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Re: Shipping & Marine Insurance Scholarship – Thank you!

Dear Marco,

I write with enormous thanks and with fondest memories of my time in Hamburg with Dabelstein & Passehl. It is hard to find the right words to say just how grateful I am for the hospitality which you and your colleagues showed us. I very much hope that the friendships I made will continue for many years.

As regards the programme – it was quite simply astounding how you managed to fit in so many activities, trips and seminars into two weeks. The time absolutely flew by and on the last Friday it was with great sadness that I had to finally leave.

The seminars and presentations from the "Da-Pa" staff were of the highest quality - all extremely helpful. The discussions and debates during were also particularly enjoyable and stimulating. I see on your website that your firm has been described as "*An experienced and committed team of specialists of outstanding legal competence...*" – I wholeheartedly agree and would only add that the Da-Pa people I encountered were also very warm, welcoming and have a wonderful sense of humour!

I think I must speak for the group as a whole when I express my gratitude for your organising for us so many visits to people working in other parts of the maritime world – we met some truly fascinating people, such as surveyors, insurers, brokers, ship owners, and not to forget average adjusters, all of whom gave up a lot of their time to explain in great depth their role in the industry. A truly valuable insight.

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I also greatly enjoyed the many memorable trips out. Two highlights included: our trip to Blohm & Voss Shipyard and seeing Mr. Abramovich's "ECLIPSE" super yacht – a very memorable day; and our trip to Swiss Re in Munich - a truly awe-inspiring headquarters and one of the best lunches I have ever had (perhaps not surprising as it was cooked by two Michelin starred chefs..!).

On the topic of night life, it is difficult to know where to start! Almost every evening began with dinner with Da-Pa at a superb venue and simply got better and better throughout. The view at night from the "20 Up" bar of the Empire Riverside Hotel is something I will never forget, neither are the numerous other places we frequented rather closer to the ground in many of Hamburg's other nightspots. Hamburg is a vibrant city, full of vibrant people – I was lucky to meet some of them.

For your efforts in arranging this excellent fortnight, for providing all of our accommodation and travel cards, for providing so much understanding of the German legal system and law, for entertaining us and making us feel so welcome, for giving up so much of your time while also working a full day (and in many cases evenings and weekends too) and doing all of this freely, warmly and with a sense of humor, I thank you – you get my vote for law firm of the year.

Finally, let me thank you for allowing me the opportunity to meet the other scholars. I have found that in this industry it is often the people who make the job so enjoyable – my experience in Hamburg was particularly the case and I would not have wanted to be there without them. Please have a reunion soon.

All the best and with fondest memories,

Kind regards,

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