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SCHULTE ROTH & ZABEL PRESENTS THE 23RD ANNUAL PRIVATE INVESTMENT FUNDS SEMINAR

Providing Leading Edge Insights on Issues Impacting the Funds Sector

New York, January 14, 2014 - Schulte Roth & Zabel ("SRZ"), a leading law firm for alternative investment managers, will hold its 23rd Annual Private Investment Funds Seminar today in New York. Expected to attract more than 2,000 participants from the private funds industry, the premier conference will cover current issues and regulatory updates affecting investment funds in the U.S., U.K. and abroad. The event is invitation only.

Among the most well-known events in the industry, the Private Investment Funds Seminar features SRZ partners who are uniquely situated to advise fund managers on the ever more complicated range of legal requirements. The firm represents nearly half of the 100 largest hedge funds globally and more than 3,000 investment funds. With this expertise and unique vantage point, SRZ attorneys have unparalleled market knowledge and depth of practice.

During the seminar, SRZ partners will share that knowledge on panels discussing a broad range of topics including: marketing opportunities and challenges; customized products for investors; regulatory examinations and enforcement; compliance developments; management company structuring and operations; running hedge and private equity strategies side by side; distressed investments; shareholder activism; tax considerations for 2014; real estate funds and ventures; securities enforcement and related civil litigation; as well as CFTC and derivatives updates, among others.

"Now in its 23rd year, our Private Investment Funds Seminar continues to draw the world's leading investment fund managers because every year, we share leading edge insights on the critical issues impacting the private investment funds community," said Paul N. Roth founding partner of SRZ and chair of the investment management group. At the conference, Mr. Roth will provide introductory remarks and engage in a conversation with guest speaker J. Tomilson Hill, vice chairman of The Blackstone Group and president & CEO of Blackstone Alternative Asset Management Hedge Fund Solutions.

The conference features several panels dedicated to regulatory and compliance issues. "The investment fund environment is always evolving and managers are becoming more and more sophisticated in their operations. Our clients look to us to provide them with the highest level of advice in the matters related to the formation and operation of their funds," said Steven J. Fredman, co-head of the firm's investment management group.

In the U.S., U.K. and abroad, government oversight and regulation of the alternative investment industry have grown significantly with the implementation of key regulatory reforms and enforcement initiatives including the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, JOBS Act, Volcker Rule implementation, and various SEC and CFTC rules.

"In recent years, we have seen a sharp uptick in government agencies enforcing financial regulations. During the seminar, we will discuss the best legal strategies for investment managers who are faced with increasingly complex regulatory and compliance issues," said Marc E. Elovitz, chair of the investment management regulatory & compliance group.



Alan S. Waldenberg, chair of the firm's executive committee and chair of the tax group, added, "We are proud to represent some of the most influential investment management firms in the world and we are delighted to offer front-line knowledge to our clients who have travelled from across the globe to attend our conference."

Recently, SRZ attorneys authored the leading treatise on hedge funds. *Hedge Funds: Formation, Operation and Regulation*, published by ALM's Law Journal Press, is an authoritative and forward-looking guide that clearly explains the complete spectrum of hedge fund investment structuring, operations and regulation. The SRZ authors represent a broad range of practices including investment management, regulatory & compliance, employment, finance, litigation, M&A, securities, structured finance and tax. SRZ partners Stephanie R. Breslow, David J. Efron, Marc E. Elovitz, Steven J. Fredman, David Nissenbaum and Paul N. Roth led the project and co-authored the book, along with dozens of firm colleagues from various practice groups.

About Schulte Roth & Zabel

Schulte Roth & Zabel (<u>www.srz.com</u>) is a full-service law firm with offices in New York, Washington, D.C. and London. As one of the leading law firms serving the financial services industry, the firm regularly advises clients on corporate and transactional matters, as well as providing counsel on regulatory, compliance, enforcement and investigative issues. The firm's practices include investment management; regulatory & compliance; securities & capital markets; bank regulatory; business reorganization; distressed investing; employment & employee benefits; environmental; finance; individual client services; intellectual property, sourcing & technology; litigation; mergers & acquisitions; real estate; structured products & derivatives; and tax.

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