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### **LOS ANGELES ATTORNEYS AND CLIENT PROVIDE HANDS-ON INTERNATIONAL PROJECT EXPERIENCE FOR UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN LAW STUDENTS**

LOS ANGELES – In a move that offers University of Michigan Law School students an opportunity to work on selected private projects that have a strong public benefit component, Shaub & Williams LLP, a Los Angeles-based law firm, has concluded its first phase of a pro bono program under an engagement agreement with the Law School's International Transactions Clinic. Selected students in the Clinic work with Shaub & Williams LLP and its client, MCM International, Inc., on its sustainable design projects in China.

David Shaub indicated that MCM, a long-time environmental, sustainable architectural design firm, has conducted over 50 design projects in China, where it maintains several offices. MCM plans to import into China environmentally friendly products to incorporate into its design efforts. The project will augment the objectives of the MCM/Turen Research Institute for Sustainable Design located at Peking University. The University provides its facilities as a venue for MCM lectures on sustainable design and the products will be introduced during those lectures and will be used in design projects in China.

The Clinic's Director, Clinical Assistant Professor, Deborah Burand, says "[t]his collaboration with Shaub & Williams and MCM has allowed us to provide law student clinicians with exposure to an area of international legal practice that can bring significant environmental benefits to China. We are lucky to have the opportunity to participate in this project. Students working on this project are learning not only important international legal skills but also are seeing, very early in their careers, how these legal skills can be applied to making a positive difference in the world."

Shaub, a Michigan Law School alumnus, and his partner Lisbeth Bosshart Merrill, are providing their services for the project, pro bono, during the inception of MCM's importation project.

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MCM's CEO, Michael Mitchell has contributed to more than 2,000 design projects in 59 countries over the past 40 years. He served as Group Vice President for the Los Angeles 1984 Summer Olympics and was responsible for the planning and support operations of the Games. Prior to that, he served with the EPA when it was first created, and worked on the team that helped define the Environmental Impact Statement, which became the basis for all environment impact assessment programs throughout the world. After the 1984 Olympics, he founded MCM. Since then, he has been actively involved in environmental causes, including the founding of the International "Siberian" Tiger Sanctuary in Siberia.

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