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**Russin, Vecchi & Heredia Bonetti Lawyer Dr. José Maldonado Stark Elected to Meritas Board of Directors**

*Dr. Maldonado Stark helps to set a strategy for alliance throughout three-year term*

**SANTO DOMINGO – April 19, 2016** – Russin, Vecchi & Heredia Bonetti, a Santo Domingo-based law firm, today announced that Dr. José Maldonado Stark has been appointed to the Board of Directors for Meritas, a global alliance of independent business law firms. Maldonado Stark was elected to the position during the alliance’s recent annual meeting.

In his role as a board member, Maldonado Stark will be responsible for reviewing and establishing policy and setting strategy for the alliance. Maldonado Stark will also act as an organizational leader, serving as a liaison to member firms on administrative issues. He will maintain contact with members, encourage and promote cross communications, and gather feedback on Meritas initiatives. Maldonado Stark will serve a three-year term. The Meritas Board of Directors is comprised of 21 lawyers from its member firms around the world.

“We’re thrilled that Dr. José will be joining the Meritas board of directors,” said Tanna Moore, president and CEO of Meritas. “Dr. José has always been a strong advocate for the organization, and Meritas will

continue to rely on his insights during strategic planning, business development, and member recruitment, retention and development efforts.”

Maldonado Stark will serve a two-year term, during which time he will also serve on the committee Engagement Committee.

Maldonado Stark has been involved with Meritas for a number of years, during which time he has served as a member of the engagement Committee. He is also a graduated of the Meritas Leadership Institute.

Maldonado Stark practices in the area of Government procurement, Merger and Acquisitions, Project Financing and Securities and Financial Law. He advises investors in areas of trade, real estate, infrastructure and services and financial intermediation.

#### **About Russin, Vecchi & Heredia Bonetti.**

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#### **About Meritas**

Founded in 1990, Meritas is an international alliance of commercial law firms working across jurisdictions to provide clients the best of both worlds: a local legal partner with full service capabilities and the cost efficiency and personal attention unmatched by mega law firms. Each member law firm is required to adhere to rigorous and specific service standards on a regular basis. Headquartered in Minneapolis, Minnesota, Meritas has member firms in 233 global markets and 7,000 lawyers. To find a Meritas law firm or for more information, visit [meritas.org](http://meritas.org) or call 612-339-8680.

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