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James Bacchus is the Chair of the Commission on Trade and Investment Policy of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) in Paris and a member of the Business and Industry Advisory Committee to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, also in Paris. Prior to his appointment as Chairman of the Commission, Mr Bacchus chaired the ICC Working Group on Guidelines for International Investment and a member of the 2012 B20 Task Force on Trade and Investment, led by ICC. Mr Bacchus is a member of the Global Agenda Council on Trade of the Davos-based World Economic Forum (WEF), and is Chairman of the WEF's Governance for Sustainability. He works with both ICC and the WEF in advising the G20 group of leading economies on the global business agenda.

Mr Bacchus is one of two Chairs of Greenberg Traurig's Global Practice Group. He is a former Chief Judge on the highest international tribunal of world trade, a former Member of the Congress of the United States, and a former Special Assistant to the United States Trade Representative in the Executive Office of the President.

Mr Bacchus returned to the firm after a leave of absence during which he served as the Chairman of the Appellate Body of the World Trade Organization. Bacchus was a founding Member of the Appellate Body, was twice appointed by consensus of the Members of the WTO, and was twice elected Chairman by his six colleagues. During his eight years and two terms of service to the WTO, he was the only American, and the only North American, on the Appellate Body. Bacchus has a comprehensive knowledge of the more than 30,000 pages of global trade rules in the WTO treaty, and he has written many of the more than 50,000 pages of rulings that have clarified those rules in WTO dispute settlement.

Bacchus was the only Member of the Appellate Body who served on the tribunal during all of the sixty appeals in the first eight years of the new international trade institution, which is the global successor to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade - the GATT. The international trade disputes he judged involved billions of dollars in trade annually relating to goods, services, and intellectual property. Cases ranged from apples and bananas, to automobiles and airplanes, to semiconductors and supercomputers, to agriculture, textiles, clothing, chemicals, pharmaceuticals, and steel.

His final decision for the WTO was as the presiding judge in the appeal in the complaint by the European Union, Japan, China, Brazil, and other WTO Members against restrictions applied by the United States on imports of steel. Following the decision by the United States to comply with the ruling by Bacchus and his colleagues on the Appellate Body, The New York Times concluded that "this case was the rough equivalent of *Marbury v. Madison*, the 1803 decision that established the Supreme Court as the final arbiter of the constitution, able to force Congress and the executive branch to comply with its rulings." (Page 25, December 5, 2003). According to The American Lawyer, "James Bacchus, as much as anyone, can lay claim to being the John Marshall of the World Trade Organization." (March, 2004).

In addition to his current role with the firm, Mr Bacchus has been a Visiting Professor of International Law at Vanderbilt University Law School in Nashville, Tennessee, and an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Politics at Rollins College in Winter Park, Florida. He is an Honorary Professor at the University of International Business and Economics in Beijing, China. He is a former journalist, and is a recipient of the national "Silver Gavel Award" of the American Bar Association for Outstanding Public Service in Journalism.

He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, the Bretton Woods Committee, and the Evian Group. He has served on the Executive Council of the American Society of International Law.

Mr Bacchus is the author of the book *Trade and Freedom*, published in London in 2004. He writes and speaks frequently on international issues in publications and on platforms worldwide.