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SCHULTE ROTH & ZABEL HOSTS 4TH ANNUAL DISTRESSED INVESTING CONFERENCE

New York, November 18, 2015 — **Schulte Roth & Zabel** ("SRZ") is hosting its **4th Annual Distressed Investing Conference** today in New York. Leading experts will provide insight into current developments in the distressed investing and distressed M&A space. The event is by invitation only.

The conference features guest speakers and SRZ partners who will share their market-leading knowledge. **Adam C. Harris**, chair of the Business Reorganization Group and a member of the firm's Executive Committee, is spearheading the conference. He will moderate a panel devoted to "Interlender Arrangements: Current Structures and Risks," which also features finance partner **Michael M. Mezzacappa**, business reorganization partner **Brian D. Pfeiffer** and real estate partner **Julian M. Wise**.

Business reorganization partner **Lawrence V. Gelber** and finance partner **Eliot L. Relles** will be joined by guest speakers **Michael A. O'Hara**, managing member and chief executive officer of Consensus, and **Gregory L. Segall**, chairman and chief executive officer of Versa Capital Management, to discuss "Distressed Retail: Challenges and Opportunities."

Finance partner **Kirby Chin**, M&A partner **Robert Goldstein** and business reorganization partner **David J. Karp** will present alongside guest speakers **Brian C. Crumley**, co-founder of Vortus Investments, and **Josh Silverstein**, senior E&P research analyst at Deutsche Bank, to explore "Distressed Energy: What Have We Learned So Far?"

Litigation partner **Alan R. Glickman**, business reorganization partner **David M. Hillman** and finance partner **Ronald B. Risdon** will cover "Restructurings After *Marblegate* and *Meehancombs*."

"We are pleased to present our annual conference focusing on distressed investing, a sector seeing interesting fluctuations. Today, we will take an in-depth look at the industries that have recently taken a big hit and, in turn, the distressed investing opportunities emerging from those developments," commented Mr. Harris.

"The speakers at today's event are leading advisers and players in the industry. We are delighted to host a conference featuring these highly regarded thought leaders," added **Alan S. Waldenberg**, chair of SRZ's Executive Committee, who represents clients in M&A, restructurings and workouts, with a particular emphasis on transactions involving investment funds.

SRZ lawyers advise on all aspects of distressed investing, including out-of-court transactions, navigating bankruptcies (including bankruptcy acquisitions, debt restructurings, loan-to-own strategies and debtor-in-possession and exit financings), distressed real estate, capital structure analysis and trading issues.

About the Guest Speakers

Brian C. Crumley is co-founder of Vortus Investments. He has over 17 years of investment experience in the energy industry including private equity as well as public equity and debt investing. In 2013, Mr. Crumley and Jeff Miller co-founded Vortus Investments in Fort Worth, Tex. Vortus is a private equity partnership focused on lower middle market investment opportunities, providing development capital in partnership with successful owner/operators in the domestic onshore E&P market.

Michael A. O'Hara is the founder and managing member of Consensus. Since forming Consensus in February 2006, he has advised a wide range of companies ranging from early-stage consumer products companies to publicly traded retailers to leading multinational commercial lenders.

Gregory L. Segall is chairman and chief executive officer of Versa Capital Management. He has overall responsibility for Versa Capital and its investment strategies, including leadership and supervision of the investment and portfolio management activities of the firm and its affiliated investment funds. Mr. Segall has led Versa and its predecessors since their founding in 1992.

Josh Silverstein joined Deutsche Bank's energy research team in 2012 and is currently the senior analyst covering oil & gas exploration and production companies. He covers over 25 upstream companies including Chesapeake Energy, Concho Resources, Range Resources, Continental Resources, Cabot Oil & Gas and Whiting Petroleum.

About Schulte Roth & Zabel

Schulte Roth & Zabel LLP (www.srz.com) 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: bank regulatory; bankruptcy & creditors' rights litigation; business reorganization; complex commercial litigation; cybersecurity; distressed debt & claims trading; distressed investing; education law; employment & employee benefits; energy; environmental; finance; financial institutions; individual client services; insurance; intellectual property, sourcing & technology; investment management; litigation; mergers & acquisitions; PIPEs; private equity; real estate; real estate capital markets & REITs; real estate litigation; regulated funds; regulatory & compliance; securities & capital markets; securities enforcement; securities litigation; securitization; shareholder activism; structured finance & derivatives; tax; and white collar defense & government investigations.

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