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SCHULTE ROTH & ZABEL EXPANDS PRACTICE WITH ADDITION OF PROMINENT SECURITIES LITIGATION AND ENFORCEMENT TEAM

WASHINGTON — October 19, 2009 — Schulte Roth & Zabel LLP (“SRZ”) is pleased to announce the addition of five leading securities litigators to the Washington, D.C., office. Joining the firm as partners are Richard J. Morvillo, Peter H. White, and Pat S. Conti, and, as special counsel, Jeffrey F. Robertson and William M. Mann. The group’s arrival from Mayer Brown LLP comes 15 months after SRZ opened its D.C. office with another prominent D.C.-based securities litigation group led by well-known securities lawyer, Howard Schiffman. The combination of these two D.C. groups, along with the firm’s securities litigation practice in New York, vaults SRZ to the highest ranks of national SEC and white-collar crime litigation practices. The new attorneys, all of whom have active and extensive litigation, white-collar crime, and enforcement practices, bring further depth and breadth of expertise to the firm’s 100-person litigation practice. In addition, Mr. Morvillo and Mr. Conti have both served as Branch Chiefs in the Enforcement Division of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and Mr. White served as Assistant U.S. Attorney for both the Eastern District of Virginia and the District of Columbia.

“We are very excited to welcome these talented individuals to the firm,” said Jeffrey A. Lenobel, a member of the firm’s executive committee. “The building out of our ‘go-to’ litigation and enforcement practice has been a key strategy for the firm over the last five years with several notable attorneys joining the New York office and the opening of our office in Washington, D.C., last year.”

“Rich is one of the most gifted securities lawyers I know,” added Howard Schiffman, partner in the firm’s D.C. office. “I am very excited to work with him and this outstanding group of attorneys, whose reputations for representing clients in high-stakes investigations and enforcement proceedings brought by the SEC and other government agencies are unparalleled.”

Commenting on the move, Mr. Morvillo, who was the chair of his former firm's securities enforcement practice, said of his new affiliation: "I'm greatly looking forward to working with the SRZ team and being a part of their continued growth. I believe our practice will be a strong complement to SRZ's wealth of expertise and experience serving the financial services industry."

Attorney Profile Information

Richard J. Morvillo, a partner in Schulte Roth & Zabel's Washington, D.C., office and a member of the litigation practice group, joins the firm from Mayer Brown, where he was a partner and chair of the firm's securities enforcement group. Formerly a Branch Chief with the Securities and Exchange Commission's Division of Enforcement, Mr. Morvillo has focused for 30 years on SEC enforcement and related white-collar criminal matters, as well as on private securities litigation. He has handled many SEC, NYSE, FINRA, and grand jury investigations on behalf of corporations, corporate executives, brokerage firms, investment advisors, accounting firms, law firms, hedge funds, and individual investors. He has successfully litigated several SEC enforcement cases to judgment, and litigated numerous complex securities cases, including class actions and shareholder derivative suits, in federal courts throughout the country. He has extensive experience conducting internal investigations for corporations and has advised members of special committees of boards of directors concerning their obligations and rights in connection with the handling and evaluation of corporate transactions, internal investigations, and shareholder litigation. Mr. Morvillo received his J.D. from Fordham University School of Law and his A.B. from Colgate University.

Peter H. White, a partner in Schulte Roth & Zabel's D.C. office and a member of the litigation practice group, also joins the firm from Mayer Brown where he was a partner and former co-head of the firm's Washington, D.C., litigation practice. An experienced trial attorney and white-collar litigator, he has represented numerous corporations and executives in criminal and related civil and administrative matters, including grand jury investigations, internal investigations, SEC enforcement proceedings, False Claims Act and qui tam lawsuits, and shareholder class actions. After serving as law clerk to the Honorable Richard L. Williams of the Eastern District of Virginia, Mr. White served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia and then the District of Columbia. He has served as lead counsel in over 80 federal and local jury trials and many more bench trials. During recent engagements, Mr. White has handled matters involving allegations of accounting and securities fraud, Foreign Corrupt Practices Act violations, government program fraud, false claims and statements, antitrust violations, public corruption, tax evasion, insider trading, and

environmental violations. He obtained his J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law, where he was on the Managing Board of the Law Review, and his B.A., with high honors, from the University of Notre Dame.

Pat S. Conti, a partner in Schulte Roth & Zabel's D.C. office and a member of the litigation practice group, focuses his practice on the representation of clients in investigations by the SEC, the Department of Justice and the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) and other self-regulatory organizations. In addition to assisting broker-dealers, investment advisers, investment banks, and other regulated entities and their personnel in responding to inspections and examinations and in related enforcement proceedings, Mr. Conti advises on compliance with federal and state securities laws applicable to their businesses and conducts internal investigations for public companies and their audit committees. He not only brings a wealth of experience as a defense counsel, but also the experience and perspective of a former securities regulator and in-house attorney. For six years, he worked in the headquarters office of the SEC's Division of Enforcement, most recently as a Branch Chief. He has also served as regulatory counsel for Shearson Lehman Bros. and PaineWebber, Inc. Mr. Conti received his J.D. from Brooklyn Law School and his B.A. from New York University.

Jeffrey F. Robertson, a special counsel in Schulte Roth & Zabel's D.C. office and a member of the litigation practice group, has represented public companies, boards of directors, audit committees, officers and directors, accountants, lawyers, registered representatives, investment bankers, investment managers, and other financial services and securities market participants in high-stakes securities enforcement and litigation. His experience includes SEC, FINRA and PCAOB investigations; civil and administrative SEC actions; securities class actions, shareholder derivative suits and other litigation and arbitrations; and criminal inquiries by the Department of Justice and state attorneys general. He has tried to verdict a number of cases brought by the SEC and settled numerous other enforcement and litigation matters on favorable terms. He has also conducted internal investigations to satisfy inquiries from law enforcement, regulatory agencies, and prosecutors. Mr. Robertson holds a J.D. from Columbia University School of Law and a B.A., *summa cum laude*, from the University of Tennessee.

William M. Mann, a special counsel in Schulte Roth & Zabel's D.C. office and a member of the litigation practice group, concentrates his practice in securities enforcement and regulatory matters, including internal corporate investigations and securities regulatory investigations, examinations and

actions. Mr. Mann has represented broker-dealers, investment companies, investment advisers, corporations, officers and directors, auditors and other individuals before the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Department of Justice, securities self-regulatory organizations, and state authorities. He has also represented clients in litigation, arbitration, criminal grand jury investigations, and other white-collar criminal matters involving the securities laws. Mr. Mann received his J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law and his B.A., with honors, from the University of Richmond.

About Schulte Roth & Zabel

Founded in 1969, Schulte Roth & Zabel LLP (www.srz.com) has 450 lawyers and offices in New York, Washington, D.C., and London. In addition to its litigation practice, the firm offers legal counsel in investment management, business transactions, finance, real estate, business reorganization, bank regulatory, tax, structured products and derivatives, intellectual property, sourcing and technology, employment and employee benefits, environmental law, and individual client services.

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