



THE WORLD'S LEADING ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT LAW FIRMS

## **Fact Sheet**

### **About Lex Mundi:**

Lex Mundi is the world's leading association of independent law firms. The association has more than 160 member firms located in 100 countries around the world, representing approximately 21,000 lawyers. There is one exclusive member per country, state, or province.

### **About Lex Mundi Member Firms:**

Lex Mundi member firms are well-established, top-tier law firms offering the full range of legal services required by commercial clients. They are indigenously entrenched in their local jurisdictions and are leaders in their local legal communities. Lex Mundi member firms are also leaders in the use of technology in their practices as well as in the management of their firms. Working together with one or several members, Lex Mundi member firms can steer clients through most any legal terrain and connect them with a vast network of legal resources and expertise needed to help successfully meet the challenges of doing business globally. Lex Mundi members are not affiliated in the joint practice of law; each member firm is an independent law firm and renders professional services on an individual and separate basis.

### **Service Standards:**

As a condition of membership, each Lex Mundi member adheres to a general philosophy of providing excellent service as well as to the Lex Mundi Service Standards. Through Lex Mundi's Service Standards, recruiting standards and membership review policy, both clients and referring member firms can have continuing confidence in the quality of service of individual member firms.

### **Benefits to Members:**

There are many benefits of being a Lex Mundi member. The three main reasons law firms join Lex Mundi are:

- Opportunity to exchange professional information with other Lex Mundi member firms.
- Ability to call upon a member firm in any jurisdiction for advice or help with a client matter or to refer a client to a member firm knowing that the member firm will provide responsive, high-quality advice and assistance.
- Potential to receive referrals from other Lex Mundi member law firms.

### **Practice Groups and Committees**

Lex Mundi members can participate in the 34 different Lex Mundi practice groups and committees. These groups allow members to stay in the forefront of their professions by providing them with a global network of professionals with similar practice areas and interests through which they can share information and best practices, stay abreast of relevant and/or current topics of interest in the practice or industry area, develop relationships and serve common clients.

### **Membership Review Procedures**

To retain confidence in the fact that Lex Mundi member firms are committed to providing high quality legal work and superior client service, the organization reviews each member firm on a regular basis. Membership is not renewed if a firm does not meet Lex Mundi's standards.

### **Client Advisory Council**

The Lex Mundi Client Advisory Council is an extremely valuable resource for Lex Mundi and its member firms. This group of prominent general counsel from leading multinational companies around the world provides advice and guidance in a variety of areas that enhance member firms' ability to provide their clients the best possible service. The current members of the Lex Mundi Client Advisory Council are:

- Cathie Armour – Executive Director of Macquarie Group Limited;

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- Alexandre S. D'Ambrosio – General Counsel and Managing Director of Votorantim Industrial;
- John Davidson – General Counsel and Group Secretary of SABMiller plc;
- George Freeman – Vice President and Assistant General Counsel of The New York Times;
- Beat Hess – Legal Director and Member of the Group Executive Committee of Royal Dutch Shell plc;
- Joia M. Johnson – Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of Hanesbrands Inc.;
- Uzi Karniel – Secretary of the Board and Global Insurance of Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd.;
- Gloria Santona – Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of McDonald's Corporation;
- Dr. Martin Wagener – General Counsel of Audi; and
- Ernst Wessel – Vice President, International Business Law & Franchise Development of Office Depot.

## **Lex Mundi Institute**

The Lex Mundi Institute provides intensive one-week training courses to participants in subject matters not generally covered by conventional Continuing Legal Education and academic coursework. The primary mission of the Lex Mundi Institute is to assist new or soon-to-be partners in their cross-border practices and in their management and leadership roles. The custom-designed programs include both skills and substantive training and are led by carefully selected and experienced professionals.

## **Other Programs and Initiatives:**

- Lex Mundi Guides to Doing Business
- Lex Mundi Multi-Jurisdictional Surveys
- Lex Mundi Best Practices
- Lex Mundi GOAL
- Lex Mundi Learning Network
- Lex Mundi Pro Bono Foundation

## **2011 Conferences**

- Asia/Pacific Regional Conference – Hong Kong, February 17-19
- North America Regional Conference – San Juan, April 7-9
- Chief Operating Officer and Executive Director Conference – Toronto, May 5-6
- Managing Partners Conference – London, June 16-18
- Annual Conference – Vienna, September 8-10
- Europe/Middle East/Africa Regional Conference – Dubai, October 28-30
- Lex Mundi Institute – Monterey, California
  - Foundation Management Program Session I: July 16–22
  - Foundation Management Program Session II: July 17–23
  - Cross-Border Dispute Resolution Program: August 6–12
  - Cross-Border Transactions Program: August 7–13