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**Meritas Convenes Attorneys from 70 Countries for Summit on the Legal Impacts of Trade, Data Privacy and Climate Change for Global Businesses**

*Group to collaborate on leading clients through global issues, while discussing their role in community development with special guest Justice Alan Page*

**MIAMI May 3, 2018** – Attorneys from law firms in 240 markets worldwide are assembling in Miami May 3-5 to discuss the impact of Europe's new data privacy requirements, global trade policy and negotiations, and climate change, for companies conducting cross-border business. The attorneys are members of [Meritas](#), the leading global alliance of business law firms, and the discussions are part of the Meritas 2018 Annual Meeting.

"The complexities of today's business environment increase the need for close collaboration among attorneys that represent clients doing business globally," said Drew Dillworth, director and shareholder of [Stearns Weaver Miller](#), a Meritas member firm and host of the annual meeting. "The issues are significant enough to demand face-to-face discussions to share knowledge and build relationships that are called upon when a client has a need in another part of the world."

The most recent countries to be introduced at the annual meeting include Norway, Slovenia, Algeria, Ethiopia and four Caribbean markets. Law firms from these countries have recently joined Meritas, after meeting the network's stringent quality requirements for membership.

