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William Zabel To Receive Lifetime Achievement Award From *The American Lawyer*

Honor Recognizes Professional and Public Interest Accomplishments

New York, September 1, 2006 – *The American Lawyer* – the nation's leading magazine focusing on the business of law – will honor William D. Zabel, a founding partner of Schulte Roth & Zabel LLP, with a Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of his public interest and professional achievements. Mr. Zabel will be among the eight recipients of this prestigious award to be presented at a gala dinner at Cipriani 42nd Street on October 25.

Since cofounding Schulte Roth & Zabel in 1969, Mr. Zabel has distinguished himself as one of the country's foremost experts in trusts and estates law and as a skilled negotiator of high-profile divorce cases. At the same time, he has become one of the nation's most respected champions of human rights and civil liberties.

“Bill Zabel’s achievements as a founding partner of our firm and as a passionate advocate for civil and human rights are exemplary,” said Paul N. Roth, his long-time partner at Schulte Roth & Zabel. “He represents the very best in our profession, both in his work as an attorney and in his public advocacy. Our firm is proud that *American Lawyer* has recognized his outstanding dedication and accomplishment.”

Mr. Zabel’s commitment to human rights and civil liberties throughout the world spans more than 40 years and includes service in many organizations. In 1965, he authored the ACLU’s amicus brief in *Loving v. Virginia*, the historic case in which the Supreme Court declared anti-miscegenation laws unconstitutional. In 1986, Mr. Zabel joined the Board of Directors for Human Rights First (formerly Lawyers Committee for Human Rights) and traveled to Chile, China, Hong Kong, the Philippines, Romania, and Russia to help develop solutions to international human rights abuses. He was named Chairman of the Board of Directors of Human Rights First in January 2000.

In 2005 he was awarded the Eleanor Roosevelt Val-Kill Award, which recognizes lifetime achievement for human rights causes. Among his other honors are Brandeis University Distinguished Community Service Award, the Distinguished Service Award from the New School University and the Human Rights First 2003 Extraordinary Leader Award. His additional pro bono activities include service on the boards of amfAR, Doctors of the World, the World Policy Institute, the Mailman Institute of Public Health, New York University, the New School, the Academy of American Poets, Lincoln Center Theater and the International Longevity Center.

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Mr. Zabel advises some of the country's most prominent families in trusts and estates and charitable giving matters, including the Soros worldwide network of foundations. Mr. Zabel successfully represented the family of Avery Fisher in preserving the name of Avery Fisher Hall, named in recognition of Mr. Fisher's 1973 gift of \$10.5 million to renovate the Lincoln Center building.

Mr. Zabel handled the divorce cases of many high-profile individuals, including George Soros, Jane Beasley Welch, Mortimer Zuckerman, Michael Crichton, Howard Stern, and most recently, Greg Norman. Among family law and trusts and estates attorneys, he is widely respected for his ability to avoid litigation and media exposure while protecting the interests of his clients and their families.

Mr. Zabel received his J.D., cum laude, from Harvard University and his B.A., summa cum laude, from Princeton University.

The American Lawyer is the premier monthly magazine focusing on the business of law. Its rankings and reports are often cited within the profession, and its annual awards dinner is a nationally recognized event.

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