

## Our Inspiration

The idea of TCL was born under the tutelage of other legal firms. Firms with which the current partners worked during and after Law School. The decision arose from a need to pursue a more personal agenda based on principles by which partners and shareholders are guided.

The idea for a legal firm was further stimulated by a relationship with Client Earth, an international not for profit environmental protection organization, while still affiliated with another law firm. Client Earth engaged the services of the lead partner as an in-country associate. His task was to travel through the regions of Ghana providing consultancy services on legal issues as pertain to environmental protection and conservation. Through his work with Client Earth, there was a surge of interest in the provision of legal material surrounding the environment and natural resources. As demand grew, others had to get involved to serve where he could not. From this point on, it became evident that an independent firm would better facilitate the fast changing and growing needs of civil society.

It is hoped that the kind of support that TaylorCrabbe Initiative provides – especially in its provision of legal aid – becomes more available as the country progresses and more interest and consequently issues arise concerning the environment and our natural resources. There is an effort towards ensuring that in time, TaylorCrabbe Initiative's reach extends far enough to provide the requisite assistance needed to satisfy growing needs, whether paid for or non-profit.

TaylorCrabbe is currently made up of four lawyers, a finance officer, a development practitioner, and a team of Interns from the Faculty of Law of the Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration (GIMPA). The internship programme with GIMPA Faculty of Law ensures that TCI is part of the development of the new set of students who will be interested and able to engage in policy reforms.