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Dear Sirs,

I would like to begin this report by expressing my gratitude to Dabelstein & Passehl for the excellent two-week scholarship; a truly valuable experience! I thank and congratulate all those involved in organizing this program, which perfectly illustrated and confirmed why Hamburg has historically been, and still is, of significant maritime importance in Europe and the world.

As a young maritime lawyer, my exposure to the practical problems in the field had been limited to formal university studies, and some prior work experience. However, Dabelstein & Passehl's scholarship broadened my knowledge of German Maritime Law, the German Court System, the Court System Arbitration, and the German maritime market, thus considerably improving my understanding of this area.

In addition, we had the opportunity to get an overview of the German marine market based in Hamburg, e.g. we visited some of the many shipowners located in Hamburg and Bremen, as well as shipbrokers and insurance companies. We also visited the Water Police in the Port of Hamburg; and the Hamburg container terminal, together with Capt. Klaus Forster. Additionally, we also had the opportunity to board the impressive containership COSCO CHINA - one of the greatest experiences during this program. Last but not least, we were given a tour in Blohm & Voss Ship Yard, and the Ship Model Basin. All the above provided us with an insight of the operational workings of the marine industry in Hamburg, from the design and building stage, to the launching of a vessel, the loading and unloading operations and warehousing of cargo, certainly an overview of the main sources of claims related to the maritime venture.

Further, I had the opportunity of sharing Dabelstein & Passehl's scholarship with four excellent young lawyers from Argentina, England Spain and The Netherlands, who together with the experienced, professional and highly motivated DaPa lawyers, made those two weeks of training

not only a truly interesting, but also a very enjoyable experience.

I am grateful for being part of Dabelstein & Passehl 2007 Scholars and sincerely hope that this experience will further strengthen the already solid professional links that our firms have developed over the years.

Yours sincerely
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for and on behalf of Assuranceforeningen Skuld (Gjensidig)



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