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Megan Costa DeVault Appointed to Lex Mundi's Board of Directors and Audit Committee

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Akerman LLP, a top 100 U.S. law firm, today announced litigation partner Megan Costa DeVault has been appointed to the Board of Directors and Audit Committee of Lex Mundi, the world's leading network of independent law firms with 150 member firms and more than 22,000 lawyers worldwide. DeVault will work alongside 16 other Board members across the globe, and is one of only five members residing in the United States.

DeVault has been intensely involved with Lex Mundi for more than 10 years, including her nomination and participation in Lex Mundi's Business Management Program in collaboration with the University of Cambridge, Judge School of Business where she was among 40 lawyers from 29 countries selected for this intensive training. She will serve a four-year term on the Board, where she will focus on rolling out Lex Mundi's strategic plan, including its recruiting, retention, and branding efforts, while furthering its mission to provide integrated and high quality legal services worldwide. Over the same period, she will lend her business training to assist the audit committee with analyzing the organizations financial statements and reviewing related policies.

A first-chair trial lawyer, DeVault prosecutes and defends complex commercial, business, and real

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estate litigation in state and federal courts. On behalf of Fortune 500, publicly traded, and privately owned business, including builders, developers, investors, family enterprises, and corporate fiduciaries, she litigates contractual disputes, complex commercial matters, and derivative suits, including serving as lead counsel in dozens of trials and arbitrations. In addition to her thriving practice, DeVault is a member of Akerman's Board of Directors.

Member law firms of Lex Mundi are located throughout North America, Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean. Akerman was elected as Lex Mundi's USA-Florida member in 2006 after undergoing the network's rigorous assessment procedure that, among other things, evaluated the firm's quality, responsiveness, management structure, reputation, use of technology, training programs and ethical standards.

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