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Through its content, data and analytics, LexisNexis Legal & Professional supports the four components of the Rule of Law: transparency of law, equality under the law, independent judiciaries and accessible legal remedy.

LexisNexis Legal & Professional partners with the International Bar Association (IBA) on the eyeWitness to Atrocities App, which allows human rights defenders to document and report human rights abuses in a secure and verifiable way so information can be used as admissible evidence in relevant forums. LexisNexis Legal & Professional utilises its data hosting capabilities to provide a secure repository for the information collected. Over 60,000 photos and videos have been captured with the app since 2015. In 2023, eyeWitness was selected as a game-changing digital solution contributing to advancing the SDGs by the United Nations Development Programme in their SDG Digital Acceleration Agenda.

In 2023 the LexisNexis Legal & Professional US Voting Laws and Legislation Center won the Legalweek Leaders in Tech Law award for Justice Technology. The Center is a free resource 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.

LexisNexis Legal & Professional does in-depth research and produces reports on key legal industry developments, including the LexisNexis Legal Aid Deserts report. Access to legal representation is a fundamental element of the Rule of Law, but many have neither the resources to engage a lawyer nor qualify for legal aid. The report mapped resources throughout the UK that can help those without means, particularly in areas such as criminal, family or employment law. In 2023 the LexisNexis Rule of Law Foundation (LNROLF) also launched the fourth in its series of reports on 50:50 by 2030 which seeks to achieve gender equity in the legal profession with a focus on Nigeria.

In 2023, the LNROLF began work to launch a judgement writing tool for justices, judges and magistrates across the Ugandan judiciary. The tool will assist in alleviating court delays and will allow judicial officers to access information from the Uganda case management and repository systems and write judgements on templates curated from research from six different global jurisdictions. It will allow judicial officers to access this material within Microsoft Word, working offline and while away from both internet and electricity, a common occurrence in rural areas of the country.

Legal team members volunteered their time and expertise in the year to support a global project to identify laws around the world that discriminate against individuals who have suffered from leprosy. Results were provided by 14 volunteers on 24 countries in partnership with the International Federation of Anti-Leprosy Associations, providing critical knowledge needed to target discriminatory laws through advocacy.

Since 2008, LexisNexis Legal & Professional has partnered with industry leading associations to recognise individuals and organisations for their commitment to the Rule of Law. 2023 award honourees include Filipino lawyer Raphael Pangalangan, recipient of the IBA Outstanding Young Lawyer of the Year Award, jointly established by Legal and the IBA Young Lawyers Committee, to honour young lawyers who have shown excellence in their career to date, commitment to professional and ethical standards, and dedication to the community at large. Winners included Argentinian lawyer Maria Fernanda Mierez, recipient of the IBA Pro Bono Award; French lawyer Céline Bardet, recipient of the Union Internationale des Avocats/ LexisNexis Rule of Law Award; and Guyana lawyer Melinda Janki, recipient of the Commonwealth Law Conference/ LexisNexis Rule of Law Award.

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2023 PERFORMANCE

Meaningful support of SDG 16 by advancing the United Nations Global Compact's SDG 16 Business Framework on Inspiring Transformational Governance

The United Nations Global Compact states that 'Transformational Governance is a principles-based philosophy – not a new legal concept – that calls on business to be more accountable, ethical, inclusive and transparent to drive responsible business conduct, improve environment, social and governance performance and strengthen public institutions, laws and systems.'

During 2023, as a sponsor of the UNGC's SDG 16 Business Framework on Inspiring Transformational Governance, we supported the creation of a Transformational Governance Corporate Toolkit, including bringing together key



stakeholders at an event we hosted during 2023 UN General Assembly week in New York. It was also a theme at the RELX Rule of Law Café which we convene quarterly involving members of the legal community, bar associations, NGOs and peers.