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## **Partner at Leading German Law Firm Elected Chair of Lex Mundi**

### ***Three Officers and Four Directors Begin New Terms***

(HOUSTON, November 6, 2008) – Michael Molitoris of Nörr Stiefenhofer Lutz, Lex Mundi's member firm for Germany, was elected Chair of Lex Mundi by the organization's Board of Directors during the Lex Mundi 2008 Annual Meeting in Buenos Aires. Lex Mundi is the world's leading association of independent law firms with 160 member firms and more than 21,000 lawyers worldwide.

Mr. Molitoris, a partner with Nörr Stiefenhofer Lutz, has been with the firm since 1988. He heads up Nörr's interdisciplinary Dispute Resolution Practice Group and has extensive experience in handling German and international litigation and arbitration cases involving more than 20 countries, especially in the areas of product liability, insurance and reinsurance law and white-collar crime.

"I am honored to assume the office of the Chair of Lex Mundi," said Mr. Molitoris. "I look forward to helping the organization strengthen its membership worldwide and to building upon efforts to support and expand the work of its 26 practice groups. During this time of global financial instability, the Lex Mundi network of strong, independent full-service law firms will continue to be an invaluable resource to our member firms and a cost-effective way to seamlessly connect our clients to the best legal expertise and local market knowledge in jurisdictions around the globe."

Lex Mundi's Board of Directors also elected Barbara Dawson of Snell & Wilmer L.L.P. (Arizona) to the position of Chair-Elect, Michiel Wesseling of Houthoff Buruma (the Netherlands) to the position of Secretary, and Alan Silberman of Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal LLP (Illinois) to the position of Treasurer.

At the same Annual Meeting, the membership elected four new directors to the Lex Mundi Board of Directors: Cheryl Hodder of McInnes Cooper (New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, Canada); Daniel Del Río of Basham, Ringe y Correa, S.C. (Mexico); Keith Simmons of Bass, Berry & Sims PLC (Tennessee) and Luigi Bendi of Chiomenti Studio Legale (Italy). They will serve four-year terms.

Lex Mundi is the world's leading association of independent law firms. The association has more than 160 member firms around the world, representing approximately 21,000 lawyers. Membership in Lex Mundi provides member firms with a trusted network of law firms that share similar values and a similar focus on quality through which they can access global legal resources that enable them to serve their clients better and to improve continuously all aspects of their firms. Member law firms are located throughout North America, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, Asia and the Pacific, the Middle East and Africa. Through its nonprofit affiliate, the Lex Mundi Pro Bono Foundation, Lex Mundi member firms provide pro bono legal assistance to social entrepreneurs around the globe. For more information, please visit <http://www.lexmundi.com>.

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