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Above: Open office area.
Right: Breakout room.
Below right: View of breakout room from conference room.
Opposite: Conference room.
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For Greenberg Traurig, an international, full-service law firm with 1,600 attorneys and governmental affairs professionals in the United States, Europe and Asia, the space housing its new, one-floor, 17,000-square-foot office in Wilmington, Delaware could easily have yielded a confined facility with limited daylight for some 30 employees. That would hardly have suited a firm whose progressive thinking helps lawyers get outstanding results for clients. Fortunately, the light, airy and colorful environment designed by Francis Cauffman deftly

compensates for an irregular floor plan handicapped by a multi-story light well, large columns, sizable core and low finished ceiling height. The key to the solution has been to introduce transparency through interior glass walls and to supplement daylight by illuminating walls and covers in a naturalistic way. Because of these and other design details in the classic modern space, which is appointed in wood, glass, marble and contemporary furnishings, the office is a model of openness and light. Says Michele Tigie Daly, business director of Greenberg Traurig, "We were

looking for a design that was different than the traditional law firm, a design that was more in tune with Greenberg Traurig's culture. The end result was even better than what we had envisioned."

