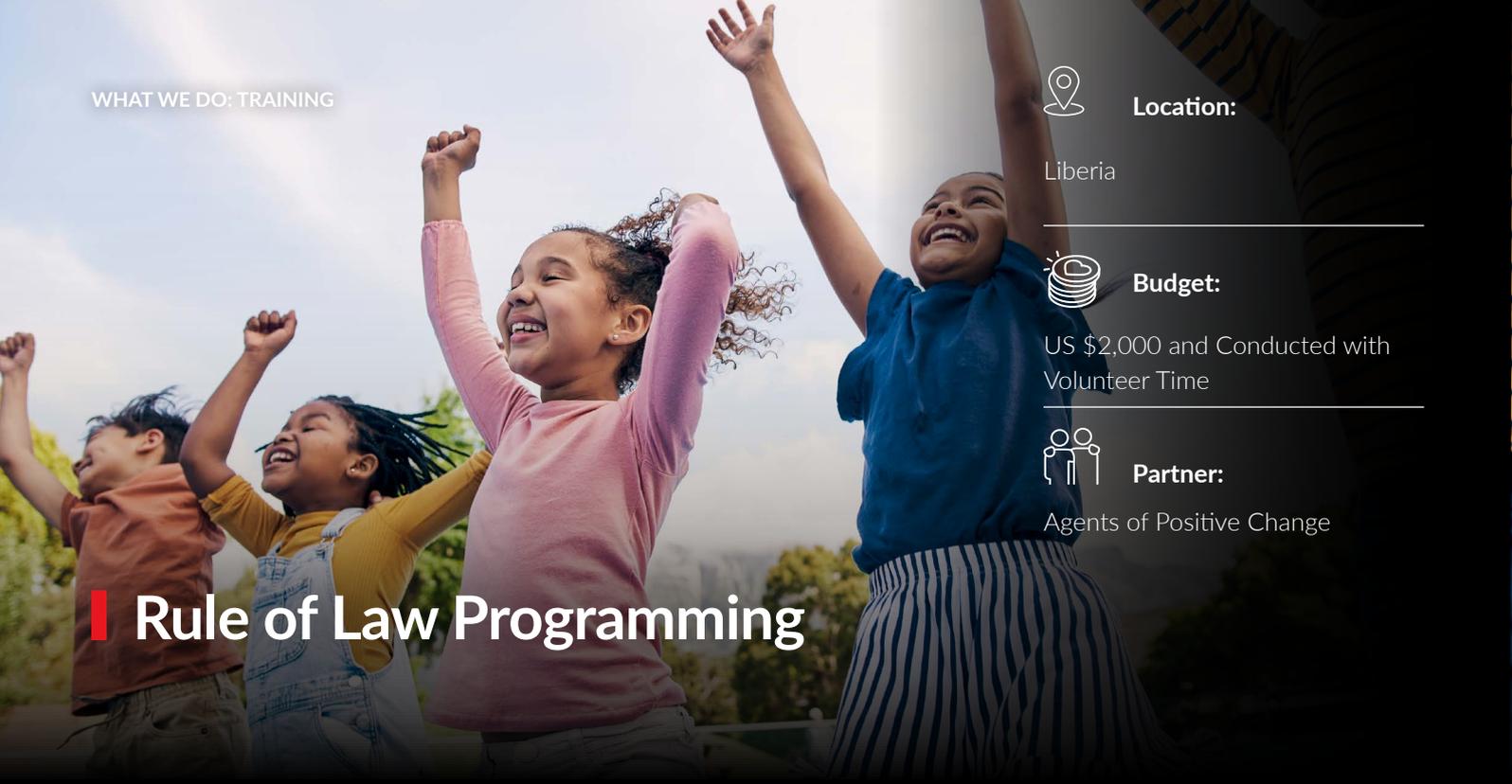


Project Manager and Team:

Nigel Roberts, Tamara Johson-Draper, and Rhea Ramsey

The generous \$15,000 contribution received from LexisNexis African Ancestry Network and LexisNexis Rule of Law Foundation was used to support the general operating costs of the James B. Moran Center for Youth Advocacy's (the Moran Center) Criminal Record Relief Program. The Moran Center provides legal, justice, and social assistance to Illinois youth and their families. The funding sent by the foundation

assisted in the expenses of employing two attorneys and one paralegal. This funding supported the compensation of these individuals, as well as other administrative expenses. The project is ongoing free expungement and sealing of records for qualifying clients with records in Cook County, as well as the presentation of a free, two-part Expungement & Sealing clinic at Skokie Public Library.



Location:

Liberia



Budget:

US \$2,000 and Conducted with Volunteer Time



Partner:

Agents of Positive Change

Rule of Law Programming



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Independent Judiciary



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Project Description:

Establishment of yearly programs for the next five years in a newly-built school building in rural Liberia



Beneficiary:

Lower Johnsonville, Liberia



Project Manager:

Terry Jennings

The synergies between the Rule of Law mission of LexisNexis Rule of Law Foundation and the mission to end childhood illiteracy by Agents of Positive Change in rural Liberia has had continuing fruit with additional collaborations in 2023. In 2022, the original shipping container sent to Liberia with reading material (if you cannot read, you cannot read the laws) became a school for K-6 children at the request of parents who were sending children to walk two hours each way over unpaved roads and darkness (the rural area lacks electricity) to get to the nearest school.

The distance and time meant that many children—and particularly girls—were not allowed to attend school, as parents needed the girls to earn money to feed the family. The shipping container school had 50 children enroll and had its first graduation ceremony in 2023.



WHAT WE DO: TRAINING

Dedicated parents once again acted in the interest of their children and started, in late 2022, to build a proper school building to accommodate more children. Parents who could not afford the minimal tuition for the school donated their own time and labor to dig the foundation, carry stones, and erect the school. When the building was finished in 2023 but lacking a roof, LexisNexis Rule of Law Foundation again pledged its help.

The foundation provided a \$2,000 grant to Agents of Positive Change, the charity which runs the school, in exchange for an agreement to run programming once a year for the next five years for children of the school, parents, and other members of the village on Rule of Law topics. The first program will take place related to the new Rule of Law Story coloring books sent to the village in another shipping container in December 2023.





Location:

South Africa



Budget:

US \$15,000 and Conducted with Volunteer Time



Partner:

International Association of Women Judges

Training South African Judges



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Project Description:

Support generally for the South African Chapter – International Association of Women Judges in its curriculum development, production of training manuals, training, assessment, and certification related to the training of judges



Beneficiary:

South African Judges and Magistrates



Project Manager and team:

Daisy Gounden and Nigel Roberts

The \$15,000 grant provided by LexisNexis Rule of Law Foundation working in conjunction with the South African Chapter – International Association of Women Judges (SAC-IAWJ) was combined with other donations to develop and update training materials and to conduct trainings which were repeated over the year to ensure that new Province Heads and new judges received the relevant training. The training focused on five topics: Social Transformation, Judicial Ethics, Leadership & Management, Judicial Officer Functions, and Sextortion.

These five programs were repeated at least twice to add judges from different regions. Where a judge had not learned this procedure before, the judges were also trained to train others, making the programs sustainable over the long term.

Part of the funding from the foundation was used to develop or to update existing training materials including the development of a new training to ensure that judges had access to a better format and layout of materials. Additional funding was allocated for conducting the training, including the alignment of the material to relevant external sources, and adding global criteria to its terms.

“I have worked with the SAC-IAWJ and Judiciary for the last 15 years. During this time, I have seen the deep commitment of these Judges and Magistrates who spend endless hours outside of their regular court duties, who without hesitation, dip into their own pockets to create and conduct the various judicial educational programs. They are cognisant of their pivotal roles in both upholding and advancing the Rule of Law, and proactively seek to deliver on these successfully. This grant by LexisNexis Rule of Law Foundation has assisted the SAC-IAWJ immensely, in that it was a dedicated resource used to improve and expand the scope of the programs, without the pressure of the lack of budget and its resultant limitations.”

- Daisy Gouden



WHAT WE DO: TRAINING



Location:

USA



Budget:

US \$15,000 and Conducted with Volunteer Time



Partner:

LexisNexis, African Ancestry Network, Historically Black Colleges and Universities Law School Consortium

Eliminating Systemic Racism in the Legal System



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Project Description:

Working with HBCU fellows to eliminate systemic racism in the legal system while also advancing the Rule of Law



Beneficiary:

15 fellows from HBCU Law Schools, and the legal profession in the USA

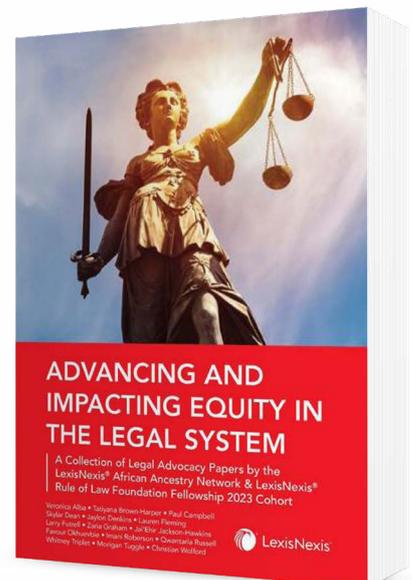


Project Manager and team:

Adonica Black, Nigel Roberts, Maggie Huffman, Silvian Rosario, Rhea Ramsey, Liz Christman, Natasha Newberry, Brian Kennedy, Delaine Frazier, Teal Taylor, Tara Diedrichsen, Olga Mack, Dave Collins, Jared Kidd, Ben Forrest and Ian McDougall

In 2023, the cohort of 15 students selected from the six law schools from Historically Black Colleges and Universities worked with LexisNexis mentors on projects to end systemic racism in the legal system while advancing the Rule of Law. These projects took five different paths. The first project developed a mobile application designed to increase literacy and comprehension of Rule of Law and critical legal concepts such as Miranda rights for youth and their parents and guardians in the United States.

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WHAT WE DO: TRAINING

The third project increased the diversity of students in prestigious and lucrative fields of law by providing HBCU law school students with additional professional development, support, and exposure to ensure their success.

The fourth project researched the possible applications and consequences of everaging technology, specifically artificial intelligence, to alleviate racial bias in the jury selection process; expand the jury dashboard tool (previously designed for North Carolina) to California, Louisiana, and New York.

The fifth project increased access to the legal system by providing tools and resources for legal practitioners doing pro bono work and for use in legal clinics.

LexisNexis mentors worked with the Fellows, providing career and personal advice while also tapping into LexisNexis expertise to build their projects to the final outcomes. The Fellows presented their final outcomes at a Symposium in Miami, and these findings were published by LexisNexis in a report which highlighted their research and achievements.

15 Fellows



From top left to bottom: Favour Okhuevbie, Qwantaria Russell, Christian Woldford, Zaria Graham, Imani Roberson, Jaylon Denkins, Whitney Triplet, Lauren Fleming, Larry Futrell, Tatiyana Brown Harper, Veronica Alba, Morigan Tuggle, Paul Campbell, Jaiehir Jackson Hawkins, and Skylar Dean

- ✓ 13 Mentors
- ✓ 6 HBCU Law Schools
- ✓ 2 Continents
- ✓ 5 Executive Sponsors
- ✓ 1 Symposium
- ✓ 1 Innovation Retreat
- ✓ 1 Journal

5 Projects

Legal education for kids in a mobile app

Transparency of critical legal concepts like Miranda rights



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Equality of the law, through awareness of our history



Professional development for HBCU law students

Access to legal remedy, through availability of diverse counsel



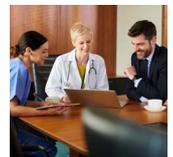
Representative juries, with the help of AI

Access to justice, through fair process



Resources for law clinics and pro bono lawyers

Access to the legal system, through affordable representation





Location:

USA



Budget:

US \$30,000 and Conducted with Volunteer Time



Partner:

LexisNexis, African Ancestry Network and the Legal Kid Foundation

Training children on Rule of Law



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Project Description:

Interactive live training modules educating children in grades 3-8 on principles of the Rule of Law



Beneficiary:

1,160 students from the Legal Kids Foundation in Raleigh, North Carolina



Project Manager and team:

Julie Berry, Marva Woods and Nigel Roberts

LexisNexis African Ancestry Network (AAN) and Lexis Nexis Rule of Law Foundation partnered with an external charity, The Legal Kids Foundation, to support The Legal Kids Club Student Ambassador program. LexisNexis employees from the Raleigh, NC office volunteered their time to support children in interactive live training modules educating children in grades 3-8 on principles of the Rule of Law. The program is growing in scope and numbers, with 34 students participating in the initial program launched in 2021 and an expected 1,160 students participating in 2023.

The Legal Kids Club Student Ambassadors Program is for children in grades 3-8. The program guided children through an exciting adventure which has expanded their legal literacy and case investigation skills, to build stronger, future leaders. The Club Roar Program consisted of weekly sessions plus a Mock Trial, which featured the participating students. The key program lessons involving Rule of Law included: 1) Why We Have Laws? 2) Our Main Law—the Constitution, 3) Bill of Rights, 4) How a Bill Becomes a Law, 5) How Laws Are Established, and 6) Law STEM Project.



Location:

USA



Budget:

US\$ 15,000 and Conducted with Volunteer Time



Partner:

LexisNexis African Ancestry Network, SNAPOLOGY

Training teenagers on Rule of Law



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Project Description:

Educating high school students on the concepts and importance of the Rule of Law, including the advancement of the Rule of Law



Beneficiary:

Students at North Edgecombe High School in Tarboro, North Carolina



Project Manager and team:

Lumuba Moore and Nigel Roberts

Approximately one in every four persons in Edgecombe County lives in poverty; only 16% of the people living there hold a bachelor’s degree or higher. The schools in the northern part of Edgecombe County, are designated as low performing schools by the NC Board of Education. With the guidance of the LexisNexis African-Ancestry Network, the foundation contributed \$15,000 towards a program called SNAPOLOGY, which serves to both promote Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (S.T.E.A.M.) education learning for its students. SNAPOLOGY leaders worked with AAN and the foundation to select expert speakers who presented to the students about the intersection of S.T.E.A.M learning and the important concepts of the the Rule of Law.

SNAPOLOGY is a franchise of S.T.E.A.M. programming which was modified for use with the LexisNexis Rule of Law Foundation (LNROLF). Introducing the SNAPOLOGY project to the Edgecombe County school and seeking the grant was the brainchild of LexisNexis employee Lumuba Moore, who works as a Software Engineer by day and serves on the alumni board of the school after hours. Lumuba understood, as a technologist, both the promise of learning S.T.E.A.M. at a young age and also the importance of the LexisNexis Rule of Law mission and vision.

WHAT WE DO: TRAINING

The purpose of the 12-week course, which took place 2 days a week, was to use Snapology's S.T.E.A.M. enrichment programs to teach underserved students how S.T.E.A.M. can be utilized to intersect with the legal system and the Rule of Law to enrich their communities and future.

This customized SNAPOLOGY course focused on Common Core and Next Generation Science Standards to teach 20 or more students ages 14 to

18, about S.T.E.A.M. through the building and the manipulation of various DUPLO®, LEGO® or K'Nex® models. The Rule of Law programming provided by community leaders, including the Chief of Staff to the CEO of Github, included discussions on "What is the Rule of Law," "Rule of Law and Innovation," and "Rule of Law in Legal Technology." The students were entranced by the program, and they worked diligently together on building the models as part of the program, learning Rule of Law basics in the process.





Location:

Global



Partner:

Protimos, Judicial Action Group

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Ubuntu in the Age of Human Rights



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Project Description:

Inaugural legal publication on Ubuntu



Beneficiary:

Global legal profession



Project Manager and team:

Terry Jennings, Carmen Pombo, Kermit Lowery, Ian McDougall, Maxine McKenzie, Luis Palminha and Michelle Guy

LexisNexis Rule of Law Foundation collaborated with Protimos, a public charity based in the UK, in its mission to advance the ideal of responsibility of the individual to the community. This type of responsibility is a key tenet of the African concept of justice and fairness called Ubuntu. Together with Protimos and the Judicial Action Group we have published “Ubuntu in the age of human rights”. As Ian McDougall mentions in the Foreword of this publication, the element of our Rule of Law definition most closely aligned with Ubuntu is the concept of equality under the law. This volume highlights the concept of Ubuntu across a range of topics. At its core, when the individual is respectful of and protects the needs and rights of the community, then the community can provide for and sustain the individual.

Protimos works with the Judicial Action Group across Africa to select the research and topics to be highlighted in this inaugural publication on Ubuntu. The foundation worked with the publishing team at LexisNexis South Africa which edited the academic work, formatted it, designed a cover, and readied it for publication. Foundation Board member Carmen Pompo had the privilege of speaking at a launch event that included numerous UK dignitaries.

Protimos envisions future publications addressing more topics related to Ubuntu, and it looks forward to the time when Western countries begin to recognize and embrace the concept of Ubuntu and its relevance to the problems arising throughout the Western part of the world.



Location:

Global



Budget:

Conducted with Volunteer Time



Partner:

International Bar Association

50:50 by 2030 – Longitudinal Study into Gender Disparity in Law



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Project Description:

Publication in collaboration with the IBA of the Chile, Nigeria and the Netherlands Gender disparity in the law reports



Beneficiary:

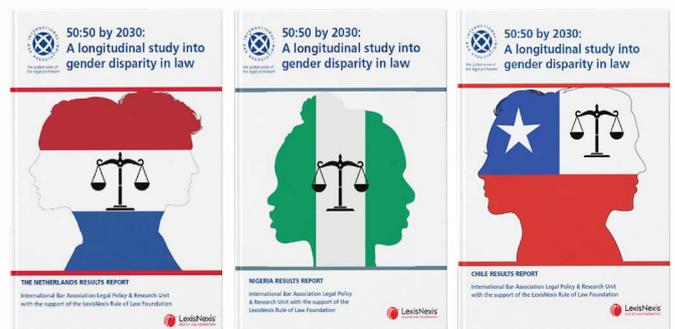
Global legal profession



Project Manager and team:

Nigel Roberts, Joanna Weller and Steve Carroll

LexisNexis Rule of Law Foundation is partnering with the International Bar Association to support this long-term project, contributing its core business assets, including survey and reporting tools, analytics, visualization capabilities and employee volunteers.



[View the reports](#)

The 50:50 by 2030 Gender Project is one of the most ambitious projects the IBA has ever undertaken. We are now 3 years into this 9-year project and are making exciting progress across all countries, with 8 reports now finalized. The long-term collaboration between the LexisNexis Rule of Law Foundation and the IBA is a great opportunity for both organizations to use their combined strengths and make a positive contribution to the achievement of UN Sustainable Development Goal 5 on Gender Equality.

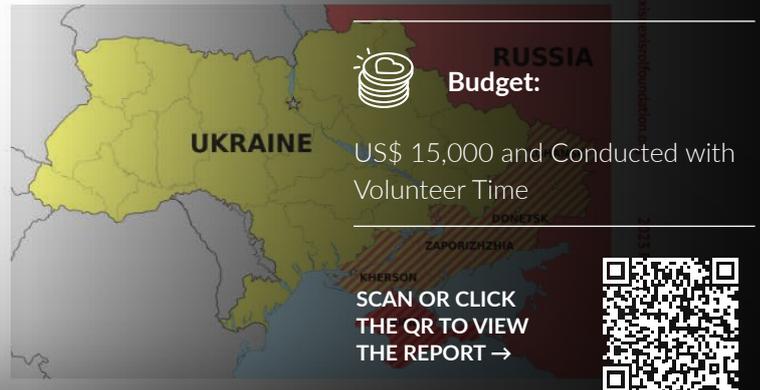
This ambitious first-of-its-kind, nine-year global project aims to uncover the root-causes of the lack of gender parity at the most senior levels of the legal profession, identify whether diversity initiatives introduced to address this disparity are having any impact, and to provide practical conclusions and guidance to the profession. Titled '50/50 by 2030' – a reference to the aspiration of the 2030 United Nations Sustainable Development Goal No 5 on gender equality.



Location:

Global

Global Reaction to Russia's Invasion of the Ukraine



Rule of Law Monitor: Global Reaction to Russia's Invasion on the Ukraine



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Equality Under the Law



Independent Judiciary



Accessible Legal Remedy



Project Description:

Using survey data from cell phone surveys globally, LexisNexis data scientists track the sentiments of the Russian invasion of Ukraine one year after the event.



Project Manager and team:

Steve Carroll, Michael Cole and Ian McDougall

Two of the talented LexisNexis data analysts and data scientists had a visionary insight into how to capture the real time sentiments of citizens around the world. They asked people around the world their thoughts on important issues by using technology in those people's hands—their cell phones. This team captured and analyzed the resulting data to show great insights into the most important topics within the Rule of Law. True people-centered justice was able to be gleaned, and the data gives a heat map which can be analyzed showing the answers. The team conducted this work on behalf of LexisNexis Rule of Law Foundation working with Foundation President Ian McDougall. One of the first issues they tackled was the global reaction to the Russian invasion of the Ukraine one year out. The resulting data was substantive and unique (both in its scope and its consistency of longitudinal tracking).

The answers include deep dives into over twenty countries – including both the largest countries in each continent, as well as countries which are highly

relevant ones for this conflict-Belarus, Turkey, China, India, and Saudi Arabia, as well as Russia and the Ukraine. Within the report, as expected, the strongest sentiments against the invasion came from Ukraine (96% opposed and 4% neutral), and the strongest support came from Russia (20% opposed, 18% neutral, 64% in support). But of the countries with stronger support of Russia's invasion, none of these countries had an approval rating that topped 50%. The country with the next highest support, India, had 36% disapproval, 20% neutral, and 44% approval. The numbers also showed a growing fatigue on the topic, with growing numbers of neutral responses. The team found their surveys met two objectives: First, legally, the surveys provide a record which may support future legal action against Russia. Second, economically, the surveys provide visibility to ensure all global companies thinking of investing/doing business in Russia know the potential damage to brand equity in so doing.



Location:

Global



Budget:

US \$3,000 and Conducted with Volunteer Time



Partner:

Agents of Positive Change,
Ugandan Family Court,
Vipeika Foundation

Creating and distributing Rule of Law Coloring and Activity Book

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Remedy**Project
Description:**

Story of a grandmother encouraging her children to dream of their future while explaining aspects of the Rule of Law; coloring book written and illustrated by LexisNexis volunteers. Shipment to Liberia, Uganda and Kenya.

**Beneficiary:**

Children & adults

**Project Manager
and team:**

Terry Jennings, Zoe Caldwell,
Brenna Clayton, Gem Erika
Lee, & numerous volunteers

The original ABCs of the Rule of Law Coloring Book was created by LexisNexis volunteers. The book was formed with the goal of enhancing the literacy rates of the children in Lower Johnsonville, Liberia where 80% of the children were testing as illiterate. The team of volunteers illustrated the coloring book with a variety of styles, allowing children to learn their ABCs while also beginning to understand aspects of the Rule of Law.

A separate cluster of volunteers sought to tackle the needs of older children—still tackling illiteracy—where a richer story while also helping them to read would be appropriate. The idea of Grandma Sayah took shape based upon the real grandmother that one civil society partner had in rural Liberia. In a country where children walked dirt paths for two hours each way with no electric lights to get to school, the hardships in achieving the most basic education



were overwhelming. The LexisNexis volunteers wanted to walk with these students and give them the wisdom of a Grandma Sayah to shape their future. The Rule of Law Story and Activity Book was published in 2023, and over 500 copies are being sent to Liberian children and 500 more to the Uganda Family Court. Additionally, a shipment of 1,000 ABCs coloring books were sent to students, including a nursery, in Kenya.



Location:

Uganda



Budget:

US \$13,243 and Conducted with Volunteer Time



Partner:

Buikwe Hope for All Development Ministries, LexisNexis South Africa

Uganda Model Anti-Human Sacrifice Law Guidelines



Transparency of Law



Equality Under the Law



Independent Judiciary



Accessible Legal Remedy



Project Description:

Developing, writing, and publishing the guidance needed to prosecute cases under this groundbreaking model law on anti human sacrifice



Beneficiary:

Citizens of Uganda, citizens of other countries worldwide



Project Manager and team:

Terry Jennings, Obed Byamugisha and Michelle Guy

The sacrifice of human beings—and particularly children—is very real and dangerous. Unfortunately, this horrific type of violence is prevalent in at least seventeen countries in Africa, and experts believe it is secretly being practiced in other parts of the world. While the issue is complex, with problematic elements of poverty and traditional medicine mixing with the greed of people seeking wealth, power, political station, and even health, and believe they can seek these by the ritual sacrifice of human body parts which are usually taken while the victim is still alive. The need to protect the rights of the individual remains paramount. LexisNexis Rule of Law Foundation is using its skills to help.

The foundation has been working with Buikwe Hope for All Development Ministries, through its leader who helped to enact the first model law in Uganda. The model law is groundbreaking because it establishes penalties for elements and collaborative roles unique to the facts of human sacrifice. This model law is of keen interest to law enforcement and prosecutors in other countries. To help law enforcement and prosecutors build their cases with the elements of human sacrifice in mind, LexisNexis Rule of Law Foundation provided the \$13,243 grant for Buikwe Hope for All Development Ministries to draft guidelines which will form the regulations and help train law enforcement and prosecutors in building strong cases which bring wrong-doers to justice and help to stop these horrific practices. At least 500 copies of the guideline will be printed and shipped to Ugandan judicial officers, and an additional 1,500 copies will form the background of a global training on the topic.



Location:

USA



Budget:

Conducted with Volunteer Time



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Rule of Law Monitor: Public Trust in the Courts Report



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Equality Under the Law



Independent Judiciary



Accessible Legal Remedy



Project Description:

With a monthly survey of the U.S. public, this report measures public trust in the courts



Beneficiary:

Global



Project Manager and team:

Steve Carroll, Michael Cole and Ian McDougall

An early goal for the work of the data scientists and data analysts behind this report was to create objective metrics for the lived experience of the Rule of Law. To quote the Drucker axiom, "If you can't measure it, you can't manage it." This study measures public trust in the legal systems by asking respondents their view on the independence of judges and their courts in the U.S. The team conducted a monthly survey of the U.S. public. Over 75,000 responses were collected over the last 5 years.

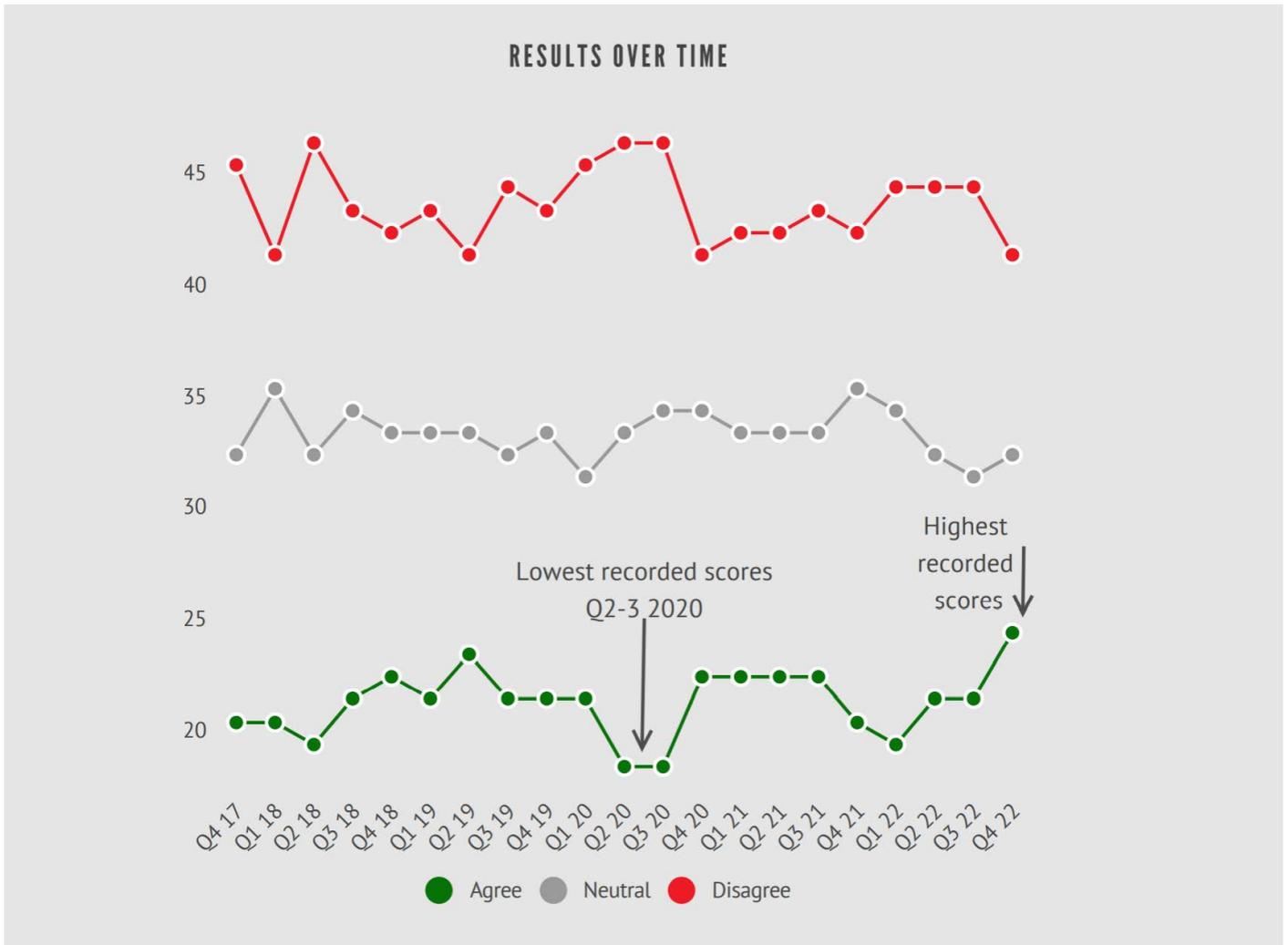
This report revealed significant differences by gender, socio-economic status, education, marital status, and age. It also highlighted marked differences by geography. There was a ranked summary of results for each state.

There has been an increasingly well-documented decline in public trust in government and institutions. This decline has been decades-long in the making and has been tracked by multiple studies, such as the Pew Research Center. In this instance, the question sought to answer how this decline has impacted confidence in the legal system and whether the public felt they would be treated fairly - and equally - in the courts.

To address these questions, LexisNexis Rule of Law Foundation launched this nationwide tracking study. The question was: do you believe you would be treated fairly by the judge, in court, if you sued a public official?

WHAT WE DO: PUBLICATION

Overall, the results showed low levels of trust in the courts. An average of only 21% agreed they would be treated fairly. The team analyzing the survey results found that trends seemed to be buffeted by national events, especially the 2020 election. There were consistent, and concerning, differences between socio-economic groups. By starting from this baseline measurement, the Public Trust in the Courts report allows future measurements to take into account this five-year study and show growth or decline.



The percentage of respondents who agree that “if I sued a government official I would be treated fairly in court by the judge” has varied between 19% and 25% over the 5 years of tracking.

The lowest scores were recorded from Q2 Q3 2020 when agreement fell to 19%. The scores have since recovered to 25% in Q4 2022.

WHAT WE DO: TECHNOLOGY



Location:

Bangladesh



Budget:

US \$20,000 grant by the US government and Conducted with Volunteer Time



Partner:

Bangladesh Legal Aid Services Trust (BLAST) and University of South Carolina Rule of Law Collaborative

Bangladesh workers' rights



Transparency of Law



Equality Under the Law



Independent Judiciary



Accessible Legal Remedy



Project Description:

Redesign and revamp an app which allows workers to examine the laws on their phone and seek legal aid assistance to protect their rights in two key



Beneficiary:

Bangladesh workers in the construction and the tannery industry



Project Manager and team:

Terry Jennings and Giancarlo Morillo

Workers in Bangladesh seek information about key laws to start the process of understanding and receiving justice. The Bangladesh Legal Aid Services Trust (BLAST) had an existing app to extend information on wages and rights for individuals in the ready-made garment industry. With the funding by the U.S. government through a program run by the University of South Carolina Rule of Law Collaborative, BLAST sought the help of LexisNexis Rule of Law Foundation to update the app and allow it to be used by many more industries, starting with the construction and tannery industries.

The foundation worked with its internal volunteers and its external contractual help to redesign and revamp the app. Existing bugs in the app were fixed, and the new coding was added and tested. Testers included LexisNexis volunteers as well as the additional workers from the new industries who helped to examine the laws on their phone and test whether they could seek legal aid assistance to protect their rights. The foundation has provided BLAST technology which will be easily adapted to new industries and their needs in future iterations.



Location:

Global



Budget:

Conducted with Volunteer Time



Partner:

International Bar Association,
eyeWitness to Atrocities

eyeWitness to Atrocities



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Equality Under the Law



Independent Judiciary



Accessible Legal Remedy



Project Description:

The secure hosting of photos and videos shot on mobile devices which may amount to atrocities



Beneficiary:

Global



Project Manager and team:

Nigel Roberts, Stephanie Singer and Sean Pickrell

eyeWitness to Atrocities has been an ongoing project since 2015. The project is led by the International Bar Association (IBA) with which LexisNexis has partnered. eyeWitness combines law and technology to assist human rights defenders in documenting and reporting human rights atrocities in a secure and verifiable way, so the information can be used as evidence in a court of law.

The innovative system of eyeWitness has three components. First, eyeWitness allows documenters on the ground to capture photos and video that are embedded with metadata at the moment the footage was captured. This ensures that the footage

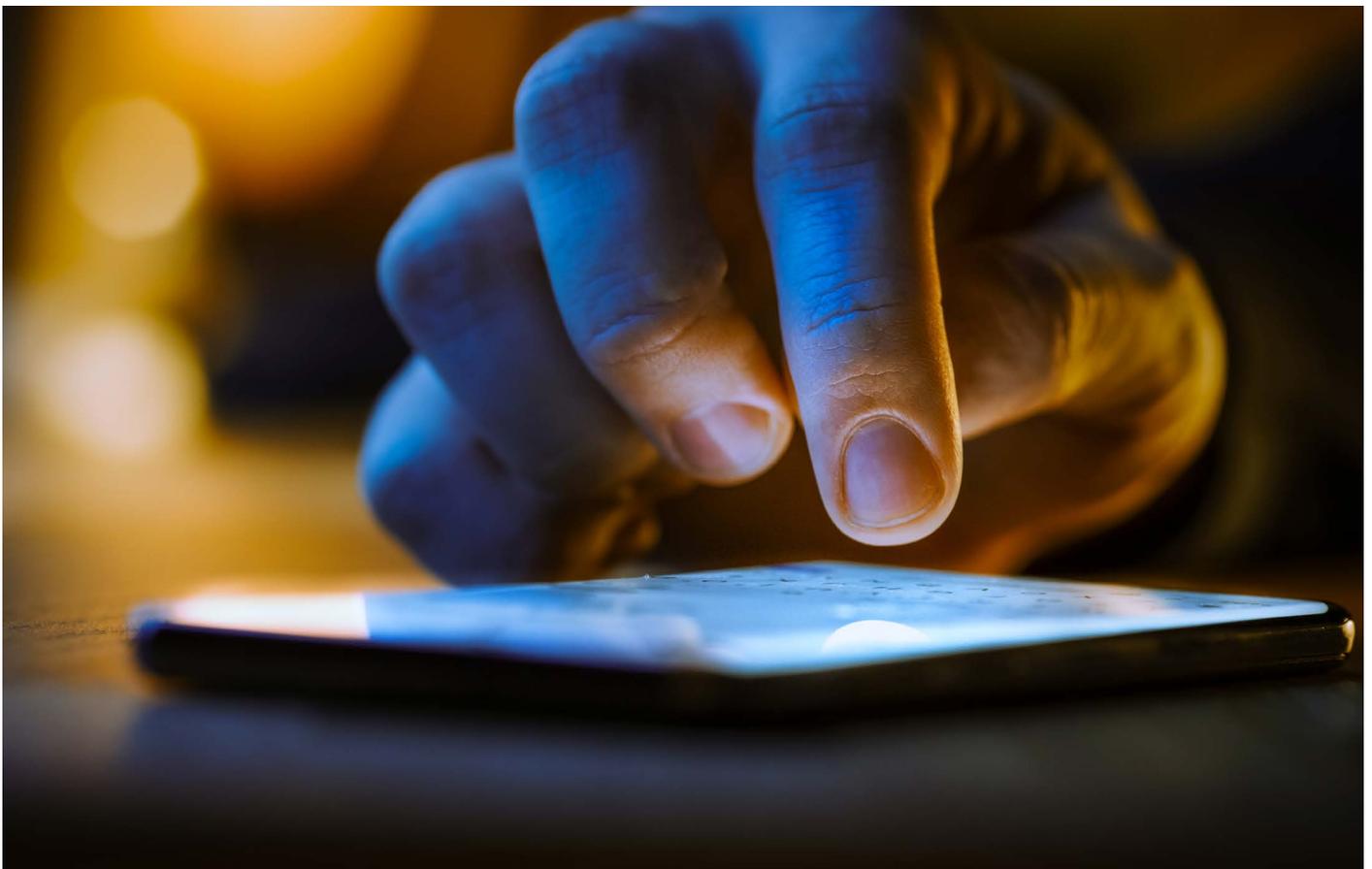
is verifiable and cannot be altered. Second, when an app user sends footage to the eyeWitness server, eyeWitness creates a record of who has had access to the information captured, or a trusted chain of custody. LexisNexis utilizes its world-class data hosting capabilities to provide a secure repository for the information collected with the app, with the same technology used to safeguard sensitive and confidential material for its clients. Ensuring the security of information stored in the eyeWitness servers is key to allowing photos and video to be used as evidence in court. Finally, eyeWitness for justice. All information received by eyeWitness is reviewed by a roster of pro bono lawyers at top law firms who tag,

catalog and process this visual evidence to meet the requirements of investigators. eyeWitness then prepares detailed dossiers of materials, and identifies the international, regional and / or national bodies best placed to act on the information.

In 2023, eyeWitness was selected as a game-changing digital solution contributing to advancing the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly focusing on SDG 16: Peaceful, Just, and Strong Institutions.

The Impact of eyeWitness

- In September 2018, a military tribunal in Bukavu (Democratic Republic of the Congo) condemned two high-ranking commanders for murder and torture constituting crimes against humanity. These convictions represent the first time that photo and video footage captured using the eyeWitness app was submitted to proceedings as incriminating evidence, and the first time that a court of law admitted footage captured with a mobile device as core evidence of international crimes.
- Over 65,000 photos, videos, and audio files have been captured with the eyeWitness app since 2015.
- In 2022, LexisNexis Rule of Law Foundation furthered the mission of eyeWitness by funding the translation of the app into the Ukrainian language.





Location:

Global



Budget:

Conducted with Volunteer Time



Partner:

Global Investigative Journalism Network

Supporting investigative journalism to enhance the Rule of Law



Transparency of Law



Equality Under the Law



Independent Judiciary



Accessible Legal Remedy



Project Description:

Provide technical assistance to investigative reporters to research, uncover and write about illicit activities



Beneficiary:

Global investigative reporters



Project Manager and team:

Terry Jennings and Teal Taylor

Since 2019, LexisNexis Rule of Law Foundation has provided deeply discounted access to LexisNexis products to investigative reporters working under the Global Investigative Journalism Network (GIJN). These investigative reporters work for months, sometimes under dangerous conditions, to research and uncover corruption and frauds which may be difficult to track. In May 2023, one GIJN Member launched a report

into politicians' hidden assets in Slovenia and Croatia, using LexisNexis tools to identify assets from family members of ministers and identifying the foreign companies owned by at least one family member. Six companies linked to ministers were sent to the Anti-Corruption Commission for inclusion in the official list of companies limited in doing business with certain public bodies.

**Location:**

Uganda

**Budget:**

US \$600,000 funded by the Uganda Judiciary and Conducted with Volunteer Time

**Partner:**

Ugandan Government, Uganda Judiciary and the Uganda Law Society

Judgement Writing Tool in Uganda



**Transparency
of Law**



**Equality Under
the Law**



**Independent
Judiciary**



**Accessible Legal
Remedy**

**Project
Description:**

Design, develop, deployment, and sustain a judgement writing tool to be used across the Ugandan Judiciary

**Beneficiary:**

Uganda Judiciary; Uganda citizens

**Project Manager
and team:**

Terry Jennings, Obed Byamugisha, Caroline Obbo, Eric Sekamatte, Mike Watson and LexisNexis South Africa Tech Hub

LexisNexis Rule of Law Foundation was selected by the Uganda Judiciary to help enhance the timeliness and quality of their decisions by developing a Judgment Writing Tool. The Foundation will design, develop, deploy and maintain the tool which is to be used by all judicial officers in the Uganda Judiciary including justices, registrars and magistrates.

How does it work? The Judgment Writing Tool is an IT system which will work with the inclusion of specific types of data. Templates referencing international judgements will be designed, redrafted and implemented for use across the Ugandan Judiciary. The Foundation will develop the technology, source the needed content and test the templates with

judges. The tool will be integrated into the existing case management and legislative repository system already used by the Uganda judiciary.

Why is this important? The outcry of case backlogs in Uganda has caused a myriad of problems its citizens and the country as a whole. Our Judgment Writing Tool will assist in mitigating this backlog and subsequent delays which impede the judgment process, thus enhancing the speed of justice in Uganda. Timely justice matters. This project also falls within the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 16: Promote Just, Peaceful and Inclusive Societies.



Through supporting judges in writing their decisions, the tool aims to:

- ✓ Enable lawyers and other court users to easily understand the outcome of decisions made by judges
- ✓ Attract more investors into the country as a result of expeditious and more predictable judgments
- ✓ Improve work / life balance for the Uganda judiciary
- ✓ Enable upcountry judges – who work alone and handle a breadth of cases – with the timely dispensation of justice
- ✓ Support Uganda’s economy by expediting commercial cases

LexisNexis researchers are on the ground assessing the needs and expectations of judicial officers in respect to the development of the tool. They will continue to examine further possible improvements on law and technology within the Uganda Judiciary that could be incorporated by The Foundation whilst developing the tool.

The impact so far: The tool is being built, and it will be deployed to the judicial officers throughout Uganda with training to enhance the skills of judicial officers and decrease the time it currently takes for Judicial Officers to write decisions.

Already, the contractual obligation with the LexisNexis Rule of Law Foundation to develop the Judgment Writing Tool has been viewed as a promising step forward. The country has seen increased political will to an ongoing issue through the commitment of resources to the creation of this tool. Building the population’s confidence and the advocacy around developing a tool such as this has raised expectations and satisfaction around the judicial system. The Chief Justice of Uganda has consistently assured the public of the ongoing development and eventual implementation of the Judgment Writing as a way to enhance the Rule of Law for citizens across the country. It is a testament to the power of information dissemination and ICT being crucial to meeting Rule of Law targets. The Judgment Writing Tool for Uganda is due to be delivered December 2024.



Location:

USA



Budget:

Conducted with Volunteer Time



Partner:

LexisNexis North America

U.S. Voting Laws & Legislation Center



Transparency of Law



Equality Under the Law



Independent Judiciary



Accessible Legal Remedy



Project Description:

Providing online free access to US voting laws and regulations



Beneficiary:

US citizens



Project Manager and team:

Project Steering Committee team: Michael Walsh, Alison Manchester, Ian McDougall, Drew Jones, Stephanie Sommese, Steve Carroll, Courtney M. Barker, Carrie Wright, Randi-Lynn Smallheer, Niveda Kakkar, Cindy McCracken, Rick McFarland, Robert Perry, Kyle Patrick, Chandan Hebbale, Belinda Briggs, Brent Homan and Nigel Roberts

Transparency is a critical cornerstone of the Rule of Law. This voting law tool is provided by LexisNexis Rule of Law Foundation to provide citizens with free access to the most comprehensive collection of U.S. voting laws, legislative developments, and news.

LexisNexis launched the U.S. Voting Laws & Legislation Center, a free website, offering public access to over 40,000 federal and state election and voting laws, including changes to laws over time, as part of an ongoing effort to advance transparency of the law, in line with the mission of LexisNexis Rule of

Law Foundation. Since its inception, the website has had 19,353 landing page hits and 2,887 documents viewed. The numbers of these hits and views spiked in the two months immediately prior to the 2022 election. LexisNexis is now seeing these numbers trending upwards again and we expect that this increased interest will continue up to and through the 2024 Presidential election.

This project was acknowledged as the winner of the ALM 2023 Legalweek Leaders in the Tech Awards within the category of Justice Technology.

Our impact in numbers



24
Projects



08
Publications



13
Global Projects



21
Speeches



178
Volunteers



24
Country Specific
Projects



05
Awards Granted



31
Partners



100,000
Social Media Impressions

Number of Projects per Pillar

Equality under the Law

22

Transparency of Law

22

Independent Judiciaries

16

Access to legal remedy

20

4 Pillars

16

Number of Countries Where We Act

Global : 13



2022 Annual Financial Report

Statement of Financial Activities

	2022	2021	Change \$	Change %
Total Operating Revenue and Public Support	\$594,696.00	\$301,822.00	\$292,874.00	97%

Operating Activities: Program Services

African Ancestry Network Projects	\$260,739.00	\$160,000.00	\$100,739.00	63%
Lexis Scribe Project Prototype	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	-\$50,000.00	-100%
Library for Literacy in Liberia	\$8,465.00	\$22,903.00	-\$14,438.00	-63%
Ukraine War Relief	\$1,203.00	\$0.00	\$1,203.00	100%
Indonesia Defense Bar	\$7,201.00	\$0.00	\$7,201.00	100%
Total Program Services	\$277,608.00	\$232,903.00	\$44,705.00	19%

Supporting Services

General and Administrative	\$275,215.00	\$231,197.00	\$44,018.00	19%
Fundraising	\$2,500.00	0		
Total Operating Expenses	\$555,323.00	\$464,100.00	\$91,223.00	20%

In-kind services are included in public support and revenue at their estimated fair value at the date of donation. The Foundation received \$222,055 and \$230,750 of in-kind support from a related party that funded the Foundation's personnel costs for the years 2022 and 2021.

Non-Operating Activities

	2022	2021
Net Assets at Beginning of the Year	\$940,984.00	\$1,103,262.00
Net Assets at End of the Year	\$980,357.00	\$940,984.00

CONTINUATION

2022 Annual Financial Report

Statement of Financial Position

	2022	2021
Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash	\$424,118.00	\$202,700.00
Accounts Receivable	\$200,000.00	\$440,000.00
Total Current Assets	\$624,118.00	\$642,700.00
Pledges Receivable, Net of Current Portion	\$376,275.00	\$368,284.00
Total Assets	\$1,000,393.00	\$1,010,984.00
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$20,036.00	\$70,000.00
Net Assets		
Net Assets without Donor Restrictions	\$76,697.00	\$75,200.00
Net Assets with Donor Restrictions	\$903,660.00	\$865,784.00
Total	\$980,357.00	\$940,984.00
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$1,000,393.00	\$1,010,984.00

Total % of Finances going towards programs

	2022	2021
Programs		
African Ancestry Network Projects	47%	34%
Lexis Scribe Project Prototype	0%	11%
Library for Literacy in Liberia	1%	5%
Ukraine War Relief	1%	0%
Indonesia Defense Bar	1%	0%
General and Administrative	49%	50%

I 2022 Financial Report

During the period spanning 2021 to 2022, our organization intensified its commitment to the African Ancestry Network, Ukraine War Relief, and Indonesia Defense Bar initiatives. Other projects were executed as well, but did not have an accounting impact. It is noteworthy that, despite a marginal 1% reduction in general and administrative expenses during this period, there remains a need for ongoing efficiency improvements. We would like to acknowledge that the current allocation of resources towards program funding involves a single dedicated professional working together with a vast team of volunteers. Consequently, the associated general and administrative costs have experienced an increase, as these costs are proportional across all projects. Moving forward, our organization remains committed to optimizing its operational efficiency to further alleviate general and administrative expenses and ensure a more streamlined allocation of resources across projects. The commitment of skilled volunteers has proven instrumental in executing

projects that would otherwise incur significant financial expenses. These highly qualified volunteers contribute not only their time but also bring a level of expertise that is difficult to quantify in traditional accounting terms. The volunteer hours provided by individuals from LexisNexis, its parent company RELX and the other divisions affiliated to RELX, contribute substantially to our organizational objectives, allowing us to undertake projects that might otherwise be financially challenging. Despite the increase in associated general and administrative costs, attributed to prorating across all projects, the indispensable contribution of skilled volunteers cannot be overstated. Looking forward, our organization maintains an unwavering commitment to optimizing operational efficiency. This commitment extends beyond cost reduction to ensuring a more equitable and streamlined allocation of resources across projects, acknowledging the invaluable role played by volunteers, whose contributions go beyond the realms of conventional accounting.

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A message to our donors and supporters;

LexisNexis Rule of Law Foundation has a huge task ahead of it. We have seen from world events and multiple data sources that the Rule of Law is under pressure. We are traversing a moment in history fraught with rule of law difficulties. LexisNexis Rule of Law Foundation undertakes crucial, life-changing projects around the world, in support of a fundamental philosophy idea: that the Rule of Law is crucial to life, prosperity, and the success of all people, whomever and wherever you are.

LexisNexis Rule of Law Foundation operates as a public charity with its support derived from the donations of time, effort, and money from our volunteers and donors supporters.

We sincerely thank everyone, each and everyone of you, who during the last 12 months (and beyond) has have contributed to our foundation, and would like to especially acknowledge We thank the financial support of: LexisNexis Legal & Professional, RELX, the Ugandan Judiciary, Bangladesh Legal Aid Services Trust (through University of South Carolina Rule of Law Collaborative), and the law firm of Reed Smith LLP for their generous financial contributions in 2023; All the incredible LexisNexis volunteers

who pooled their time and boundless talent to make it possible for us to do so much more than we imagined when we set out on this journey; and All the other supporters all others who gave financially or provided their expertise or with expertise, to fund and contribute to the important our 2023 projects that make our vision of advancing the Rule of Law an increasing reality.

We call upon everyone to join these pioneering supporters and help us to advance the Rule of Law around the world and so build a better and more prosperous world for everyone.





Partnerships

African Ancestry Network

Agents of Positive Change

Bangladesh Legal Aid Services Trust (BLAST)

Buikwe Hope for All Development Ministries

Commonwealth Lawyers Association

European Law Students Association

eyeWitness to Atrocities

Global Forum on Law, Justice and Development

Global Investigative Journalism Network

Historically Black Colleges and Universities Law School Consortium

International Bar Association

International Federation of Anti-Leprosy Associations

International Law Book Facility

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Judicial Action Group

Law Societies' Compact and Forum for SDG 16

Legal Kid Foundation

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National Bar Association (USA)

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South African Chapter - International Association of Women Judges

South African University Law Clinic

Uganda Judiciary

Uganda Law Society

Ugandan Family Court

Union Internationale des Avocats

United Nations

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A Message from the Field

It has been my honor and privilege to represent LexisNexis Rule of Law Foundation in many of the projects which have taken shape around the world. When I think about what the Rule of Law means to me, I think about a recent trip I made to Liberia to see the shipping container-turned-school that LexisNexis Rule of Law Foundation had funded.

When I planned how to move the shipping container, I was looking out the window from a house in the suburbs of Washington, D.C., at a perfectly smooth asphalt road which could handle the six-ton load. It was a strong wake up call to see firsthand the reality of a road made of sand mashed down in impassable trenches from the storms during the rainy season in Liberia. It was an hour-long walk from where we left the car in a ditch to see the final location of the container where it was moved after the rains stopped. During that walk, I had the opportunity to meet three little girls selling wares from baskets on their heads. The little girls followed us to the school/container.



Angel in Liberia ©photo by Terry Jennings

When we reached the container, we sat and spoke to the children: Angel, Rose, and Lydia. I described the Rule of Law to them, and I let them know that the container and the coloring books were a gift. With the ability to read along with the stability of good, transparent laws, they could know their rights and achieve more. I looked over at one of our companions who worked at a Liberian civil society organization. She was a bright young leader—and she was crying. I asked her why she was weeping. She said that she had been that little girl. Her mother was a single parent, and with her family's poverty she was not able to go to school. She had to stand in traffic each day, selling wares from a basket on her head, earning the pennies that allowed her family to eat. She told me that we were doing remarkable good, and that lives would be changed for the better through our efforts.

I thanked her, and I thanked those three little girls for reminding me why we put in the long hours. It is worth every moment of blood, sweat, and, yes, tears, to change a life for the better. We welcome you along with us on this journey—there is much to do.

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terry". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Terry Jennings
Vice President & Treasurer
Lexis Nexis Rule of Law Foundation

About the cover and the artist

The cover

Détente symbolizes the power of hope and progress, motivating us to strive towards a brighter future. The piece was inspired by (1) the definition of détente, relaxation of strained relations; (2) the Sustainable Development Goal 9, Industry, Innovation & Infrastructure; and (3) the Sustainable Development Goal 16, Peace, Justice & Strong Institutions. It showcases how the articles in the LexisNexis Rule of Law Foundation Annual Report 2023 embody the qualities of resilience, innovation, and peaceful coexistence, and demonstrates how these are interconnected. This thought-provoking piece serves as a visual representation of the continued dedication of LexisNexis Rule of Law Foundation to promote peaceful and inclusive societies, build resilient infrastructure, and foster innovation to create a better world for us and future generations.

The artist

L. Delaine Poland-Frazier, as Corporate Counsel of LexisNexis® Legal & Professional, works collaboratively with stakeholders across all business functions in the preparation, review, and negotiation of contracts and provides legal advice to various LexisNexis business units. Delaine holds a Juris Doctorate from Southern University Law Center and has been recognized with several awards from LexisNexis®, including the SMARTY Award, the North America One Dream One Team Award, and the North America Mountain Movers Award. In 2020, Delaine, along with her colleague, proposed a solution to the 2020 Rule of Law Challenge by creating an Equal Justice Practice Area Page to support equal justice initiatives, which received notoriety for supporting RELX's contribution to the UN's Sustainable Development Goals.





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