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Prominent Trusts & Estates Attorney Catherine Grevers Schmidt Joins SRZ

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SRZ today announced the addition of Catherine Grevers Schmidt as a partner in the Individual Client Services Group. Resident in the firm's New York office, Ms. Grevers Schmidt will focus her practice on estate planning and administration, trusts, charitable foundations and tax advice. She joins the firm from Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler LLP, where she served as chair of the Trusts and Estates Group.

"Cathy's expertise and knowledge of complex estate planning and extensive experience administering large estates will be a great asset to our practice," commented William D. Zabel, SRZ founding partner and head of the Individual Client Services Group. Since the firm's formation in 1969, Mr. Zabel has represented many of the nation's most influential individuals and their families in matters pertaining to estate planning, wills, trusts, charitable foundations, income and gift tax planning, estate administration and family law.

"We are excited to have Cathy join the firm. She is a highly skilled lawyer with an exemplary reputation," added Susan C. Frunzi, a partner in the Individual Client Services Group, who concentrates her practice on providing high net worth individuals with advice in estate planning, estate administration, charitable giving and organizations, family law and litigation.

With broad experience advising high net worth individuals on their personal legal matters, the attorneys in the Individual Client Services Group serve a client base that includes entrepreneurs as well as

beneficiaries of inherited wealth. The firm's cross-practice approach provides SRZ's individual services clients with a full range of legal services.

"Our individual client services practice is among the most sophisticated of any law firm. We look forward to Cathy's contributions as she brings to SRZ industry-leading experience," said Alan S. Waldenberg, chair of the firm's Executive Committee and chair of the Tax Group.

"Schulte Roth & Zabel has a long history as a leader in providing the highest level of trusts and estates advice. I am thrilled to join this group for which I have so much respect," commented Ms. Grevers Schmidt, who received her J.D., *magna cum laude*, from New York University School of Law, her Ed.M. from Harvard University and her B.S., *cum laude*, from Georgetown University.

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