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### Lex Mundi's "Free Office Policy" Benefits Canadian Member Firm in Germany

A litigation team from Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP – Lex Mundi's member firm for Alberta and Ontario, Canada – traveled to Munich to brief witnesses and conduct discovery in regards to an international commercial arbitration matter. Since the Blakes litigation team would be transmitting the information disclosed back to its attorneys in Canada, the team would require sufficient office facilities in Munich to successfully complete their work.

Blakes contacted the Chair of the Lex Mundi Dispute Resolution Practice Group at Noerr LLP, Lex Mundi's member firm for Germany, and invoked the Lex Mundi Free Office Policy, which allows member firm attorneys, within reason, access to other member firms' office facilities including conference rooms, telephones, fax machines, and secretarial support.

The Senior Litigator on the Blakes litigation team said Noerr was "very accommodating". The German firm provided the Blakes team with a conference room, use of video conferencing equipment, and legal staff on two different occasions for a period of time that included the weekends.

The Blakes Senior Litigator went on to say that the decision to contact Noerr was not cost driven but quality driven. Using Noerr' office facilities, there was an "assurance of confidentiality" in regards to the video conference testimonies conducted and any/all legal documents processed.

In conclusion, the Senior Litigator said the entire experience was very positive and that the Noerr staff was wonderful and very attentive. "The entire setup was as good as if we were back home in our own office."

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